



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to the CYA March 2025 issue of Sheerlines



GLORIANA under full sail during the 2025 Perpetual Guardian CYA Regatta. Launched in 1892, the first vessel built by the Logan brothers, she is now permanently moored at the Maritime Museum. She is maintained by the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust and skippered by Giles Jordan.

From the Chair ...

What a feast of sailing we've had over the past couple of months! February and March, as always, are our most action-packed part of the CYA calendar. This year has been blessed with brilliant weather as we've enjoyed great camaraderie and a wide variety of events.

Highlights have included the **Duder Cup**, our wonderful three-day **Perpetual Guardian Classic Yacht Regatta**, and participation in both the **Moana Festival** and the **Wooden Boat Festival**. The last two were a fantastic opportunity to share our classic fleet with the wider boating community.

Last weekend we headed to **Kennedy Bay** for the popular **Waiheke Race/Rally**, followed by a relaxed beach party hosted by our generous friends **Wade and Lisa Lewis**.

And to wrap up the month, be sure to register for the ever-enjoyable **Round Rangitoto Race/Rally and Cake Day**. This year, cake judging will take place at the historic **Islington Bay Tennis Pavilion**.

The Tennis Pavilion is a charming reminder of the early bach settlement days on Rangitoto. Originally part of the island's holiday community, the pavilion has been lovingly preserved and is a perfect setting to celebrate our sweet finale to the season. So start prepping your best recipes—we look forward to tasting your finest creations!

Historical note: In the days before women were allowed to race on yachts, their participation revolved around the cakes they'd provide for their sailors post-race. How times have changed!

Important Note for All Members ...

Vessel registers are now available to be collected at one of our racing events, or ring Shirley-Ann McCrystal 021 283 8372 to arrange delivery.

Coming Events ...

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

13th April Ponsonby CC Vintage & Veterans Race

21st April Ponsonby Anzac Day Regatta

The Fun We've Had ...



CYA PERPETUAL GUARDIAN REGATTA

The Perpetual Guardian regatta 21-23rd Feb was well represented this year with 20 yachts entering the five races over three days.

Thursday night 20th Feb the committee and host skippers held a welcome dinner at the RNZYS for 14 Australian visitors from Melbourne and Sydney. (A contingent of our Australian friends come every year to join our festivities, and we enjoy their return hospitality in Melbourne each November.)

The Thursday evening at the squadron also included a Life Membership award to Bruce Tantrum for his huge contribution to yachting over many years. Just a few of Bruce's contributions include many years of education of young sailors, his involvement in helping get Waitangi back to New Zealand, and the close relationship we now have with our Australian CYAA friends. David Glen, a long-time friend of Bruce's and owner of the famous yacht RAINBOW, gave an excellent recap of Bruce's many endeavours.

The three days of racing took place in very brisk sailing conditions. The competition was fierce, with close sailing, some of it too close!

The prizegiving on the Sunday night was very well attended by over 150 sailors and supporters, there to mix and mingle with friends and to applaud well-fought placings.

The Classic Yacht Assn of Australia (CYAA) President, Craig Brown, took the Trans-Tasman Trophy for the most placings sailed on any yacht during the regatta.

'We'll be back. It was an awesome regatta,' was the universal comment from the Australian contingent. A significant aspect of being a visitor is the chance to sail on a wide selection of yachts, thanks to the generosity of the skippers.

RACE RESULTS

Devonport YC Duder Cup <https://www.dyc.org.nz/sailing/results>

Perpetual Guardian 3-day Regatta
<https://topyacht.net.au/results/rnzys/2025/Classics/index.ht...>





MOANA FESTIVAL 27th January – 9th March

During our regatta weekend, as part of the Moana Festival, the CYA exhibited at the Sustainability Expo held in the Expo Centre Wynyard Quarter. The passing public were able to visit our stand which displayed classic yachting memorabilia and filmed footage of our fleet racing.

Many people were interested in our activity and some have become members.

BIG SCREEN FILMING

Also, as part of this Moana festival, the CYA were given the opportunity to be up in lights on the big movie screen located in Wynyard quarter. For one week our beautiful yachts were exposed in full racing glory for six mins every hour, round the clock. Thank you, [Roger Mills](#), for your wonderful footage.



2025 WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL TALKS & TOURS EDITION

On 1-2 March the 'in-between' Auckland Wooden Boat Festival Talks and Tours Edition was held, organised by Tino Rawa Trust in conjunction with the CYA and Maritime Museum. Attendees were delighted with the informative speakers during the two

days. These included:

- Aotearoa Waka Hourua story by Stan Conrad
- Navigation and Stem with Sonny Natanielu
- Stories of Woman at Sea with Michelle Khan-Stevenson, Catalina Leiva and Natia Tucker
- Film – Whetu Marama: Bright Star
- A visual Journey of Auckland Boating events with Tony Stevenson
- Workshop: Classic vessel Community Building
- William C Daldy – Preserving Living History with John Pratt
- Influences across the generations with Robert Brooke MNZM

HYNDS KENNEDY BAY

Light and unpredictable winds made for challenging racing, but the lively atmosphere ashore more than made up for it.

Hynds Pipes sponsor representatives joined the fun, with one even racing aboard TA'AROA.

After the racing, over 150 people gathered in perfect weather to enjoy a relaxed picnic on the grass, live music, and a superb BBQ hosted by Lisa and Wade Lewis, featuring their famous L'Authentique sausages.

Many took advantage of the marina to stay overnight and soak up the festive vibe.



Locker Room Notices ...

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Arjan Van Willigenburg

Celia Carson

John Donovan

Monica Lafon Riojas

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

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

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

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 April 6th

Sunday May 4th

Sunday Jun 8th

TRADE CONTACTS

Support our Classic trade when needing help doing work on your boat. See our TRADIES list - [TRADE CONTRACTORS FOR CLASSIC BOATS](#)

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

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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