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Classics create great display

The 2013 CYA Classic Yacht and Launch Exhibition, again hosted by the Tino Rawa Trust, was run from 4 -6th October at Karanga Plaza and this year showcased the acclaimed designers Jack Brooke and Bob Stewart. A great selection of their yachts, launches and centreboarders was on display.

Tony Stevenson from the Tino Rawa Trust opened the exhibition and introduced Don and Robert Brooke, who both spoke about their father Jack and fellow yacht designer Bob Stewart.

In addition to the Brooke and Stewart boats on display, the recently refurbished Logan Waitangi joined the display along with 'Frances' and several classic workboats.

Two popular features of the exhibition this year were Robert Brooke's line drawing of a selection of the CYA sailing fleet and Paul Baragwanath's exquisitely restored Frostbite Corsair. The attention to detail was just amazing and she even came with her own period (1945) trailer.

Saturday was capped off with Tony putting on a keg



of Peroni beer for the boat owners and assembled CYA members. Nice boats, nice people and nice beer – it doesn't get much better than that.

If you missed the show, the Tino Rawa Trust has produced a wonderful booklet, *The Jack Brooke Story – A Celebration Of A New Zealand Amateur Yacht Designer*, written by Harold Kidd with illustrations and photos from Robert Brooke, that records the work and life of Jack Brooke. At \$20 the few remaining copies will not hang around long. For details on where to get a copy go to www.tinorawatrust.co.nz

*By Alan Houghton
Pictures Ivor Wilkins*



Heritage Day Hell Raiser

In prose and verse, Daniel Renall describes the season opener ...

All would agree that 30 knots wind against tide is a brutal way to kick off the season.

Pre-race at the Tino Rawa berths, friends become enemies and enemies are kept close.

How many reefs is the call of the day
Tie yours in, but don't give it away.

The start approaches,
all is revealed.
You've made your decision
and now it's too late.
Sails are set,
so deal with your fate.

Big boats are flying all that they have.
The wise men of *Gleam*
are keeping it clean.
A sad little P Class sulks in Murrays Bay.
Looks like *Jonquil* has stolen its mainsail today.

Running down-harbour is an easy affair.
The slog back up puts a wave in your hair.
Race over and done,
enemies transform back to friends.
we'll over analyse this till the next one descends.



Tony Stevenson Photo

Patio Bay December 7 - 8



Alan Houghton Photo

The social star of the CYA calendar, a time for classic yachts and launches to come together and shine. The Saturday night party cannot be missed, prizes galore including best dressed crew. So get your outfits together and let's make this the biggest and best Patio Bay yet.

DIARY DATES

Nov. 10 Riverhead Launch Cruise
Nov. 23 Pine Harbour Launch Trip tbc
Nov. 24 DYC Round the Buoys
Dec. 7-8 Patio Bay Yacht + Launch race
and CYA Xmas Party

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