



Classic Yacht Association NZ

Sheerlines

Welcome to the CYA October 2025 issue of Sheerlines



From the Chair

The CYA fleet are ready for the new season sailing

Ready for some summer sun and fun?

The first of the season kicked off with the RNZYS Open day on **September 27th** with Titus Canby taking out line honours and Aramoana the Handicap.

We are spoiled for choice of races and rallies for us to join in for this season.

The **Devonport Yacht Club Icebreaker** is next in line to get us warmed up, to then race with Ponsonby Cruising Club for Upper harbour racing early November. A great one for spectators to watch along the wharfs and under the bridge.

Join the **CYA Spring Rally** with Chad Thompson and the Prize crew, a popular event where all are invited for a relaxing jaunt around our beautiful Hauraki Gulf, to follow the wind to enjoy the best of the bays and company of both yachts and launches. Start with Chad on the 22nd November or join him along the way.

Coming Events ...

Racing –

24-27th October - PCC – Kawau Boating Club Spring Splash Regatta

Speech Night -

28th October Speech night – **The Iconic Andrew Fagan (a must see)**

Offshore -

31st October – 2nd November CYAA racing with the Melbourn Classic's in Australia

Racing –

8th November- PCC Upper harbour Regatta

21st – 23rd November – Spring Rally with Chad Thompson

Spring Splash at Kawau with Ponsonby Cruising Club Labour Weekend (Oct 24-27)

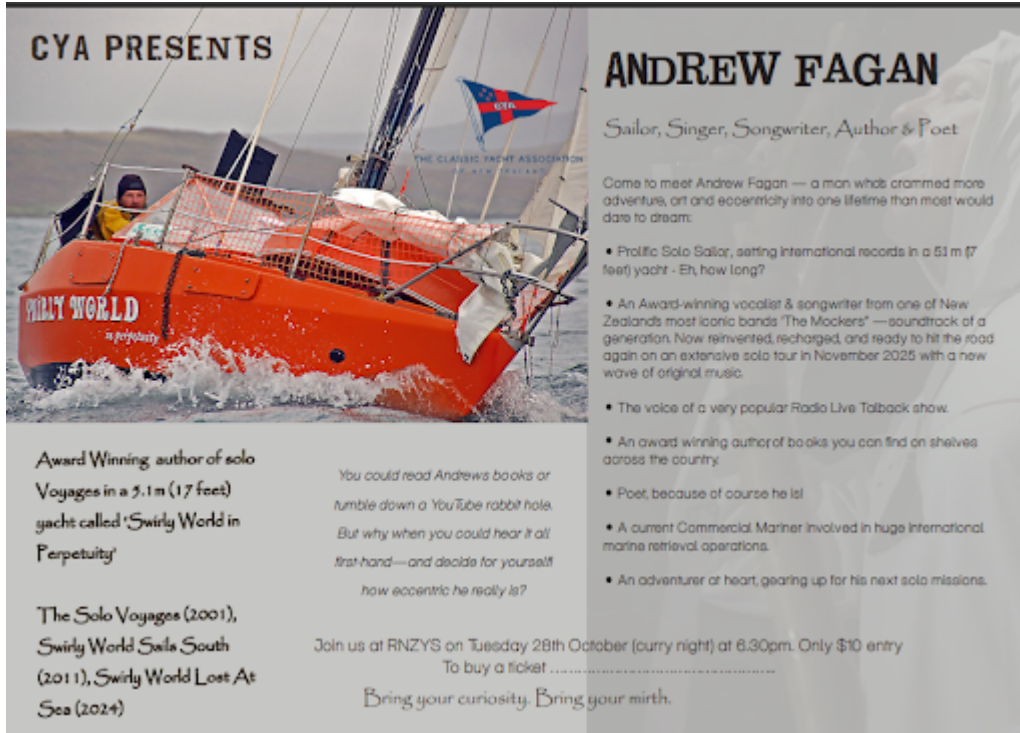


This regatta will be held from Friday 24th October until Sunday 26th October 2025. This year we are introducing a SUP division.



Friday - Rally to Kawau
Saturday - Round Islands race
Sunday - Short Round Islands Race followed by prizegiving at KBC.
Monday - KBC Breakfast & Cruise home.

A night with Iconic Andrew Fagan 28th October



CYA PRESENTS

ANDREW FAGAN
Sailor, Singer, Songwriter, Author & Poet

Come to meet Andrew Fagan — a man who's crammed more adventure, art and eccentricity into one lifetime than most would dare to dream.

- Prolific Solo Sailor, setting international records in a 51 m (17 feet) yacht - Eh, how long?
- An Award-winning vocalist & songwriter from one of New Zealand's most iconic bands 'The Mockers' — soundtrack of a generation. Now reinvented, recharged, and ready to hit the road again on an extensive solo tour in November 2025 with a new wave of original music.
- The voice of a very popular Radio Live Talback show.
- An award winning author of books you can find on shelves across the country.
- Poet, because of course he is!
- A current Commercial Mariner involved in huge international marine retrieval operations.
- An adventurer at heart, gearing up for his next solo missions.

Award Winning author of solo Voyages in a 51m (17 feet) yacht called 'Swirly World in Perpetuity'

You could read Andrews books or tumble down a YouTube rabbit hole. But why when you could hear it all first-hand—and decide for yourself how eccentric he really is?

