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Part of the Tino Rawa Trust fleet in the Viaduct Harbour

Classic groups join forces in Maritime Heritage Initiative

By Tony Stevenson

The Voyager Maritime Museum, William C Daldy Society, Classic Yacht and Launch Exhibition, Kestrel Preservation Society and Classic Yacht Association

have joined forces to showcase our maritime history with 'Maritime Heritage on the Waterfront'.

As part of Auckland City Heritage Week running from 29 September through to

14 October, the respective organisations will run a series of displays, activities, access to exhibits, yachts, launches, tugboats and training ships.

In conjunction with Waterfront Auckland, this

is a great opportunity for the public to learn, see and experience Auckland's extensive maritime history.

• Check www.yourwaterfront.co.nz for all events, schedules and locations.

Focus on Col Wild in Tino Rawa Classic Exhibit

Now in its sixth year, the Classic Yacht and Launch Exhibition will be at Karanga Plaza, Wynyard Quarter with a celebration of our classic yacht and launch history, the owners, boat builders and stories.

The exhibition will be from Friday October 5 to Sunday October 7 from 10am to 4pm.

A static display in Karanga Plaza will include information and history boards with beautifully presented dinghies, sailboats and launches on display.

This year, the focus will be on Colin Wild (1898-1955 – pictured right), who was one of New Zealand's outstanding boat designers and builders.

For 30 years prior to his death the output from his relatively small shed on the shores of Ngataringa Bay at Stanley Point was prodigious. Scarcely a year went by that a significant yacht and a significant launch did not leave its ways.

Many of these beautiful yachts and launches such as *Lady Gay*, *Linda*, *Tawera* and *Kotuku* will be on display moored next to the Tidal Steps (next to the Viaduct Event Centre).

Most yachts and launches will be available for inspection.

• Check yourwaterfront.co.nz or tinorawatrust.co.nz for details.



Voyager Museum Festival Open Weekend

Voyager NZ Maritime Museum will have a Heritage Festival Open Weekend on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September. The museum will be open 9.00am to 5.00pm each day with additional entry points at Princes Wharf and Hobson West. Entry will be free for all visitors – gold coin donation suggested. Vessels available for visitors to climb aboard and meet the crew include:

Jane Gifford, *SS Kapanui*, *SS Zeltic*, *Waitangi*, *Francis*, *Gloriana*, *Spirit of New Zealand*, *Vega*, *Riverhead Ferry*, *Glen Rosa*, *Kaitiaki Tours* (double hulled waka) as well as the Voyager Vessel Fleet.

The Auckland Steam Engine Society will also be onsite with their trail steam engine, and steam models. Hosts in costume will direct encounters and activities throughout the museum.

Sailings, steaming and paddle trips will be available (some FOC, some at an additional cost). The full schedule is to be confirmed.

Guided tours, school holiday programmes, seminars and sailings on the Voyager's sailing scow Ted Ashby are also offered. – 09 373 0800 or info@maritimemuseum.co.nz

Classic Open day at RNZYS



New Zealand has one of the oldest and most skilfully restored fleets of classic boats in the world. On 17 November, an open day at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron will host a feast of the classics including yachts, launches, workboats and vintage cars and motorbikes.

The Classic Day Out will

begin with a parade of classic yachts and launches making their way past the RNZYS.

Just before midday, the cameras will start lining up along the RNZYS boardwalk as the classic yachts begin manoeuvring for position in the pre-start of a race on the Waitemata Harbour, providing a superb view of racing as it used to be. The workboats, including some of Auckland's working tugs will demonstrate their muscle and grunt at 1pm outside the RNZYS Clubrooms.

The marina berths in front of the RNZYS will display Classic Launches and the yachts when they return from racing. Members of the public will be welcome

to board some of the boats on display.

Vintage motor cars and motor bikes will be on show in the car park and the ASB Marquee will have building and sail-making demonstrations, classic-style, from the New Zealand Traditional Boat Building School and veteran sail-makers. Family activities will include stories from Pete the Pirate, a treasure hunt and other activities provided by the Voyager Museum.

Refreshments for all ages will be available all day at the Squadron. Richmond Yacht Club and Ponsonby Cruising Club, both near to the RNZYS, will be open to the Public from 11am to 4pm.





Above and below: Bedecked in celebration bunting, a line-up of classics at the official opening of the Silo Park facility.

Classics find a home in Silo Park

*By Chad Thompson
Photos by Guy King*

After six years of lobbying the Auckland Council, working with planners and designers, and gaining the enthusiastic support of local body politicians, a small group of classic yacht enthusiasts known as the Auckland Maritime Heritage Working Group (MHWG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Auckland Council for the establishment of the Silo Park Heritage Landing.

Prominent in the lobbying effort for the 14 berth marina on Auckland's downtown waterfront were Baden Pascoe and Tony Blake, and Steve Cranch of the Classic Yacht Association.

Unlike regular marinas around the world, this will be an active marina where classic vessels will be maintained and sailed out of, to compete in the busy CYA event programme. Vessels cannot just be parked up there unused.

The yachts and launches moored there will be rotated to

maintain interest for visitors to Auckland's waterfront. It will also complement the displays at the NZ National Maritime Museum at Hobson Wharf and the Tino Rawa Trust marina at the Waitemata Plaza in the Viaduct Harbour.

The intention is to open the yachts to guided tours by

the NZ National Maritime Museum volunteers and have it as part of a heritage ferry tour connecting the Royal NZ Naval Museum at Torpedo Bay in Devonport and the National Maritime Museum at Hobson Wharf.

Saturday, 4th August was the official opening by Bob Harvey, Chairman of the Waterfront Development Agency, who acknowledged Baden's initiative in getting the project underway, as well as the long slog the Working Group had in bringing the Silo Park Heritage Landing project to fruition. The Council's commitment to the city's heritage is to be applauded and will be well rewarded with the added attraction to the redeveloped waterfront.





Gypsy clocks milestones

The *Gypsy* restoration project is progressing well at Snell's Beach.

John Pryor reported in early August that a significant milestone was achieved. "With all the deck framing finished, I was able to remove the temporary frames. Now it is a lot easier to move around inside the hull.

"We will be laying a

temporary cabin sole to work from while the decking and cabin construction is underway and this will make life even easier.

"Having finished stripping the old paint from the interior, I am now working flat out to repaint before the decks and cabin go on."

Meanwhile, renowned maritime artist David Barker

has produced a beautiful painting showing *Gypsy* as she was in 1939 and as she will be when she goes back in the water.

"Prints will be available soon," said John Pryor.

• Progress on the rebuild can be followed on a dedicated website:

www.gypsy.org.nz



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