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*Keen and close
racing in the
Ponsonby Cruising
Club Vintage and
Veterans Regatta*



Vintage and Veterans Regatta

By David Glen

Pictures by Don Robertson

Very light conditions greeted the CYANZ fleet for the final race in the Harbour Series – and *Prize* made a guest appearance too. There was an excellent turnout of classic A (10) and B Division (4) yachts, with all the large gaffers out, and *Jessie Logan* and *Corona* out too.

The start for Classic A was well contested, with the

Stewart 34 fleet being on the same start and causing some consternation for *Little Jim*, who was squeezed out at the ODM. In the very light, some might say fickle, NE breezes this was *Little Jim*'s only blemish on an otherwise excellent performance.

Thelma and *Rainbow* got off the line in good shape, and it wasn't too long before *Ranger*, *Rawhiti* and *Prize* got into their stride as well.

The long beat against the tide to Rangitoto Buoy (yet another light airs race into the lee of Rangitoto!) saw *Ranger* extend her lead, with *Little Jim* and *Thelma* sailing very well too.

The run back up the harbour saw the leaders suffer in light airs, with *Rawhiti* and *Waitangi* making major gains. A quick lap around Bayswater saw *Ranger* take line honours

with *Little Jim*, *Thelma* and *Rawhiti* finishing within 30 secs, and *Waitangi* coming home in good shape to claim handicap honours.

In Classic B *Gleam* extended on *Tucana*, *Wairiki* and *Spray* in the extra light airs beyond Bean Rock and held on to win comfortably from *Wairiki*.

• **Rod Marler** reports on *Little Jim*'s recovery from her poor start to a mighty battle

What's got John Street and his henchmen so excited?

Harold Kidd Ponders ...



Why couldn't John Street sleep beyond 4 am the other morning? Why is he rushing about like a cat with two tails? Could it possibly be that his dream is coming true?

Will the Classic Yacht community some time soon have a 14-15 boat marina to itself at the Silo Park, the use of the Percy Vos shed, slip and wharf thanks to his efforts, ably assisted by Tony Blake, Steve and Megan

Cranch, Baden Pascoe and other henchmen?

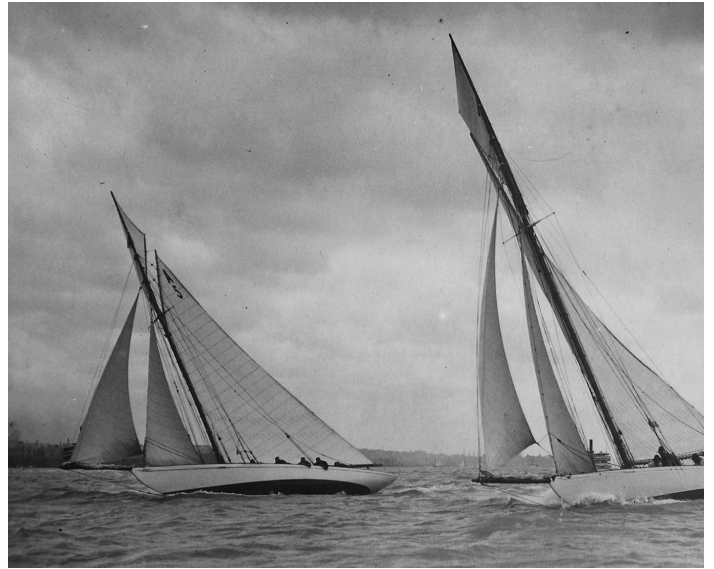
One is reliably informed that this dream is, indeed, about to come true, that *Ariki* will be first in the Vos yard to be ministered to by the likes of Max Carter and Alan Wright. *Corona* will be housed there at the top of the slip, ready to sail (to gladden Ian McRobie's Celtic heart) and a new dawn will arise for classics in the heart of our fair city.

Rawene looking for a new home

The Logan Bros yacht *Rawene*, launched on 24th December 1908, the least modified of all our early yachts, is for sale. No better, no more thoroughbred, no more original gaff cutter remains in the world.

CYA members should seriously think about buying her, setting up a syndicate of like-minded souls if necessary.

Contact Robert Brooke at 09 411 9945



with *Thelma* for second place. Having established a 200m margin at Stanley Point, *Little Jim* had her work cut out all the way to the finish: 'From there it was a matter of staying between

Thelma and the finish, and as the breeze built, so did the speed differential and she slowly started hauling us in on the leg to the ODM, then to Bayswater and on to the finish.

'The last 100m or so were touch and go, with a few choice words exchanged between the boats and with crew stationed on respective bows to confirm who crossed ahead. It was very close –perhaps a metre

or so in it.

'What we both missed was the fast-charging *Rawhiti* who would have taken us both if there was another 50 meters or so of race track! Great racing ...'



Busy action in preparation for a mark rounding with Bean Rock on the starboard bow

Barefeet and Black Ties for Posh Nosh on the Beach



Rowing ashore with care to keep the glad rags dry for the Posh Nosh luncheon

Words and Pictures By
Alan Houghton

CYA members Mark and Sue Edmonds (*MV Monterey*) have been talking up the idea of a formal dinner (posh nosh) on a remote island beach for a long time. With the help of David and Barbara Cooke (*MV Trinidad*) the dinner took place on Saturday 21st April at Waikalabubu Bay, Motutapu Island.

As part of the planning, numerous reconnaissance

trips were made around the Gulf scouting the perfect location and on the day their work was rewarded with stunning autumn weather.

Several rowers earned a frown from their passengers for delivering a damp rear end on the trip ashore. This, however, was soon forgotten as guests stepped out of their tenders onto a red carpet and were greeted with a flute of champagne – crystal, of course, as no plastics (glasses, plates, knives etc)

were permitted ashore.

The other condition of attendance was formal attire, but as you will see from the photos 'barefoot and black tie' was the dress standard.

The lunch lasted over four hours as guests dispatched two entrees, main and dessert courses. The dinghies lost a few inches of freeboard on the return trip.

A very special day in an amazing location, with truly nice people, fine food and wines.





An update on Gypsy

The badly damaged *Gypsy* is now tucked up safely at the New Zealand Traditional Boat Building School at Hobsonville under the stewardship of Robert Brooke.

With a very strong desire on the part of many to have her repaired and back sailing, we are hoping to raise sufficient funds for this to be achieved within the next one to two years.

Robert has spent many hours assessing the tasks involved, the materials required and the hours of work necessary to get her repaired and back sailing. He has divided the project into four phases, involving: 1. hull repair, 2. cabin top, cockpit and hatches, 3. interior reconstruction and 4. final fit out, painting etc. The total estimated hours are 2611.

So now we know the size

and scope of the project, we need to find some way to raise the funds to carry it out. With an estimated all-up cost of \$350,000 the project is a challenging one, but the prospect of losing the last Logan from the Auckland sailing community is not one we care to contemplate.

Two donations (from Squadron members) have already been received and hopefully this is just

the beginning of more contributions to come. A *Gypsy* website is being set up to both document her history and, hopefully her repair and rebuild.

With huge amounts of goodwill and support from the wider sailing community, there is hope that C46 will once again compete in a future Auckland Anniversary Regatta.

By John Pryor

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