

# 3-7 News

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## Main Events for draft 09 – 10 programme so far:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Oct 17, 18;    | Rotorua Sprint Series   |
| Oct 24, 25, 26 | Labour Weekend at Bay of Islands (Nothing at Takapuna this year.) |
| Nov 14, 15;    | Takapuna North Shores Champs regatta (?)                          |
| New Year       | Clarks Beach  |
| Feb 6,7;       | New Plymouth? (always a favourite for me!!)                       |
| Feb 20, 21;    | Tauranga Regatta - probably North Island Champs                   |
| Feb 27, 28     | Hamilton Y C Regatta  |
| Mar 7          | One-day Regatta at Thames ??                                      |
| Mar 13,14;     | Howick - Auckland Champs?   |
| Mar 20,21;     | Waikato-Thames Regatta, Lake Ngaroto                              |
| Mar 27, 28     | Maraetai regatta ??   |
| Easter...      | Nationals, Evans Bay, Wellington.                                 |

Please send in any additions/ ideas for alternatives! jelliott's address above.

**SUBS for 2009 – 2010 - form on last page.**

**PHOTOS : We are short of new ones.**

**Must I go on recycling old ones, or delving further into the 2007 Nationals?**

**Can you send anything in?**

**Stop Press:** Congrats to HOLLY CURTIS, of Hamilton. Holly bought No 177 (ex-Grant Loretz and Nathan Handley) at the very end of last season, and has sailed it only a few times. Over the winter she entered a Boating Mag competition, and has just won herself a brand new Laser, along with some coaching!

The downside is that she will have to spend some time sailing it instead of her 3-7... Not a bad problem to have, actually!

# Grand Prix Trophy 08 - 09

**Slightly better than 07 – 08, when only one person did the 25 maximum races allowed.**

**This time two people did it! – still a far cry from 10 years ago when heaps did.**

(Scoring: High points win. All calendar contests count, except Nationals. 1<sup>st</sup> place gets full entry numbers points [6 points in a fleet of 6], 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets one less point (5 in a fleet of 6) down to last place gets 1 point. No points for DNS or DNC.

Best 25(maximum) races count, to stop sheer attendance beating all comers..)

## **RESULTS:**

### **Discards shown in red**

|                    |  | Total pts  | No of races |
|--------------------|--|------------|-------------|
| 1) John Elliott    | 3,4,3,4,2,2,2,3,2,3,4,4,4,5,4,2,4,4,3,2,7,7,4,5,9,8,7,10,6,7.        | <u>124</u> | 25          |
| 2) Phil Ash        | 2,3,4,2,4,3,4,4,2,2,3,4,4,3,2,3,3,3,2,3,2,3,4,3,5,5,6,7,10,5,4,6,7,6 | <u>113</u> | 25          |
| 3) Lance O'Connell | 5,5,3,5,3,5,5,1,4,4,4,3,4,3,2,2,4                                    | <u>62</u>  | 17          |
| 4) Chris Mitchell  | 1,1,1,1,1,1,4,2,2,4,7,6,5,4,5,5                                      | <u>50</u>  | 16          |
| 5) Joey Allen      | 10,8,7,9,8   | <u>42</u>  | 5           |
| 6) Brett Gray      | 6,6,6,6,6,6,6  | <u>42</u>  | 7           |
| 7) Matthew Vaughan | 7,5,3,5,5,5,6,6  | <u>42</u>  | 8           |
| 8) Phil Nicholls   | 2,1,2,3,3,1,1,2,1,2,3,3,3,6,5,4                                      | <u>42</u>  | 16          |
| 9) Ben de Fluiter  | 6,8,8,8,6,5  | <u>41</u>  | 6           |
| 10) Derek Scott    | 9,8,10,10  | <u>37</u>  | 4           |
| 11) Rhys Johnson   | 9,8,9,10   | <u>36</u>  | 4           |

(No particular order after 11<sup>th</sup> place.)

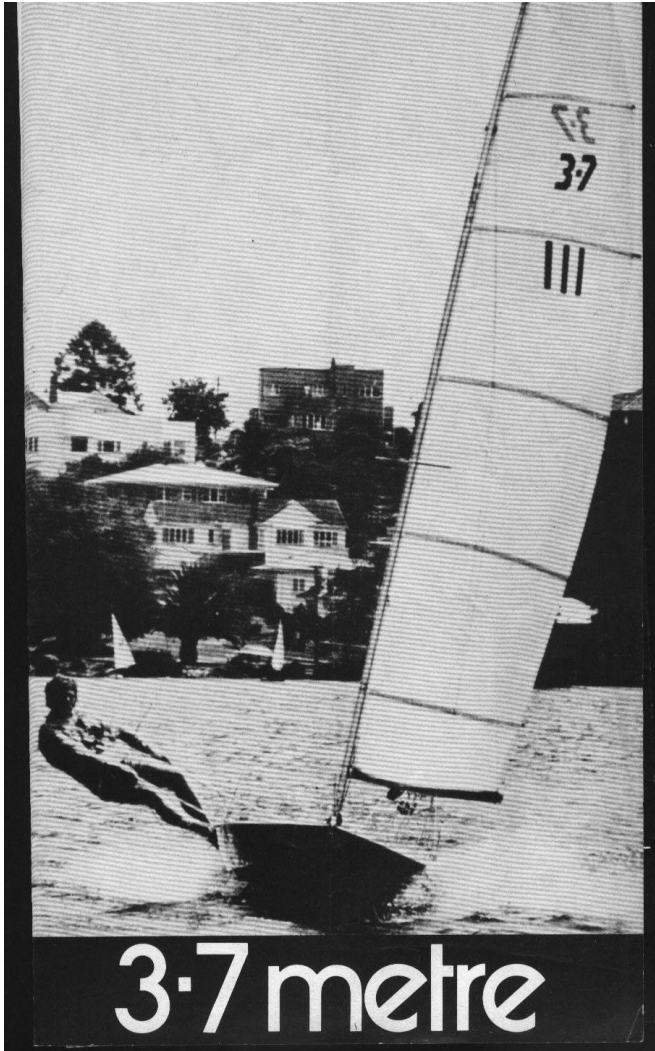
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|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| David Laing       | 4,4,2,3,2,4,3 | Darrel Civil    | 3,2,5,4,5 |
| Bruce McCallum    | 1,3,4,1,3,6,7 | Malcolm Paine   | 6,7,7,7   |
| Jonathan McMullan | 5,5,3,3,6,6   | Mark McMinn     | 4,5,4     |
| Mathew Hunter     | 4             | Ivan Robertson  | 3,5,4     |
| Andrew Brown      | 4,4           | Tim Griffiths   | 6,5,4     |
| Chris Hawkins     | 8,3,7,5       | Tim Christensen | 2,4,3,2   |
| Andrew Clarke     | 1             | Mike Boyd       | 8,9       |
| Stu McKinven      | 3,3           |                 |           |

