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NEWSLETTER:



Evans Bay 2010; following the boss.

Presidential Decrees:

Hildegard is a real hottie

John to fill in his story here..... “..... It was a dark and stormy night.

A few days later, I decided that Hildegard had not been driven since Anzac Weekend, so I started her up. I had good clothes on, it was cold... otherwise I would have stopped and had a look inside the engine compartment to see why she was running badly. But on this day, I decided to see if she would improve when warmed up. She warmed up, all right..





Apparently there was a petrol leak... By the time the fire brigade arrived, the petrol tank was probably about to go up. Engine needs new distributor, alternator, carburettor and air cleaner. (Not to mention battery, fanbelt, ignition cables, wiring, etc.)

The second photo shows the molten remains of a Solex PICT 34 - 3 carburettor, as scraped off the engine block.

But not to worry – the dipstick remains safe and sound! It is now the only original 1974 engine part I will have access to when I open the rear cover to do check-ups...

Boat repair is coming on, but slowly.

Will total up Grand Prix Trophy points soon!

Kind regards – your lordly President,

John E.



Evans Bay 2010 (race 2 start)

National Champs Manly Easter 2011

Mike Jones at Manly is our liaison person with Manly SC on their committee. We have sent them a letter requesting Nationals there. Mike has since replied that Club has met and officially agreed to host the event. 'There will be a shortage of volunteers over that long weekend, but calling on help from Class and other Clubs should not be insurmountable'. Many thanks to MSC.



Evans Bay 2010 our international member caught gybing at wing mark ©

Update from Secretary:

Hey,

Recent Sailing: Phil Ash has updated news page below with run down on the racing last Sunday May 30 at Manly. Four boats. Not much action in May, I raced alone at Pt Chev on May 23rd. Phil, Mike, Gavin raced at Manly on May 16th. nothing else has been heard from anyone (?).
<http://www.3-7class.org.nz/enews.html>

Next sailing is June 13th at Manly. There is sailing at Pt Chev on 6th, but I am going to be away for the Queen's Birthday long weekend, and haven't heard about anyone else racing there. So, next date in Akld region is June 13th at Manly. Start times are going to be 1pm for rest of winter sailing there. Phil has updated the sailing calendar page too. Let us know if you could be in?
<http://www.3-7class.org.nz/calendar.html>

I have had a couple of maniacal ideas. One of them was for us to rent a house on waterfront at Ngongotaha and sail out of there for a weekend with say seven boats in seven races. The plan would be to make it a coaching weekend. The twist would be that the winner of each race would be 'fixed' in advance and nobody would be allowed to overtake that designated boat in a particular race. Instead (if we could get near her/him) the class would attempt to coach that boat, or at least offer semi-genuine advice, and the remainder would race for second place.

It could be a bit of fun and we could end up learning something. So rather than two boat testing it would be seven boat testing with all the focus on one boat during each race. The overall winner for the weekend would still be the fastest boat, since effectively everybody would get one point for one race so it would be even. The purpose would be to provide support/coaching for the slower/learner sailors and would be somewhat self-regulating for the faster sailors if nobody else can keep up with them anyway.

Batches/Lodges run at about \$45 per head per night if there is a reasonable sized group. Don't like that idea? Well, just say, because I have more...

I have a couple of mainsails off #191, both dacron that are totally fine, but spare since I bought my new sail and my brain is only big enough to manage one sail at a time. If somebody needs a cheap mainsail there is nothing wrong with them structurally. I think they are quite flat up top, for my luff curve, but not certain. Plus your mast bend might need different luff curve and

require a re-cut. Anyway, there are a few people building, renovating and rebuilding boats at the moment, and I would like to get a few dollars towards my next sail if anyone is interested to have one to get started. One of them won a Nationals for Matt Davies. It could be a good deal if you're unable to buy a new sail from the outset.

End of Financial year is May 30, will do end of year accounts soon and will send out in due course.

Cheers
Chris Mitchell



2009 Rotorua Sprints

3-7 Boats for sale :

(some can be seen on trademe.co.nz)

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

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

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

R Clarke #81 "Outrageous" Northland (passed measurement with exemption , provided hull weight is not brought back down to minimum) [clarkee@xtra.co.nz] 0211557355

Rob #297 "Nearly There" Christchurch, (no record of measurement) 03 384 3408
robert.bentley@otago.ac.nz 021 1705116

Andrew Howden new hull Auckland a_howden@xtra.co.nz 0274581124

Andrew Howden frames or girder or partial kitset packages a_howden@xtra.co.nz
0274581124

Chris Mitchell, Dacron mainsail #191 incl battens, ready to use. Sail is good, but may require luff curve re-cut.

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