

# 3-7 News

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## Nov. 14 & 15 NORTH SHORES TAKAPUNA

**Numbers are looking good! This should be a competitive fleet at the World's best sailing venue (according to Phil Nicholls...)**

**ENTRY** - \$30 for single-handed boats. - until 1100 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>SCHEDULE - Briefing:</b>		Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1200
Day	Date	Time of First Warning	No. of Races
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	1300	up to 4 races
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	1100	4 races

A total of 7 races are scheduled.  
Races will be sailed back-to-back.  
On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

**COME & JOIN US!**

## Main Events 09 – 10 programme:

Nov 14, 15	Takapuna North Shores Champs regatta (?)
Dec 19	Hamilton Y C Christmas regatta (Sat. only)
Jan 1, 2, 3	Clarks Beach New Year
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.

**Keep those subs trickling in - form on last page.**

***Action at Evans Bay, Wellington:*** (August 2009) Demian Dixon looks to be on a wiring reach behind 149... Wellington must be a nice venue ... this was taken 22nd August !!



*With No 328 (Chris Carlaw) joining this fleet, the locals should have good representation at our Nationals there next Easter. (Note David Cook cruising at a gentlemanly pace, rear left.)*

## SAILING NEWS

### **Rotorua Sprint Races Oct 17 & 18:**



*Lance O'Connell, overall winner, showing that a bit of twist in the sail need not be a bad thing...*

Congrats to Rotorua Y C and especially Race Officer Brian Gray. 12 races overall (7 Sat, 5 Sun) on a course of decent length. 3 separate fleets to start (A Class Cats; 12-foot skiff + Javelins; plus us) and yet we spent only a few minutes each time waiting for our 3-minute flag to come up for our next start.

At 90% of other so-called sprint series we seem to spend as much time waiting between races as we do actually racing... I don't often recommend this kind of series, but Rotorua have struck gold with it.

Winds were marginal trapezing, patchy, at times light. But, as the photo shows, it built to a good brisk blow later each day. Great all-round racing conditions.

Derek Scott dominated Saturday, but "had to go to a party" (a friend's big occasion of some sort – justified) and missed Sunday. Lance had won 3 of Saturday's races, and kept this form to win overall.

A big improver is Belgian Julien Pilate – he did not get those placings by accident!

<u>Results:</u>	Total	Saturday	Sunday	(7= DNF or DNS)
1) Lance O'Connell	16	2, 2, 1, 1, 2, (6) 2	1, 2, 2, (3) 1	
2) Julien Pilate	29	(5) 4, 5, 2, 5, 2 (7)	4, 1, 3, 1, 2	
3) Phil Ash	31	3, 3, 3, (4) 3, 3, 3	(7) 4, 4, 2, 3	
4) Derek Scott	34	1, 1, 2, 6, 1, 1, 1,	(7, 7) 7, 7, 7	
5) John Elliott	34	(6, 5) 4, 3, 4, 4, 4	2, 3, 1, 4, 5	
6) Chris Mitchell	47	4, (6, 6) 5, 6, 5, 5	3, 5, 5, 5, 4	

Racing was close: I timed myself on Saturday. In the 1<sup>st</sup> race I was well back, but in 2 races I was within 30 seconds of the winner, and I was less than a minute behind in the others.

## Bay of Islands Labour Weekend

Sad to say, none of us could visit, even though there was no other regatta on. But the local sailors had a great time, and it was well written-up on Sail World.com. I got these results from there, and they should count towards the Grand Prix Trophy.

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No	Helm	BAY RACE	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Nett	Notes
1	VOLARE	380	STEVE USSHER	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	<del>DNC</del>	10	
2	RED BOAT	313	MICHAEL RIVINGTON	<del>DNC</del>	2	2	2	2	2	DNC	DNC	DNC	22	
3	ORANGE BOAT	327	KAYNE	2	1	3	3	3	<del>DNF</del>	DNC	DNC	DNC	24	

Hamilton deserves a mention simply because of numbers: for the last two Saturdays we have had a fleet of 7 boats, and when everyone turns up we will have 9. If the Paines come back from overseas, we will have 12, but I hear that they are not coming back soon... No 88 Think Pink has moved here from Tauranga, and is now sailed by Tim Griffiths' younger brother Brad. No 103 is no longer in Rotorua – Ivan Robertson now has it here in Hamilton. Ivan's older brother Juan (335) has been pushing Tim Griffiths, Matthew Vaughan and me for front-of-the-fleet position.

**Get your boats out – there is good sailing to be had!**

## **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. We have no record of measurement for some of these boats.*

(some can be seen on trademe)

- Kayne Mitchell #327 Northland Foam sandwich hull – has passed measurement, may now need remeasurement. [kaynemitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:kaynemitchell@hotmail.com) 021 02333373
- David #174 "Peppermint Twist" Northland (no record of measurement) [prchals@xtra.co.nz] 09 4352501 021 2968720
- R Clarke #81 "Outrageous" Northland [clarkee@xtra.co.nz] 0211557355  
(Passed measurement with exemption., provided hull weight is not brought back down to minimum.)
- Clayton Homes #172 "Full Narna" Auckland (passed measurement 1978) [jimandglenis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jimandglenis@xtra.co.nz) 09 4733220 027 5838321
- Bruce McCallum #187 Auckland [bruce.mcc1@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.mcc1@gmail.com) 0211398990 (measures)
- Sally Garrett #64 "White Death" Auckland [sallyg@dta.mil.nz](mailto:sallyg@dta.mil.nz) (measures)
- Rob #297 "Nearly There" Christchurch, (no record of measurement) 03 384 3408 [robert.bentley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:robert.bentley@otago.ac.nz) 021 1705116

**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  
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Please sail your 3-7, or think about selling it!

See you on the water.

John Elliott