**26 participants - not bad. We just need people to sail more often.**

I think Phil was a little unlucky – he beat me more often than not, to my mind, but often in tiny fleets, while I may have fluked things a bit in bigger fleets, or maybe Phil could not be there for some of the bigger fleets.

Phil actually sailed in more races than any of us over the season, and it shows in the Nationals, where he beat me by 2 places and 19 points. We need more guys like Phil!..... (Maybe I don't, but the class does!)

## A bit of history...



*Brian Dahl blasting on Hamilton Lake in 1975. (our 1<sup>st</sup> publicity brochure photo)*

## SAILING NEWS

8 of us turned out for the Manly Icebreaker day (Sept 20). Patchy, marginal trapezing breeze for the first two races, then a much nicer 15 knots finally came in. Andrew Brown was dominant in No. 371, which fits in the measuring jig beautifully with maximum waterline length. Phil Ash and Julien (from Belgium, new owner of No. 384, ex- Ben de Fluiter) both pushed Andrew hard at times, and Chris Hawkins pushed him even harder, but fell back while horizontal.... John Elliott and Chris Mitchell were both carrying a bit much mast rake (that's our excuse) and were slightly off the pace.

The other two were newcomers Mike Jones (No. 188) and Andy Bodmer, who is putting the finishing renovation touches to No. 321. Mike hung in very close, while Andy struck some teething problems with his tiller extension, etc.

At the time of writing, we are hoping that most or all of these guys will sail in the Murrays Bay Winter Champs, Oct. 3 & 4.

**Time for new season's subs - see last page for form/electronic transfer details!**

## **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.*

(some can be seen on trademe)

- Clayton Homes #172 "Full Narna" Auckland (not sure when last measured) [jimandglenis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jimandglenis@xtra.co.nz) 09 4733220 027 5838321
- Darrel Civil #103 "Gingerbread Man" Rotorua [darrellcivil@hotmail.com](mailto:darrellcivil@hotmail.com) 021 380352 07 3470935
- Bruce McCallum #187 Auckland [bruce.mcc1@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.mcc1@gmail.com) 0211398990
- Sally Garrett #64 "White Death" Auckland [sallyg@dta.mil.nz](mailto:sallyg@dta.mil.nz) (not sure when last measured)
- Rob #297 "Nearly There" Christchurch, (not sure when last measured) 03 384 3408 [robert.bentley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:robert.bentley@otago.ac.nz) 021 1705116
- **No. 88** Renovated to top condition: carbon rig & rudder assembly etc, new sail. Contact



Bob Smyth or James Smyth [rlsmyth@wave.co.nz](mailto:rlsmyth@wave.co.nz)

**Mast** stiff, Fosters alloy section. What offers? Gavin Laird, [gavinandwendy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gavinandwendy@xtra.co.nz)

**New Hull, (already built) or frames, girder, etc, available to facilitate building a new hull.**

Contact Andrew Howden  
Howden Boatbuilders Ltd  
Ph 094409031 or 0274581124 Email [a\\_howden@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a_howden@xtra.co.nz)

Please sail your 3-7, or think about selling it!  
See you on the water.

John Elliott

## 3.7 OWNERS' ASSOCIATION - SUBSCRIPTIONS

2009 - 2010

Mail this form to-

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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSE:**     **Either**

**SAILING DUES**    \$35, reduced to \$30 *if paid before  
Christmas.*

(Full membership: newsletters; right to enter contests;  
voting rights; right to copies of Class Restrictions, Constitution, etc.)

**Or**

**ASSOCIATE DUES** \$10

(Newsletters only, just to keep in contact with the  
class.)

**Or**

**FAMILY DUES** \$50

(Full sailing membership for whole family.)

For those who wish to pay by electronic transfer: Account details –

3 7 OWNERS ASSOC    a/c no.    031560 0066977 00

and send me an email to let me know!

(If you have changed boat or phone number from what I already have on my list,  
please email me an update. [jelliott@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jelliott@slingshot.co.nz) )

**Reminder:**            Please put the CORRECT Sail No. on your HULL + SAIL.