

3-7 News

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NATIONALS ACCOMMODATION

Bay of Islands is a popular venue.

Unfortunately, camping cannot be allowed on club grounds.

Brett Gray (having stayed at a neat camping ground back in 1996) has looked around and made his choice: nearby, no need to drive after post-sailing www.waitangiholidaypark.co.nz

Charge is \$12.50 per person per day for a tent site. Cabins etc also available – enquire at website.

It looks like Brett, Derek, and Lance might be sharing a tent there, so if the 3-7 guys want to be together, this is the place to go for.

If you are happy to drive 10 mins (max) ½ way between Paihia and Opuia is a great camping ground: www.beachsideholiday.co.nz - the 1996 one... in nice bushy hills with neat private beach...

If you want motels or other camping grounds, they are easy to find on the internet. But it may pay to book soon – Paihia is likely to be pretty full at Easter.

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Whispers are that we will have quite a good fleet at the Nationals. Many who could not turn out so far will be there, and will start sailing beforehand....

APRIL 10, 11, 12 Bay of Islands Plan now, book in, and be there!

We will help sailors from Wellington and South Island with travel expenses.

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Still no new 3-7 photos –poor turnouts. But Kevin Holland has sent us a few R Class shots:



Kevin's words: *"I had asked the crew to ease the spinnaker as we were going too slow. Like a good crew, he did exactly as I asked. Result was ..."*



And this is not Kevin's boat.. but it is what you now have to do, it seems, to win the R Class Nationals. Foil technology, and a great performance by these pioneering guys who did it!

Yet I cannot help but wonder: once you rise above the waves and slide smoothly across the water, do you lose something?

What I love about the 3-7 is that it is the best one-man boat for skittering across the waves. The waves are never the same, and it is a constant prediction-action-reaction process. Windsurfing must be similar.

I tried Paper Tigers: faster, but once you get used to the very high speed, a catamaran is a bit like sails on rails. There is not the same excitement or skittery manoeuvrability.

Would foils be one step further? Even greater speed, but once you got used to that huge speed and height above the water, would it eventually become like sails on a steady, ultra-high-speed, but far-too-stable monorail?

If I were not 62 years old, I would be so keen to try foil sailing!

Andrew Brown may want to contribute on this topic... he has been promoting the fantastic Foiler Moths that we have seen, and has recently borrowed Jeff Christensen's boat (no. 192) so that he can come to our Nationals, and give some very hard times to his friend, Derek Scott.

SAILING NEWS

HOWICK REGATTA March 7 & 8: no longer our Auckland Champs, but 4 of us turned out anyway.

Andrew Brown was dominant on Saturday, easily winning each race, and sailing like an ace. (His 3rd time out in the boat!) But because he could not attend Sunday, John Elliott and Phil Nicholls ended up 1st and 2nd overall, with some close racing. Bruce McCallum had halyard problems with his new wing mast rig, then a mainsheet block broke, meaning he could not make Sunday either.

Howick is still a great sailing venue, and despite the parking/crowding problem, I think it worth us trying to turn out here with better numbers next season! Great rides in 12-25 knots!

Results: John Elliott 3,2,1,1
 Phil Nicholls 4,3,2,2
 Andrew Brown 1,1,DNS,DNS
 Bruce McCallum 2,DNS,DNS,DNS

Hamilton Y C Regatta Strong Easterly on Sat., and yours truly, being a bit under the weather... sat shamefully in the clubhouse and watched the brave young guys blast all around on the wire until the racing started, when **TIM GRIFFITHS** stood out very well, while others either swam or broke things. **Jonathan McMullan** took over Tim's boat for races 2 & 3, and also did well. On Sunday I sailed in lighter airs, but we were all outshone by **Matthew Vaughan**, who stopped capsizing and even out-performed Tim!

Sailed:5, Discards:1, To count:4, Ratings:Custom, Entries:6, Scoring system:Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett
1st	3.7	Farr Out	388	Matthew Vaughan	(7.0 DNF)	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	13.0	6.0
2nd	3.7		229	Tim Griffiths	1.0	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	2.0	3.0	20.0	13.0
3rd	3.7		229	Jonathan McMullan	(7.0 DNS)	1.0	1.0	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	23.0	16.0
4th	3.7	Flatfoot	308	John Elliott	(7.0 DNS)	7.0 DNS	7.0 DNS	3.0	2.0	26.0	19.0
5th	3.7		337	Ivan Robertson	2.0	(7.0 DNS)	3.0	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	26.0	19.0
6th	3.7	Easy As	123	Phil Ash	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	4.0	4.0	29.0	22.0

The Hamilton fleet continues to grow: No 177 (formerly Grant Loretz and Nathan Handley) is now owned by Holly Curtis, who is fresh out of a Starling, and Alan Paine's boat has been bought by Katie de Lange, not long out of a Starling. I have seen both handle their Starlings well in strong winds, and I suspect they will soon become equally good in 3-7's.

