



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to the CYA June 2025 issue of Sheerlines



ROSETTE, Dave Dave Paynter's beautiful Couta boat.
At rest after a lovely sail in the Autumn Rally. (See story below.)

Hello From the Team ...

Sailing is a quiet time for some — a chance to rest, reflect, renovate or restore.
But for the hardy sailors and their yachts taking part in the RNZYS Winter

Series, it's a season to embrace. These winter days often bring crisp, clean air, bursts of bright sunshine, and winds lively enough to keep every race exciting. It's sailing at its freshest — a true joy for those who love a challenge on the water.

In May we celebrated our yachts and crews at our annual Prizegiving—a wonderful turnout at the RNZYS. The stunning display of silverware and trophies was a sight to behold, and the feeling of achievement was evident on the faces of the crews carrying off their winning bounty.

Coming Events ...

Saturday 5th July RNZYS Winter series

Saturday 19th July RNZYS Winter series

Tuesday 5th August CYA AGM 7pm

Saturday 16th August RNZYS Winter series

Saturday 30th August RNZYS Winter series

Entries: [Winter Series Entry and Sailing Instructions](#)





The Yachts

Beyond the yards the water sings
 To covered frame and lowered mast
 Where yachts like birds with folded wings
 Are waiting til the storms are past;
 Are waiting for the winter days
 To turn to suns of spring again
 When they will follow lovely ways
 By misty loch and mountain chain.

The green tide with its silver tongue
 Tells tempting tales of foam and breeze
 And islands old as ever young
 Lying in lonely hollow seas.
 Even the pebbles on the shore
 Shout to the painted wooden host
 To lay aside their dreams once more
 And race the winds from coast to coast.

Elizabeth Fleming 1898 – 1979 - Scottish

Life Member, Hamish Ross, shared this evocative poem at Prizegiving.

AGM – CYA Tuesday 5th August 2025

Where: RNZYS, Westhaven

The CYA Annual General Meeting is a chance for you to have your say. We also welcome nominations for the Executive Committee and volunteers to join one of the sub-committees.

The Executive Committee is responsible for all of the planning of racing and events for the year as well as protecting the financial security of the organisation. The Social Sub-Committee creates fun events and activities for all to enjoy during the season, while the Sponsorship Sub-Committee seeks funding for our ongoing racing and fun activity.

Nomination forms will become available closer to the AGM.

THE CYANZ AUTUMN RALLY OF 2025

Contributed by Chad Thompson

Years ago, on PRIZE, we used to organise something we called the “Boy’s Own” weekend in early May, all based around the full moon in order that we be able to sail as far as possible over a long weekend. It was always subject to fair weather, a full moon, and never having to bring the mainsheet hard aboard.



Now, as the membership of the Classic Yacht Association matures, and the longing for the Hauraki Gulf is heightened, it was felt that getting out there in the good company of likeminded sailors was not a bad idea. This Autumn Rally is the third the Association has organised and it was certainly the most successful with three yachts, STARLIGHT, PRIZE, and for the first time the beautiful Couta

boat, ROSETTE, and the launch KOUMI, sailing to Te Kouma on Friday. Then 8 classics: PRIZE, STARLIGHT, LIMERICK, three other Towsons, and for one of her first outings after a major refit, FINN, and the recently purchased, beautiful Jim Young designed launch, NGARUNUI, turned up in Islington Bay.

(NOTE: Participation for the entire event isn’t essential. Join the fleet when and if it fits with your other commitments.)

The weather gods were certainly on our side. Friday had us enjoying a beautiful broad reach which turned into a beam reach to Te Kouma in a 10-15 knot south-westerly. This enabled us to sail down the northern side of Waiheke. On Saturday another beautiful wind, but this time a northerly, for the beam reach back to Islington Bay. The forecast for Sunday was threatening stronger northerlies and rain, none of which eventuated, leaving us to have a beautiful sail home. Champagne sailing!



For the writer the two outstanding vessels of the weekend would have to be ROSETTE, the 30’ gaff rigged Couta Boat, and NGARUNUI, the 48’ Jim Young designed launch. ROSETTE is the only Couta boat in New Zealand. She is a very impressive, oversized mullet boat, very capable of making a serious open water passage at a very respectable speed. Dave Paynter, the owner, is going to enjoy many miles of extensive cruising on the NE coast of the North Island. NGARUNUI is a beautiful 48 footer and very capable of extended cruising the NE coast as well. Both vessels are very easy on the eye.

Rallying has got to be an alternative way of enjoying our fine vessels. Relaxed sailing, with nothing having to happen too quickly, slow starts to the day over a

hearty breakfast washed down with a good coffee, and all in the very good company of likeminded sailors. Not to forget the hospitality and good company of fellow Corinthians in the evenings.

The spring and autumn rallies will now be a fixture in the CYANZ events calendar. Do join us.

RACE RESULTS

Sailing Results – Winter Series

<https://topyacht.net.au/results/rnzys/2025/winter25/index.ht...>

Locker Room Notices ...

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Eric Pilling

Janet Watkins

Rochelle Depledge

Murray Wagener

HERITAGE LANDING OPEN DAYS

July 6th Sunday

September 7th Sunday

October 5th Sunday

PHOTOS & VIDEOS OF YOUR BOATS

Check out the treasure trove of photographs on Roger Mills' Hummingbird photography site. www.hummingbirdvideophoto.com/

RNZYS: Off-Water Events

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

SUPPLIER DISCOUNTS

When you need gear for your boat, please remember our suppliers/sponsors who always support our events. They offer CYA members real discounts on various items from 10-25% Enquire with those companies whose logos feature at the bottom of Sheerlines or on our Website.

TRADE CONTACTS

Support our Classic tradies when needing help doing work on your boat. See our TRADIES list - [Trade Contractors for Classic Boats](#)

VESSEL REGISTER

Additional Vessel Register copies may be purchased at \$20 plus postage from admin@classicyacht.org.nz

BOATS FOR SALE

See the offerings at [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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

For all things to do with your Association, keep an eye on <https://cya.helloclub.com/> or contact Jane at admin@classicyacht.org.nz

ALL FINANCIAL OR RACE ENQUIRIES

Contact Joyce: raceoffice@classicyacht.org.nz

"The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change, the realist adjusts the sails."

Attributed to William Arthur Ward

See you at the AGM 5th August, 7pm at the RNZYS.

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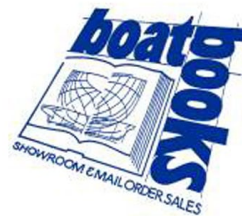
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