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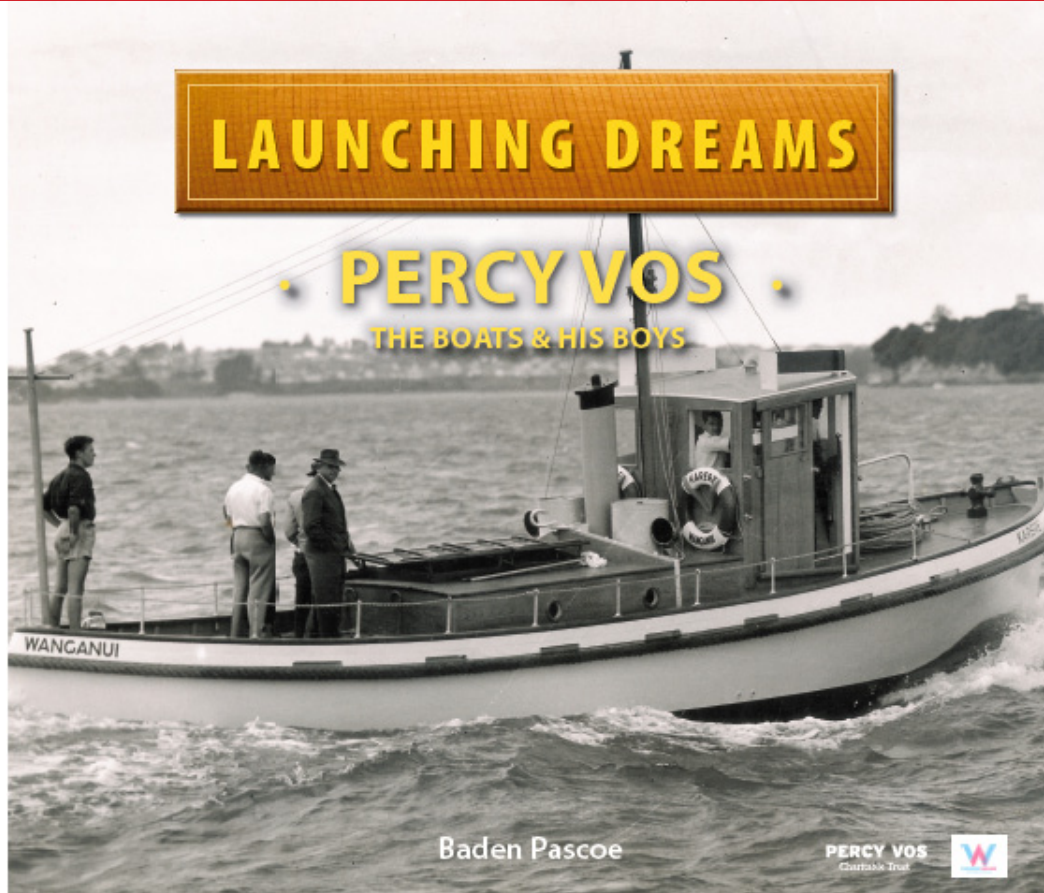
A Fine Record of Percy Vos and his Creations

By Alan Houghton

CYA member Baden Pascoe has written a magnificent pictorial and historical record that celebrates the life of Auckland businessman and renowned boatbuilder Percy Vos, his boats and the people who worked with him.

Baden's interest in Percy Vos is fueled by the Pascoe family association to the Vos yard. Baden's father, Howard Pascoe, a very talented centreboard sailor and boatbuilder, worked for Percy in the 1940's.

To quote Harold Kidd on waitematawoodys, 'It's not only a great read, but a beautiful thing to hold in the hand; a superbly produced book that glitters at you at all sorts of levels. A complete "must buy" for anyone with a whiff of salt in his or her veins.'



The book is beautifully presented and 'a beautiful thing to hold'

The book will be launched during Heritage Week at the Vos Shed – there will be an open invitation to all CYA members, details to be advised. The event will be a wonderful opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the legends that worked at Vos and you will be able to pick up an autographed copy of *Launching Dreams*. If you can't wait, check out the major book sellers, who will have copies.

• **LAUNCHING DREAMS**
Percy Vos, The Boats & His
Boys by Baden Pascoe



A Percy Vos mistral living up to its name



Gypsy Relaunch

On Saturday 3rd August more than 200 people turned out to celebrate the return of *Gypsy* to the Waitamata and welcome her to the CYA Silo Heritage landing. With the next generation of sailors gathered at his feet Sir Bob Harvey gave a heartfelt welcome and thank you to the people who rallied around to ensure *Gypsy* was restored.

John Street spoke on behalf of the *Gypsy* Trust which was formed to ensure her survival. John also noted that had the Percy Vos shed been available then the restoration would have been accessible for the public to follow progress rather than tucked away in sandspit.

Jill Hetherington kept the bbq flowing and visitors were welcome aboard to admire *Gypsy* in all her finery.

There are many heroes in this tale – too many to

list here – but a few deserve special mention. Colin Brown and Josh Hawke, who undertook the enormous job of reconstructing her from a very sad wreck.

Robert Brooke, with his usual generosity, has given hundreds of hours to the project. John Prior and Jill Hetherington would have been forgiven for walking away especially after Jill's terrible injuries.

However, they proved they are made of sterner stuff.

Gypsy is a significant piece of New Zealand's maritime history being the last Logan design. Designed by Arch Logan for Alan Leyland, she was built by Bill Couldry and launched in 1939. She sails under the number C46 and will be seen out racing with the Classic Yacht Association regularly.

Steve Cranch

CYA 2013/14 SEASON LAUNCH & YACHT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Fri-Sun 4-6	Classic Yacht & Launch Exhibition – Wynyard Quarter
Sun 13	CYANZ Heritage Day
Fri-Mon 25-28	Tall Ships arrive
Fri-Mon 25-28	Labour Weekend Cruise (venue tba)

NOVEMBER

Sat 9	Riverhead Hotel Cruise
Sat 9	NBYC Harbour Race 1 and Race 2
Sun 24	DYC Round the Buoys

DECEMBER

Sat-Sun 7-8	Rudder Cup Race / BBQ @ Patio Bay
Sat-Sun 7-8	CYANZ Race to Patio Bay; BBQ & Raft-up

JANUARY:

Fri-Mon 24-27	Anniversary Weekend
Fri 24	CYANZ Night Race to Mahurangi
Sat 25	Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta
Sun 26	CYANZ Mahurangi to Auckland Race (Mark Foy)
Mon 27	Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta

FEBRUARY

Thu 6	Waitangi Day CYANZ Picnic at Motuhie
Sun 23	DYC Duder Cup Race

MARCH

Sat 1	Cruise / Wine Tasting @ Man O War
Sat 1	RNZYS Te Kouma race to Man O War Bay
Fri 14	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #1
Sat 15	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #2 and #3
Sun 16	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #4
Sat-Sun 29-30	Motor Launch Race / Cake Day+ BBQ @ Issy Bay
Sat-Sun 29-30	CYANZ Round Rangitoto Race and Cake Day

APRIL

Sun 13	PCC Vintage & Veterans Race
Fri-Mon 18-21	Easter Cruise to Kawau (venue tbc)
Fri-Mon 18-21	Easter (Cruise to North Cove Kawau)
Fri 25	PCC Anzac Day regatta

MAY

Wed 22	CYANZ Annual Prize giving
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JUNE

Sat 21	Riverhead Hotel Cruise
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For details on individual events visit www.classicyacht.org.nz

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