



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to the CYA February 2025 issue of Sheerlines



NGATIRA, designed and built by Charles Bailey. Owner Steve Horsley. Here she is, dancing the waves at last month's Mahurangi Regatta. She's just back in the water after five intense years of refurbishment.

If you're a member, see the fascinating photographs and story of the refurb in the just-released 2025 Members Register.

From the Chair ...

January and February are the busiest time in our CYA calendar for our beautiful launches and yachts.

We've competed in the Auckland Anniversary events, starting with the Friday night DYC race to Mahurangi, Saturday's Mahurangi Regatta and the Sunday race back home to join in the Anniversary Regatta on Monday 27th January. The regatta opened the six-week Moana Auckland festival, beginning with a

ceremony at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, with support of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, festival partners.

We also saw the exciting SailGP foilers race on the Auckland Harbour where everyone was able to watch from a waterfront viewpoint or on the box in the comfort of their armchair.

And on Sunday we completed our wonderful 3-day Perpetual Guardian Classic Yacht Regatta. A report will come next month.

Coming Events ...

1-2 March Auckland Wooden Boat Festival - **Talks and Tours Edition** 1-4 pm both Saturday and Sunday, The talks are at the Maritime Museum and the Percy Vos event is at the Percy Vos shed, Hamer St. More details below.
<https://www.maritimemuseum.co.nz/events/auckland-wooden-boat...>

15th March Hynds Kennedy Bay Race. Enter at classicyacht.org.nz/events/summer-sailing. (You must be a member to register.)

29 March CYA Round Rangitoto Race, Launch Rally & Cake Day. Enter at classicyacht.org.nz/events/summer-sailing/



ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

On Saturday 25th January the Mahurangi Regatta kicked off. It was the usual exciting event, where an estimated 1000 people arrived to sail, cruise or watch the racing from spectator craft and the shore.

The stiff breeze from the west offered some exciting and sometimes challenging sailing. The predicted rain arrived in the evening but only slightly dampened the happy crowd who gathered for the CYA evening's entertainment.

The CYA put on a gourmet BBQ for 300, prepared and served by chefs, CYA members Tony, Andy and Jon with Corinne and Jane in support on the tables.

Alongside the BBQ was the jazz band with renown saxophonist, Nick Atkinson, who played through the evening on a raised platform while revellers listened, watched and danced.

The site was adorned with flags from Iain and Glen from prize winning launch MEOLA, giving the event a very festive appearance.

Here's the full photo gallery of Mahurangi photos by our favourite photographer, Roger Mills. <https://hummingbird-photography.smugmug.com/Mahurangi-2025>

RACE RESULTS

Mahurangi <https://mahurangicruisingclub.org/results-a.htm>

Anniversary Day

High winds caused a number of skippers to withdraw from racing and many other sailing clubs' events were reduced or cancelled. Congratulations to our smaller than usual number of hardy classic sailors who 'flew' around the course.

<https://topyacht.net.au/results/rnzys/2025/AAR/Keel/series.h...>



From the Cockpit ...

2025 Oceanbridge Sail Auckland.

This year's regatta will again be hosted by Torbay Sailing Club from 28 February to 2 March, with more than 200 sailors expected to compete.

Among them are several Paris Olympians, including iQFOiLers Josh Armit and Veerle ten Have, as well as ILCA sailors Greta Pilkington and Tom Saunders.

<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/news/all-eyes-new-gear-olympia...>

For sailing events held by RNZYS <https://rnzys.org.nz/sailing/>

For on-shore events <https://rnzys.org.nz/whatson/offwater/>



Talks and Tours Edition

1-2 March 2025

NEW ZEALAND MARITIME MUSEUM AND PERCY VOS SHED



2025 -Wooden Boat Festival Talks and Tours Edition

Last year's inaugural Auckland Wooden Boat Festival was, as we know, a resounding success. The next full festival will be in 2026, but the Wooden Boat Festival team have been asked to do something this year as well. Hence the **Talks and Tours Edition** coming up next weekend, March 1-2. Think of it as a



Lite version, focusing on lectures and discussions at the Maritime Museum, and tours and talks at the Percy Vos shed.

Bookings are essential.

It's a chance for you to learn more of the story of Auckland's maritime history from the early days of settlement through to today.

Experience two days filled with insightful talks and engaging workshops, where experts and enthusiasts from various fields share their knowledge on navigation, heritage preservation and maritime history.

For full speaker programme details and to book your place, visit <https://www.maritimemuseum.co.nz/events/auckland-wooden-boat-festival-or-talks-and-tours>

Workshops on **Sunday 2 March** will be of particular interest to our CYA members. Just two are:

11am – 1pm: Classic Vessel Community Building

During the 2024 Auckland Wooden Boat Festival, a panel discussion sparked many conversations about ensuring the sustainability of the classic vessel community. We invite you to join this interactive workshop to contribute your ideas and discuss the key topics raised during the panel, such as:

1. Berthage options in Auckland
2. Potential legislation changes to open access to Government (national and local) funding channels
3. Insurance for classic vessels
4. Classic boat skipper training, to encourage younger people to step into the role, especially skippering.
5. Potential research topics: Classic vessel organisations to understand the number and breath of the community, berthed in marinas v moored to understand the potential opportunities to partner with the Marina Operators Association
6. Is there a need for a Classic Vessel national body like New Zealand Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc https://fomc.nz/wp-content/uploads/NZHCVS_Preliminary_Report_Sept_2023.pdf

3-4 pm. Influences across the generations with Robert Brooke on a lifetime of boating, people and design.

Robert completed his apprenticeship at P. Vos Ltd from 1955-1960 and was one of the last true young apprentices in wooden boat building. He started building clinker dinghies and decades later, went on to eventually lead New Zealand's marine industry apprenticeships programme.

Percy Vos. The man, the shed and living legacy

Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 March. 10am – 4pm

At the Percy Vos Shed, 38 Hamer St, St Mary's Bay/Western Viaduct area.

The Percy Vos shed is a marker of a historic moment in time, and has recently been restored as a both a working wooden boat shed and a celebration of Auckland's seafaring history.

The New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School will hold talks and tours throughout the weekend.



Locker Room Notices ...

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Wes Gilfoyle

HUMMINGBIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

Don't forget to check out the superb photos of you and your vessel at all of our racing events. <https://www.hummingbirdvideophoto.com/>

RNZYS

The RNZYS off-water events started again in February

See What's On link - [RNZYS off water events](#)

HERITAGE LANDING

Open days to view some of our beautiful classic fleet berthed at the Landing. <https://classicyacht.org.nz/maritime-community/heritage-land...>

2025

Sunday March 2nd

Sunday April 6th

Sunday May 4th

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.

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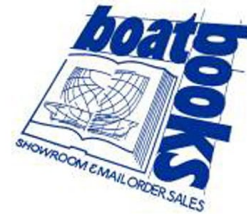
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