



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to your March 2024 Sheerlines



So Many Beautiful Boats!

The inaugural Auckland Wooden Boat Festival. A hugely successful affair.

Photo: <https://www.livesaildie.com/>

From the Cockpit

The last few weeks have been a stellar time for wooden boat enthusiasts. We've been treated to a feast of both vessels and activities.

The ABD Group CYA Regatta was a success with 24 boats racing through five divisions. We thank our sponsors and supporters, in particular the ABD Group Limited, RNZYS and Race Officer Celia Carsons and her team for their support, people, equipment and expertise to ease the complexity of our technical fleet. The weather ninjas largely behaved, delivering favourable Regatta conditions, with the exception of running out of puff during Race 2 (Saturday's first race). The visiting twelve from CYAA and Sydney Amateur Racing Club added to the fun of competitive racing and enjoyable post-race comradery, and we were delighted that some of them stayed on for the Auckland Wooden Boat Festival.

In mid-March the launchies enjoyed their regular excursion to Riverhead. A challenging SW wind freshened up the harbour passage, but once they were into the Riverhead creek it was smooth motoring, and a good crowd enjoyed the traditional hospitality of the Riverhead Tavern.

A brisk wind gave excellent sailing conditions for the Kennedy Bay race, followed by a wonderful gathering and onshore party with a great band, thanks to the Lewis family's hospitality.

And then there was the wonderful inaugural Wooden Boat Festival. More on that below.

What a nautical party it has been!

On the Water ...

Coming Events

6 April CYA Round Rangitoto Race & Launches

21 April PCC Vintage and Vets

21 April PCC ANZAC Day Regatta

Register via Hello Club cya.helloclub.com

To assist your forward planning, here are the CYA Winter Race dates for racing at RNZYS.

1. 11/05/2024
2. 25/05/2024
3. 22/06/2024
4. 20/07/2024
5. 17/08/2024
6. 31/08/2024

5 Races to count scoring.

RNZYS NOR to be published.

Auckland Wooden Boat Festival - A Huge Success!

Our inaugural Wooden Boat Festival, a vital part of Moana Auckland, New Zealand's first Ocean Festival, told the story of Auckland's maritime history from the early days of settlement through to today.

Working with a very short lead time, Michelle Khan-Stevenson and Tony Stevenson of Network Visuals <https://www.networkvisuals.co.nz> pulled off an amazing event. They were wonderfully supported by members of the Tino Rawa Trust, plus many other volunteers from the classic yacht community. Support also came from Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, the New Zealand Maritime Museum and Eke Panuku, alongside the Presenting Sponsor, Perpetual Guardian. <https://www.perpetualguardian.co.nz/>

Over 3 days at the beginning of March, 11,600 people visited the 93 beautiful boats in the marina and, within the Events Centre, 60 other glorious examples of traditional boatbuilding prowess. Also indoors were the likes of sail makers Calibre; Chain, Rope and Anchor demonstrating knot tying; Boat Books; Johnny Wray coffee and cake; the Daring Trust; and the William C Daldy and Steam Engine Societies.

NZ Maritime Museum kids' zone was a huge hit (future sailors right on our doorstep). Another massive drawcard was the TUIA education display with Sonny, Tony plus the Te Toki Trust crew—they were flat out each day answering questions about ocean voyaging and navigating by the stars.

The Speaker presentations at the New Zealand Maritime Museum, including the 1pm session, *'Is there a sustainable future for classic boats'*, mostly enjoyed full room capacity for each session.

The numbers exceeded all expectations (Michelle ordered 5,000 stickers, which says it all!). She and Tony thank everyone for helping get the word out about the festival. A multi-generational and diverse crowd poured through, as well as the likes of Deputy Mayor of Auckland, Desley Simpson and remaining Regatta Australians. It was awesome to see so many non-boating people on the dock.

Social media gained well over 500,000 impressions and with the help of [Live Sail Die](#), the show reached over 200,000 people nationally and internationally. Mainstream media also embraced it—TV1 6pm news, Breakfast TV and Seven Sharp.

As always, our unsung heroes, the marine media, once again helped amplify the stories through their many channels. Keep supporting them post-festival!

Talks are currently being held regarding the future of the festival—watch this space!

Let's leave the final quote to Mark Chew, editor of [Southern Wooden Boat Sailing blog](#), who came from Melbourne specifically for the festival. *"I expect it won't be long before the Auckland Wooden Boat Festival will be demanding the attention of not only New Zealanders and their Trans-Tasman friends, but also the traditional maritime communities from Europe and America."*

Locker Room Notices ...

This short piece of video magic from the Regatta was sent to the WAITANGI crew, but it's such a beautiful testament to the glory of classic sailing that we had to share. A huge thanks to CYA friend and supporter, the talented Roger Mills of Hummingbird Video and Photography.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5rm1rCDW4>,

Check out <https://www.hummingbirdvideophoto.com/> for many more photos and videos of not only this latest Regatta but other events.



A Share in MOOREA

Sebastien Michel is looking to share the passion and care for MOOREA, an exquisite Kettenburg 43 from 1965 (designed and built in San Diego) and moored at Bayswater Marina.

She is a mahogany planked masthead sloop, has undergone substantial refurbishment over the past two decades and has been under Sebastien's stewardship since 2020. She is the perfect and most gracious coastal cruiser. Sebastien is seeking a co-owner who shares his enthusiasm for sailing and who possesses both experience handling a boat of that size and is good on the tools.



Please email seb@frogs-in-nz.com or call Sebastien Michel [021365458](tel:021365458)



Do These Spare Parts Have Your Name on Them?

From Frans de Court:

I have some older spares, FREE to a good home. They might not be for the 'top racer' but I'd hate to throw all that stuff out and someone on a budget might have a good use for it.

Reach Frans on [0274-961-789](tel:0274-961-789) or fransdecourt@xtra.co.nz

SOCIAL MEDIA

CYA is live on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) & [Facebook](#).

We highly encourage club members to submit content for our social media channels. Please email all submissions to media@classicyacht.org.nz

CYA JOURNAL

Read our regular contribution to the RNZYS quarterly **Breeze** at <https://classicyacht.org.nz/publications/cyanz-journal/>

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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