



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to the CYA December 2024 issue of Sheerlines



Many of the photos below were provided by our awesome official photographer, Roger Mills of Hummingbird Video and Photography.

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Coming Events ...

Fri 24 January Mahurangi Night Race with Devonport Yacht Club. [Enter here](#)

Sat 25 January Mahurangi Regatta & Launch Parade [Enter here](#)

Sun 26 January Mahurangi Return Race [Enter here](#)

Mon 27 January Auckland Anniversary Regatta & Launch Race [Enter here](#)

Sat 15 February Duder Cup with Devonport Yacht Club

21-23 February CYA Regatta

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND DETAILS

Saturday 25 January. Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta.

IMPORTANT: Please be aware **entries for this Regatta will ONLY be accepted online.**

Entry on the beach is no longer available.

Mahurangi CYA Classic Launch Parade. Meet at 9:30am at Scotts Landing where Iain, Glen and launch MV MEOLA will lead you. They will be contactable on VHF 17 and flying a CYA flag. You do not need to enter - just meet with MEOLA.

Yacht racing begins at 11am.

Sunday 26 January CYA return race to Auckland.

B class begin at 10.30 am, A & Modern classes begin at 11 am.

Monday 27 January: Auckland Anniversary Regatta

- Tugboat Race: Westhaven – Orakei- Westhaven 10:00hrs
- Classic Launch Race: Westhaven – Orakei – Westhaven 11:00hrs
- Earlybird Prize \$1,000 cash
- Keelboat, Classic Launch and Tugboat entries received before 31 December 2024 will automatically go in the draw for an Earlybird prize of \$1,000 cash – the winning skipper must be on the start line and present at the official Prizegiving on Tuesday 18 February 2025 to claim their prize.

CYA Harbour Series entrants: Note you must enter through [TopYacht](#) but please DON'T pay anything as you've already paid with your Harbour Series entry.

Fabulous trophies and prizes to be won!!

Enquiries for racing to Joyce: admin@regatta.org.nz

From the Cockpit ...

SPRING RALLY

On Friday 22nd November Chad Thompson set off in his classic racer, PRIZE, leading a procession of yachts and launches around the Hauraki Gulf. No racing, just following the wind to serene anchorages. What bliss.

He reports:

'With a brisk breeze we sailed via Sandspit Passage around the eastern coast of Ponui to Chamberlains Bay on a broad reach at 7.5-8 knots SW. We anchored to enjoy hospitality on LYNMAR with Bill & Phoebe Falconer.

'Saturday we sailed around Thumb Point, Waiheke Island, and up to Oneroa in 15 knots, still SW, where we anchored and boarded TAWERA for more convivializing.

'Sunday morning we went ashore for breakfast and a look around. Reluctantly we headed home in a breeze more southerly, and from Browns Island enjoyed one broad reach home.'

Chad invites you to join him on their next adventure of spontaneous, carefree sailing, guided by the wind.



PATIO BAY

On 7th December more than 150 people raced or cruised down to Patio Bay in pirate theme to join the fun at the Mahoney family's 110+ year-old bach. Beautiful classic launches and yachts filled the bay.

It was great to have the Townson fleet join us for the racing and stay for the party. The Pied Piper music was not too hard on the ears. :-)

The first of the racing fleet to arrive were the A gaffers with their magnificent spinnakers flying. Two Townsons, STARLIGHT and DELICADO, and Pied Pipers HOT WATER PIPE and RAT CATCHER were close behind.

The B classics then arrived, racing amongst the other Townsons, initially in light airs, then freshening for all to put up their kites. What a glorious sight.

Once the racing fleet arrived, the beach was littered with dinghies, some later used to race for the buried Rum Treasure.

A big thank you to our sponsors for the event - Mt Gay Rum; Postage Stamp Wines, Boat Books, Burnsco, and Matakana Botanicals. Also to the Mahoney family for their superb hospitality.



Whoopsie!

Most unwillingly, your editor has been persuaded to include this pic of herself. Will you believe it if we say it was the weathered old chair that chose that moment to die, not the intake of our sponsors' excellent products?

PATIO BAY RACE RESULTS

A Class

Line: TAWERA

Second: RAWHITI

Third: ARIKI

A Class Handicap

First: TAWERA

Second: LITTLE JIM

Third: ARIKI

B Class

Line: TURAKINA

Second: JONQUIL

Third: TANGO

B Class Handicap

First: TURAKINA

Second: JONQUIL

Third: FRANCES

Townsons

First: STARLIGHT (solo sailor, Richard)

Second: DELICADO

Third: HOTWATER PIPE



Locker Room Notices ...

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BOAT REGISTER BOOKLET

LAST CHANCE: Our team have spent some months working on your free 2025 Classic Vessel Register, but we still have several sleepers who have not bothered to check or edit their profile for accuracy.

If you do not know how, no excuses. Ring Shirley-Ann 021 283 8372 to assist you. Close off is now 15th January, after which time the book will be printed.

MAHURANGI YEAR BOOK

The Mahurangi Book will be available at the end of the month at [Boat Books](#) and also available at the Regatta.

RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT WAIHEKE ISLAND

New biosecurity controls are in place over an area of Waiheke Island waters to prevent the spread of the invasive seaweed exotic caulerpa.

The controlled area notice (CAN) comes into force at midnight December 19 and sets legal requirements for some fishing and boating activities in an area around Thompson's Point and across Onetangi Bay. This is the area of Waiheke Island where exotic caulerpa has been found.

[See more here](#)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Danvers Devereux

Grant Macduff

Hamish Littin

Mario Golfari

Sally Garrett

RNZYS

Check out <https://rnzys.org.nz/whatson/offwater/> for the great variety of activities.

TRADE CONTACTS

Are you looking to have some work done on your boat? Did you know there's a list of Tradies on the CYA website? Check out the last option under the [Classified menu](#).

MEDIA

CYA is live on our [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Linked](#) & [Facebook](#), along with our Sheerlines and Journal. Please email us your stories to media@classicyacht.org.nz

CYA JOURNAL

Read our regular contribution to the RNZYS quarterly **Breeze** at <https://classicyacht.org.nz/publications/cyanz-journal/> And if you've got a story that would suit that medium, contact Penelope Carroll P.A.Carroll@massey.ac.nz.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

For all things to do with your Association, keep an eye on <https://cya.helloclub.com/>

ALL FINANCIAL OR RACE ENQUIRIES

Contact Joyce: raceoffice@classicyacht.org.nz



The CYA committee wish you and your families a memorable and fun-filled Christmas.

When you are out there sailing, may the wind and sun be always favourable.

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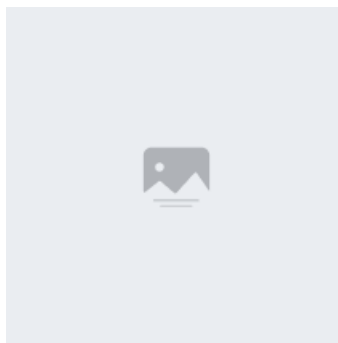
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