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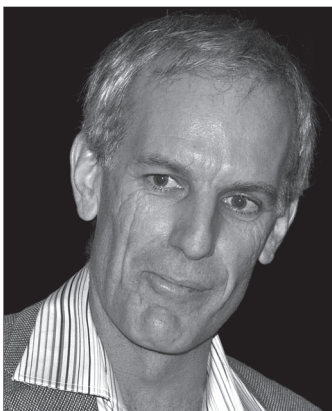
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Ivor Wilkins Photo

Little Jim was a big winner in the 2010 season

CYA's extraordinary season



By Steve Cranch

Reflecting on the CYA's 2009/10 season brings back a kaleidoscope of very special events all linked, a collection of stories gathered together a bit like a raft up of classics in a sheltered bay.

Just on 12 months ago, the splendid re-launching of *Little Jim* heralded what was to become a special year – whether you were staring longingly at the collection of heritage boats

on display in the Viaduct, flying to Melbourne to enjoy the camaraderie of the CYAA and some fine racing on Port Philip Bay, or racing your old classic launch or yacht to Patio Bay to enjoy the celebration of 100 years ownership of the Woollcot property there.

Perhaps your eyes were glued to the internet following *Scout's* progress at the 6m Worlds in Newport RI, or

you stood on the foreshore at Sandspit to watch the re-launching of *Ngatira* after what has been a truly epic restoration.

Perhaps you welcomed the smiling crew of *Fair Winds* as she arrived from Australia to race with us.

Perhaps you remember gliding effortlessly up to

Cont. overleaf



Ivor Wilkins Photo

Season review cont ...

Mahurangi on a spectacular moonlit evening, battling the stropky weather on Anniversary day or maybe you were busy baking a cake and then enjoying the festivities after the Round Rangitoto race and raft up in Islington Bay.

Of course there were the three days of close racing in the Southern Trust Regatta and the magnificent battles between the Australian beauty *Wraith of Odin* and our own *Thelma*, the celebrations ashore in the Viaduct afterwards, telling of tall tales, with a few slight exaggerations!

A cold beer, great company and many a social BBQ. Some of us even managed to fit in a summer cruise. All very fine ingredients for what was an extraordinary season. Roll on the next ...



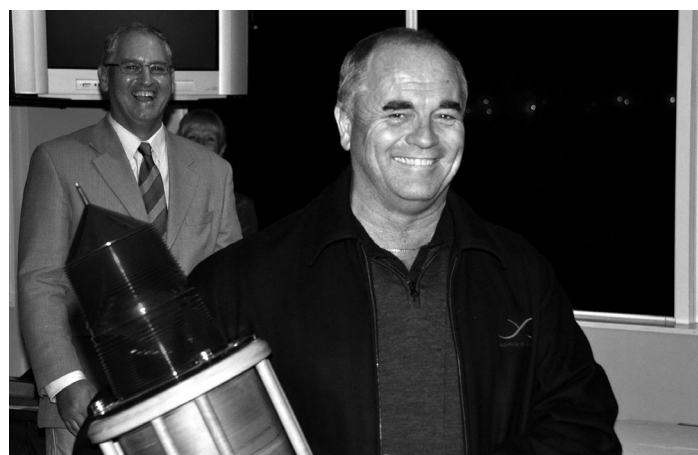
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*Top: Australian ketch Wraith of Odin enduring the rough stuff at the Anniversary Regatta
Above: The CYA's most venerated member, 99-year-old Con Thode reflecting on the season.*



Alan Good Photos

2010 Season Prizewinners



Top: Rainbow's huge haul of loot; Middle: Wraith of Odin reaps some spoils: Above: Ranger's booby prize.

PASSAGE SERIES WINNERS

John Brooke Trophy
(Winner Modern Division)

ACHERNAR

Koefoed Bowl
(Winner B Division)

GLEAM

Ranger Tiller
(Winner A Division)

RAINBOW

TROPHIES

Couldrey Memorial Cup
(A Division handicap
winner – 1st race in season)

RAINBOW

**Scott Wilson Classic
Trophy**

(A Division handicap
winner – Patio Bay Race)

SAPPHIRE

Night Race Cup

(A Division handicap
winner - DYC Night race to
Mahurangi)

WRAITH OF ODIN

Arthur Angell Trophy

(B Division handicap
winner – DYC Night race to
Mahurangi)

PETREL

Queenie Gold Cup

(B Division winner –
Mahurangi Festival)

PETREL

HARBOUR SERIES WINNERS

Bob Stewart Cup
(Winner Modern Division)

ADVANTAGE

Robert Logan Trophy
(Winner B Division)

FRANCES

Arch Logan Cup
(Winner A Division)

LITTLE JIM

Mitchelson Trophy
(A Division handicap winner
– race to Te Kouma)

LITTLE JIM

Rangitoto Festival Trophy
(Handicap winner – Round
Rangitoto race)

THELMA

Newcomb Trophy
(A Division handicap winner
– last race in season)

RAINBOW

Tamatea Cup

(B Division handicap winner
– last race in season)

GLEAM

Prize Tiller

(Most wins on line in season)

THELMA

CYANZ Rudder Cup

(Launch Race to Patio Bay)

KAILUA

*Right: Cutting
Maroro's diesel
engine out of the
hull.*

Surgery begins Maroro rescue

As on-water activities slowed down over winter, the Launch Section's attention turned to the NZ Traditional Boatbuilding School in Hobsonville where our focus has been on the start of restoring the launch *Maroro*.

In a display of vehicular virtuosity, Jason Prew and his trusty Landcruiser rotated her 180 degrees to appease the gods (and Robert Brooke) by getting her facing the water – quite a feat on a narrow peninsula.

Before returning *Maroro* to her shed it was necessary to carry out some preliminary 'restoration'.

Everyone stood in awe as master craftsman Robert Brooke wielded a skillsaw to surgically remove the cabin top as simply as filleting a good sized schnapper.

With cabin top removed and stored away for future template creation, the team

rapidly removed all the remaining interior fittings. Moon Engines' James Mobberley, with gas torch in hand, cut the big diesel free of its shaft and mounts, ready for removal by the Boat Haulage team the following week.

Also carefully removed was *Maroro's* original bronze steering rack and pinion, complete with Edwardian wood-rimmed steering wheel, as a treasure to be reinstated in the restoration process.

While all the activity was under way with *Maroro*, Bruce Tantrum and his band of merry men evicted a family of possums from the ceiling of the back room of the middle school building. Due to the state of the place it is unlikely their tenancy bond will be returned!

All round, it was a great day, topped off with a BBQ.

By Colin Pawson



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Middle: Chief surgeon Robert Brooke slices the cabin top from Maroro's hull; Above: Corona's restoration progresses apace at Hobsonville.

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