The Solo Voyages (2001), Swirly World Sails South (2011), Swirly World Lost At Sea (2024)

Join us at RNZYS on Tuesday 28th October (curry night) at 6.30pm. Only \$10 entry
To buy a ticket

Bring your curiosity. Bring your mirth.

<https://classicyacht.org.nz/event-calendar/cya-presents-andrew-faygan/>

PCC Upper Harbour Regatta 8th November 2025

125 years of racing with PCC. (Check out this pic of open day in 1900)

1900 - Ponsonby Cruising Club.

13 October, 1900. NZ Herald

A Cruising Club has been formed by Ponsonby Yachtsmen, of which Mr. W. Bellamy has been appointed Commodore, Mr. R. Murphy, Vice Commodore and Mr. O. Riley Rear Commodore. The club starts with a membership of 60.

26 October, 1900.

YACHTS ON THE BEACH AT PONSONBY, PREPARING FOR THE OPENING OF THE SEASON



16 March 1901:

Ponsonby Cruising Club held a meeting on Thursday evening last at which it was decided to erect a club house on the foreshore at Ponsonby for the convenience of members.



125 YEARS - UPPER HARBOUR REGATTA - NOV. 8, 2025

Entries:

<https://classicyacht.org.nz/event-calendar/pcc-upper-harbour-regatta-2025/>

Media Release - 30th Sept 2025

Back by Popular demand

The Auckland Wooden Boat Festival

13-15th March 2026



A wonderful event visited by much of Auckland. It is sure to be one all classic craft, large or small, would like to become involved with again.

To join in the event:

<https://www.aucklandwoodenboatfestival.co.nz/boat-eoi>

Fresh Energy for Oldest Regatta Returns - Monday 26th, 2026

New Zealand's oldest sporting event - the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta - returns on Monday 26th January 2026, with organisers promising another diverse line-up of fleets and some exciting new additions to reinvigorate the 186-year-old event.

The regatta will once again feature keelboats, dinghies, foiling craft and classic yachts, along with heritage launches, working tugboats and paddle craft, racing across a full programme on the Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf.

For more information visit www.regatta.org.nz.

Season Calendar

To follow the CYA 2025-2026 seasons Calendar.

<https://classicyacht.org.nz/event-calendars/>

HELP - The CYA requires assistance from a launch or yacht to be on station for the start and finish of the Patio Bay race. This requires a boat to carry the race committee to start the race in the Auckland Harbour, then motor out to Patio

Bay for the finish for the committee to record the finishing boats. All expenses paid.

A Wild Rose, with an offshore flavour - Joining our Auckland sailing fleet 2025



Wild Rose – Written by owner Hamish Russell

Wild Rose is an Arthur Robb 35, the offshore version of his successful Lion Class. She was built in 1961 by Choey Lee in Hong Kong for the American market. Her construction is of old-growth teak planking over Ipol (Merbau) laminated ribs, copper-clenched. She is built to Lloyd's standards.

She was exported to New York where she spent 25 years and cruised the Caribbean. Her next owner trucked her to Long Beach and carried out extensive restoration work. He owned her for 34 years, cruising down the West Coast as far as Panama. Her next owner sailed her to New Zealand via the Galápagos Islands, Fiji, and Tonga.

I purchased her in 2023 in need of a complete restoration. I found covered storage in Kumeu, dried her out, and commenced work. Decks were removed, and the hull and interior stripped out. The engine, a 25HP Vetus, was refurbished. One of the major projects was replacing the rotten steel ribs with SST. These spread the load for the deck-stepped mast. New decks were fitted and glassed; cabin sides and toe rails were stripped and re-varnished (12 coats), and windows re-bedded. The interior was repainted, re-varnished, and reinstalled. The hull was sound, and the seams were raked and re-caulked where necessary. The Sitka Spruce mast was stripped; no rot was found, and it received 14 coats of varnish.

The restoration was completed in 21 months of working six days a week, and Wild Rose went back in the water in mid-June. The restoration was made easier by the high quality of the original build, and most items could be refurbished rather than replaced. This has been a challenging but satisfying and worthwhile project, and I look forward to joining CYA events this summer.

A story with photos

Ideally no more than 2 or 3. Might use one of them for the hero photo at the top if relevant.

Locker Room Notices ...

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John Fairburn

Samuel Watts

Terrance Clark

New Controlled Area Notices in force (October 2025)

Biosecurity New Zealand has updated the legal controls for parts of the upper North Island to help prevent the spread of exotic caulerpa seaweed. Please see the below link for further information on the controlled areas. [Bio Security update Oct25](#)



Biosecurity New Zealand
Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua

HERITAGE LANDING OPEN DAYS

Sunday November 2nd, 2025

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](#).

BOOK OF THE MONTH - On sale at Boat Books - Westhaven Drive



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GALLOPING GHOSTS

Author: Robin Elliott

\$10.00 ~~\$50.00~~

- Paperback
- 224 pages
- 0.87kg
- Published 2012

 IN STOCK

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

Keep an eye out for a new look website coming soon, compliments of Corine Trimbour. We hope you will like it.

We have a new media man (Cam Green) a creative whizz who will be loading current and interesting content of our activities onto our web and facebook pages. He would love your help by submitting any good pics of footage. Send to admin@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

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"I can't control the wind but I can adjust the sail." – Ricky Skaggs

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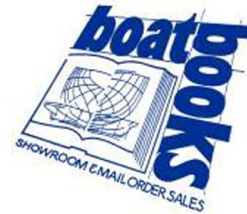
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