



# OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

<http://www.3-7Class.org.nz>

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## NEWSLETTER:

### Anzac Regatta:

Held at Takapuna April 23/24. Courses were triangle W/L. Four races in a moderate westerly on Saturday. Lovely sailing conditions, but lots of holes and shifts as there always are when sailing there in a Westerly and a bit slow downwind. The only bad news was that Mr President lost his stbd sidestay shackle pin. He sailed back in on port tack and just about made it to the beach but then rig backwinded and unstepped itself doing serious damage to port deck. Julien's report for the next three races on Sunday was: It was light and Phil is really fast. My day was not that good ;-( I am missing speed upwind. Mike Jones came today and was good to see him here! He almost won a race but Phil caught him on the finish line. He was fast as well!

## 2010 ANZAC REGATTA - 3.7 FLEET

### Overall

Sailed: 7, Discards: 1, To count: 6, Entries: 6, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	SailNo	Club	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	123	Manly	Phil Ash	2	1	1	-3	1	1	1	10	7
2nd	384	BRYS	Pilate Julien	1	2	2	-4	4	4	3	20	16
3rd	333	Manly	Gavin Auld	4	3	-5	2	3	2	4	23	18
4th	191	Pt Chev.	Chris Mitchell	3	5	3	1	(7 DNC)	7 DNC	7 DNC	33	26
5th	188	Manly	Mike Jones	(7 DNC)	7 DNC	7 DNC	7 DNC	2	3	2	35	28
6th	308	Hamilton	John Elliot	5	4	4	5	(7 DNC)	7 DNC	7 DNC	39	32

### Google Group:

A lot of people have said it is a good idea to have the google group, but the silent majority have been, errr, silent. So I guess time will tell. Far fewer emails should get stuck in spam catchers and there is a moderated process to allow greater interaction and is easy for anyone to subscribe to a new email address, unsubscribe or whatever to manage their connection to the class however they want. Please note that digest summary emails are good if you don't want to get every single email separately but just want to stay in touch in the background. You can also switch it to no-email and just browse it on the web. A lot classes are using this.

<http://groups.google.com/group/3-7Class>

### T Shirts:

These are \$30 and are soon going to run out (only 3 are left). I would have liked to include a sexy photo of a half naked model wearing one. However, I don't know any and I don't know how to use photo-shop either. So, you're just going to have to send John Elliott \$30 and then use your imagination.

### **WINTER Sailing Calendar:**

Manly, Pt Chev and Tauranga are the only options I know about over winter. Are there some others we should be promoting?

### **Promoting the Class:**

We all need to sail our boats as much as possible at the local venue so that there is critical mass in the class. I know you have heard that before, but what about you get together and have a beer to work on the dates, so that when we/you do go out, you are all there. Any time you have a fleet, please try to take a photo and send it to me and John. Just a phone photo is fine. Plus it would be great if someone in each region could take it on to write a few lines about what's going on to put in these newsletters instead of just the lies from me and John. So, next time you have a meeting at the bar, please can you pick on some poor \* to get that job (?).



*Kevin Holland in Evans Bay promoting the class. Above and below.*



# Sailing News catch-up

## **March 13/14 Auckland Champs Howick Sailing Club**

The Auckland Champs were held on the 13th and 14th of March at Howick Sailing Club. 7 races were held, which meant 2 very long days on the water as there was often long waits between races, with courses being shifted and waiting for other classes to start.

The 3.7 class had a good turnout of 9 boats and sailors from other classes have noticed that this year a lot more 3.7's have been sailing which is great for our class, critical mass attracts more mass to it.

Day 1 was quite light and shifty for race 1 as the Southerly and South Wester were trying to establish themselves, Rhys and Julian had great races to finish 1st and 2nd sailing the wind pressure very well. The local hotshot Jeff Christensen made a rare appearance on the water and showed all the others how it is done, getting 3rd to the top mark, unfortunately a lack of time this season in the boat saw him slip down the ranks a little.

Races 2, 3 and 4 would be best described as WINDY, and fun!!! The tight reaches were great with the 3.7's lighting it up and sending it!!! (To be honest on the last reach of the last race, people around Andrew Brown could hear him saying his prayers and holding on for dear life as he screamed down the reach)!!!

Day 2 was an early start with the mobile coffee van having a long queue as everyone got their caffeine hit before heading out for another long day of three races. The wind was lighter with a South Wester of 18 to 20 knots, but with some big holes as well.

Race 5 saw the dominance of the right hand side and the guy picking this the best and sailing fast up the beat was Mike Jones in 188 to be right there at the top mark closely followed by Rhys Johnston and Andrew Brown.

Day 2 featured some very close racing with some great battles had throughout the fleet, and everyone finishing the day and the regatta with big but weary smiles on their faces.

1	Andrew Brown	(3), 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1	6
2	Rhys Johnston	1, 2, (4), 3, 2, 2, 2	12
3	Phil Ash	(4), 3, 2, 2, 4, 3, 3	17
4	Julien Pilate	2, 4, 3, (9), 3, 4, 4,	20
5	Gavin Auld	8, 8, 5, (9), 5, 8, 5	39
6	Chris Mitchell	5, 7, (9), 9, 8, 5, 6	40
7	Jeff Christensen	6, 5, (9), 9, 7, 6, 9	42
8	Mike Jones	7, 6, (9), 9, 6, 7, 7	42

## **Wakatere Senior Classes Regatta**

This was the weekend of the Tsunami and racing was cancelled. But Gavin Auld, Chris Hawkins and others were there and went for a sail anyway.

## **Waikato-Thames Champs – Ngaroto**

Only 3 of us enjoyed unexpectedly good sailing. (We nearly had 4, but poor old Gavin Auld's cambelt broke when he was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down from Auckland, so he had to simply have car and boat towed back home again.)

The wind came in much better than forecast; at times it gave us great trapezing and fast rides.

John and Lance traded wins until Lance took a safe lead in the final race, only to do a graceful will-he-won't-he windward capsized on the final offwind leg. This gave John a narrow win overall. Matthew Vaughan was often in 2nd place, but always seemed to strike an unlucky shift on the final leg.

## Waikato Thames Champs Lake Ngaroto

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Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Helm	Crew	Club	TCF	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett	Notes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Open Senior	Flatfoot	3.7	308	John Elliot		Hamilton YC	0.93	1.0	1.0	(2.0)	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	10.0	8.0	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Senior	WB	3.7	265	Lance O'Connell		Rotorua YC	0.93	(2.0)	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	11.0	9.0	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Senior	Farr Out	3.7	388	Matthew Vaughan		Hamilton YC	0.93	(3.0)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	21.0	18.0	



*Matthew Vaughan enjoying the Ngaroto breeze. Close racing, great fun, and a much better regatta than the numbers suggest!*

3-7 Boats for sale :

John Curtis #177 (measures) John@mgsl.co.nz

Bruce McCallum #187 Auckland (measures) bruce.mcc1@gmail.com 0211398990

John Kennedy #273 "Old Geezer" Johnk@stonewood.co.nz

R Clarke #81 "Outrageous" Northland (passed measurement with exemption [clarkee@xtra.co.nz] 0211557355

Rob #297 "Nearly There" Christchurch, (no record of measurement) 03 384 3408  
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