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Above: A beautiful scene at the Whangateau launching ramp. Below: *Laughing Lady* in her heyday.

Whangateau puts on a Classic show

Story and Pictures
by Alan Houghton

The Whangateau crew of Pam Cundy and George Emtage once again threw their boat yard open to lovers of classic wooden boats on Sunday May 4th. The regatta also served as a welcome to *Laughing Lady*, the new motorboat arrival from the USA into the CYA fleet. She is undergoing an extensive refit after lying abandoned, part restored for 10 years.

The autumn day was perfect, some sun, a little bit of wind and an amazing collection of classic sailing boats. Add to this fab food and a fine turnout of wooden boat devotees and you have

the perfect mix for a great day.

The regatta follows a well rehearsed format: boats out on the beach, sailors and crew arrive, boats rigged, wait for tide and wind, race begins/ends, lunch, prize giving.

Now if that sounds like any old regatta, I can assure you Whangateau is not that.

The fun and games as people secure a boat, select sails and rudders and then rig up is hilarious and the old salts on hand prove invaluable. No problem if something does not fit, it's into the workshop and onto to the saw bench for some adjustments.

CYA member Steve Horsley won the race

(again), chased very closely by CYA launch owner Shane Anderson, who had to draw on his past yachting days to keep Steve honest.

A lot of the crew got into the spirit of the day dressed as pirates.



Wellington Classic Scene

If you are in need of a classic fix on these cold dark nights, why not check out what Gavin Pascoe and the Wellington Classic Yacht Trust have been up to.

www.wcyt.org.nz, or
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Friendships and fun cemented on CYA cruise to Riverhead

Story and Pictures by Alan Houghton

On the Monday of Queen's Birthday weekend, the CYA launch fleet once again embarked on a cruise to the Riverhead Hotel. Due to tides, the trip saw a change in format to a brunch gathering. The forecast rain scared a few off, but 18 of our finest classic launches and some 120 people made the journey and descended on the hotel for two hours of classic wooden boat camaraderie.

The highlight was the attendance of eight launches that had not navigated the 'creek' before. Good times were had and friendships made with new members.



Above: A fine raft-up of classic launches at the Riverhead Pub. Left: Peter Boardman's gorgeous bridgedecker, Lady Margaret cuts an elegant dash.



Annual Prize-giving takes the cake

Story Daniel Renall, Photo John Macfarlane

The annual prize giving was held on the 21st of May with record attendance. The evening kicked off with drinks and nibbles accompanied by music from the Mike Nizbit Trio.

After a fierce season on the water, skippers and crews celebrated with the winners as they were called up to take their place in New Zealand classic boating history. Larry

Paul and the Waitangi crew were the big winners and took home an impressive haul, but perhaps the most hotly contested prize went to Alex

Renall for the best-presented cake and Derek Brandt for the best tasting cake in the Round Rangitoto Race Day and Cake Competition.



Larry Paul and team Waitangi

Winners:

Passage Series

Waitangi (A Division), *Jonquil* (B Division), *Paramour* (Modern Division)

Harbour Series

Kiariki (A Division), *Wairiki* (B Division), *Princess* (Modern Division)

Rudder Cup Memorial

Sterling

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