



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to the CYA November 2024 issue of Sheerlines



Early arrivals to Patio Bay (2020) enjoying the peace before the crowd arrived.

From the Cockpit ...

Kawau Boating Club held their **Spring Splash regatta** on Labour Weekend. Although the weather was too rough on Saturday, Sunday was perfect for the 40 boats who competed in good sunshine.

The **Coastal Classic** race suffered strong head winds, which resulted in half of the 70-odd fleet retiring, many diverting to join the KBC racing and fun. Two of the multi hulls managed to finish. <https://www.topyacht.net.au/results/2024/auck-to-russ/index....>

Coming Events ...

Fri 22-24 November 3-Day Classic Spring Rally Launches & Yachts
Even though they headed off today, if you can join the fleet on Saturday and Sunday, call Chad Thompson [021 995 754](tel:021995754) to find out where to catch them.

Sat 7-8 December Patio Bay Classic Boat Year End BBQ

Sat 14 December Patio Bay Rain Date

Fri 24 January Mahurangi Night Race

Sat 25 January Mahurangi Regatta & Launch Parade

Sun 26 January Mahurangi Return Race

Mon 27 January Auckland Anniversary Regatta & Launch Race



PATIO BAY CLASSIC BOAT YEAR END BBQ

Be sure to put **Sat-Sun 7-8th December** on your list of 'must do' races. For those who haven't been, it is the best! A perfect sail to the bottom end of Waiheke, to to the cutest 'old chic' Kiwi bach.

This hugely popular event was originally hosted by Margaret and the late Bert Woolcott. The current custodians of the property, members of the Mahoney family, continue the tradition. It's been a haven and party central for the CYA for over 15 years.

This year the committee have decided on a pirate theme for some added fun and surprise treasures. Members will be sent extra details very soon and there's plenty of detail on our [home page](#).

Also, big thanks to Glengarry for their assistance with this event.

[Join Us Here](#)

(Above is the happy post-race Patio Bay crowd of 2019.)

FUN ACROSS THE DITCH

A team of Classic members joined the sailors of the Australian Royal Yacht Club to sail and compete in their Melbourne Cup Regatta, held at Port Philip Bay. The Trans Tasman Trophy winner was **Iain Valentine**, and the Friday event, the Interstate and Trans-Tasman Tumblaren Championship, was won by **Peter Brookes** and his team.

The following weekend Peter won line honours in the CYA/PCC Upper Harbour race. Busy fellow!

Our Aussie friends will be mounting a challenge next year to win their trophy back, Pete!

At the Melbourne party:

l. to r. : Michael O'Dwyer, a RAWHITI crew member from Napier; Peter Brookes; James Waters, a Kiwi living in Melbourne.

(A further report is below.)



Locker Room Notices ...

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BOAT REGISTER BOOKLET

Our team are still busy working on your 2025 Classic Vessel Register. We expect you will want to have your boat listed in this beautiful and popular booklet so check your information is up to date **now**.

Call Shirley-Ann 021 283 8372 if you have forgotten how.

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.](#)

AUCKLAND COUNCIL

Have your say on what the council is planning for our environment.

<https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2024/10/hav...>

BIOSECURITY

Biosecurity have launched an interactive web map showing where exotic Culerpa has been found Lin: [Exotic Caulerpa — Clean Below? Good to go.](#)



Action shots from the Upper Harbour Regatta

1. The fleet jostling for position
2. RAWHITI and TAWERA—worthy rivals.



UPPER HARBOUR REGATTA 9TH NOV 2024

You can see the wonderful video and photography by Roger Mills of Hummingbird Photography [here](#).

Here is the [race video](#). See our beautiful classic fleet racing on the Waitemata just outside Ponsonby Cruising Club windows.

Baden Pascoe commentated for the interested public on the shore.

This next [video](#) showcases classic launch MENAI, moored in the marina outside during the regatta. The public were invited to step aboard, where Bruce and Shirley-Ann made them most welcome.

Catch the Upper Harbour Regatta Results here. <https://www.pcc.org.nz/racing-results>

THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE CUP REGATTA

As always, our friends at the Melbourne Classic Yacht Association of Australia (CYAA) delivered a memorable weekend of sailing, camaraderie, and competition.

Day 1: Peter Brookes' team, mentioned above, sailed to victory aboard Tumblaren YVONNE. The day ended with a lively gathering at Ferdi Darley's restoration shed, complete with refreshments and admiration for classic yacht craftsmanship.

Day 2: Gusty winds of up to 28 knots limited racing to one event. Kiwi sailors joined CYAA skippers on various vessels, enjoying the post-race hospitality at RYCV. This year's crop of Kiwi sailors were repeat visitors Iain Valentine, Larry Paul, Martin Robertson. They were joined by a bunch of first-time Melbourne CYAA visitors: Barry Besley, Frances Billot, Peter Brookes, Michael O'Dwyer, James Waters and Don Robertson. All were allocated crew positions with CYAA skippers.

Spectators aboard MARGARET PEARL, Bruce Tantrum, Shirley-Ann McCrystal and Margaret Woollcott faced photography challenges but were compensated with hearty lunch boxes and fine wine.

Day 3: Calmer winds allowed all races to proceed. Iain Valentine secured the Australasian Trophy, and Martin Ryan's MERCEDES III won the Concourse Joe White Trophy for exceptional preservation. Amid spirited bribes and humor, LUCY claimed the best Couta boat prize.

Since 2002, the Trans-Tasman regattas have strengthened bonds across the Tasman. If you haven't attended, consider joining next year for great racing and warm hospitality.

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/>

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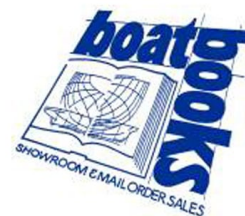
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