(P S A word of sympathy for Phil Ash, who came from Auckland on the Sunday with a long rudderblade that dragged lakebed weed all the way around the course. If I had noticed in advance how long his rudderblade is, I would have warned him to stay away from Hamilton.)

Sad to say, most of the Hamilton fleet are young (unlike me) and do not have cars + towbar + trailer, and therefore find it hard to travel.

Tauranga North Island Champs

A turnout of only 4 boats. The quality of those 4 was OK. The quantity was sad. Marginal trapezing and a bit fluky until the last race, when a real trapezing breeze kicked in, and Lance O'Connell was a clear winner. But in that fluky stuff...

Rank	SailNo	Helm	Crew	Club	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett	Notes
1st	308	John Elliott		Hamilton	3.7	1.0	(3.0)	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	11.0	8.0	
2nd	265	Lance OConnell		Rotorua	3.7	2.0	1.0	2.0	(3.0)	3.0	1.0	12.0	9.0	
3rd	123	Phil Ash		Manly Sailing Club	3.7	(3.0)	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	13.0	10.0	
4th	191	Chris Mitchell		Pt Chev	3.7	(4.0)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	24.0	20.0	

We had 17 here last season, and 14 the season before. I hope this popular regatta will bring the numbers in again next season.

CALENDAR

Mar 21, 22 TAKAPUNA AUTUMN REGATTA

(6 guys said they could make this contest, and since then a couple of bonus star guests have said they could turn out. Come and join us!)

Apr 5 Ngaroto Open Sunday Regatta

EASTER NATIONALS BAY OF ISLANDS

Apr 18, 19 TE PURU, THAMES WKTO-THAMES CHAMPS

Apr 25, 26 TAKAPUNA Anzac Reg., AUCKLAND CHAMPS

(9 guys said they could turn out for this one.)

2008 – 2009 Subs Paid to 23/2 EFT and 8/3 cash!:

Sailing Dues:

David Cook, Demian Dixon, Phil Ash, Chris Mitchell, Chris Hawkins, Daniel Wise, Craig Bennet, Don Currie, Andy Bodmer, Stephen Wagstaff, Bruce McCallum, Lance O'Connell, Phil Nicholls, Donald King, Paine family.

Associate Dues:

David Perkinson, Tom Arthur, Renzo Biasi (Italy), Matjaz Miklavec (Slovenia)

Last Newsletter was NOR for Nationals.

I am now going to print off the entry form, and send a cheque.

I will reproduce the entry form on the next page.

Why don't you send it away too?

And sort your accommodation! (See page 1.)

John Elliott

2008 3.7 Class National Championship

10th – 13th April 2009 , Bay of Islands Yacht Club, Paihia.

ENTRY FORM

To be sent to : Bay of Islands Yacht Club

PO Box 204

Entry Fee: \$80.00

Paihia 0247

ENTRY DETAILS

Sail Number _____ Boat Name _____

Surname _____

Given names _____

Address _____

Telephone work _____ home _____

mobile _____ fax _____

E-mail _____

Gender _____ (male/female)

Date of birth _____ Club _____

Enclosed are :

Entry fee of \$ _____	
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Proof of club membership	
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Proof of class membership	
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I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I understand that neither the Organising Authority and its officers, members and servants or other persons assisting with the conduct of the regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta. I agree to the use of my photograph(s) and other relevant information in any event publicity and in the ongoing promotion of New Zealand yachting. I agree to the Organising Authority and Yachting New Zealand holding the above information for the general administration and well-being of the sport, and for them to retain, use and disclose the information to affiliated organisations and any other persons or organisations that Yachting New Zealand believes will further the interests and objectives of Yachting New Zealand. I acknowledge my right to access to and correction of this information. The consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

Competitor's signatures _____

Date _____

For competitors aged 16 years and under, a parent or guardian must also sign on behalf of the entrant in respect of the above declaration.

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Parent/Guardian