

3-7 News

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Alan Paine trapezing nearly flat-off at Nationals, Lyttleton 2007.

WINTER SAILING: We have a small but keen group of Aucklanders who have been quite active this winter. To check out what they have been doing, click on this 3-7 website link, and look through the news clips that President Chris Mitchell has been posting: <http://www.3-7class.org.nz/enews.html>

Tauranga Winter Series was a diminished affair for us this year: weather was not always ideal; Lance O’Connell popped away to Fiji for a holiday... Only 2 dates with 3-7’s present:

June 21st Tauranga: five 3-7’s, John Elliott plus four Aucklanders Derek, Ben, Chris and a new sailor Julien having a test sail in 88. Two races in very light marginal shifty conditions, then a decent load of good breeze right at the end when it was deemed too late to start a third race. Elliott drifted to a narrow, fluky victory in race 1, while Derek cleaned up in race 2.

August 2nd

Tauranga: John Elliott on his own, sailing with Lasers. 3 races, including, when the wind dropped too far, an embarrassing total-immersion swim for Elliott. Brrrrr... but some nice 12-15 knot sailing at times.

Good Contest – Fair Result !! Because we entered only for single days and did not have a regular fleet, we got put into the Open Class. Maybe not many others in that class turned up very regularly...

Because at Prizegiving, guess who got 1st in the Open Class, and was awarded a smooth-looking “Harken” rash-shirt.

Yes, dear readers, it was I – John Elliott!! As I say, good contest, fair result! (I was not at prizegiving, but fortunately a nice Hamilton YC colleague brought the loot home for me.)

So, you see, at least one good thing has happened this winter.

Ownership News: Andrew Brown has bought No. 371. This boat was built by John Clinton as sister-hull to 369 (*Roshambo*) which was strongly campaigned first by Tim Willetts, then by Paul Carpenter. 371 has hardly been sailed, and should become a potent weapon in Andrew’s hands.

Joey Allen (sad to say) has sold No. 188 to Mike Jones.

Brett Gray has foolishly (sorry, Brett) swapped No 328 for a Javelin. The new Wellington owner has promptly put 328 on the market. At this stage it looks like it may be bought by a top ex-Hamilton Starling sailor, Chris Carlaw. If so, Chris will be a great addition to the Wellington fleet, and will be another good performer.

FINANCE: Excitement! Passion! Drama!

Yes, Folks, it is that palpitating time of the year when the scandals and secrets of the 3-7 Owners Association get mercilessly revealed to all –

in the no-bars-held, fearlessly formulated, and ruthlessly written 3-7 Owners’ Finance Report !!

See next page:

FINANCE REPORT Period 01/06/2008 – 31/05/2009

INCOME

Sailing Dues 15 @ \$30	450.00
Sailing Dues 14 @ \$35	490.00
Family Dues 1 @ \$50	50.00
Boating NZ - Article by C Mitchell	500.00
Sale of Plans: 1 @ \$75; 1 @ \$73; 1 @ \$90;	238.00
Funds from Sth Island Owners (wound up)	590.70 (for future travel subsidy)
Donation – P Nicholls	5.00
Interest	4.47

TOTAL INCOME \$2328.17

EXPENDITURE

CHEQUE NUMBER	TO	FOR	AMOUNT
100 212	NZ Post	Mail Plans to Slovenia	14.44
213	YNZ	Affiliation	100.00
214	Emblems NZ Ltd	Grand Prix Trophy Badge	23.63
215	Chris Mitchell	Refund new Website fee	168.69
216	NZ Post	Register Measuring Jig Trailer	35.12
217	Bridges Insurance Ltd	Insure Measuring Jig	79.97
218	NZ Post	Mail plans to Switzerland	13.93
219	Pitstop Te Rapa	WOF Measuring Jig	20.00
220	Emblems NZ Ltd	Medals for Nationals	104.75
221	J Elliott	Refund purchase Prizes for Nationals	96.51
(222	C J Mitchell	Refund 2nd year Website fee	168.69) <u>Not</u>
<u>cashed</u>			
223	Stationery Warehouse	New Receipt Book	22.74

TOTAL EXPENDITURE \$848.47 (\$679.78)

Excess Income over Expenditure: \$1648.39

Opening Balance \$4,047.05 Closing Balance \$5,695.44 (Difference = \$1648.39)

Cheque 222 (\$168.69) yet to be cashed: this will bring Income over expenditure to \$1479.70, and Closing Balance to \$5526.75.

Treasurer's Comments: It looks like we gained \$1,600 last season, but be aware that:
a) \$600 of that is South Islanders' funds that we are holding exclusively for helping them to travel North to National Champs.

b) \$500 was donated by Chris Mitchell, who got paid for an article he wrote for Boating NZ magazine. To run the excellent website that Chris is doing for us, we are spending this at a rate of \$168.69 a year, and have now spent over half of it – but the whole amount got put into this report's income.

So we really made a gain of about \$500, which is OK anyhow. No subs increases in sight, and ideas on what to do with our 5 grand bank balance are welcome. Committee might agree to a really good idea...

3.7's for sale:

Hull Weight is important: Take some bathroom scales with you to make a rough check! Some owners have provided more details than others.

88 Renovated to top condition: carbon rig & rudder assembly etc, new sail. Contact



Bob Smyth or James Smyth rlsmyth@wave.co.nz

323 Foam sandwich hull of Ian Dixon 1982 build, not overly used. Alloy mast, Dacron sail. For more details contact Richard Sutherland-Smith, Wanganui, Phone 06 – 345 33 35 email richardss@clear.net.nz

Mast stiff, Fosters section. What offers? Gavin Laird, gavinandwendy@xtra.co.nz

New Hull or frames, girder, etc, available to facilitate building a new hull.

Contact Andrew Howden
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That's all for now, folks. Subs form and draft sailing programme 2009 – 2010 coming soon.

Please, some of you, think about actually SAILING this coming season...

John E