

3-7 News

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09 – 10 programme:

Feb 20, 21	Tauranga Regatta - <u>North Island Champs</u>
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.

Coming Events:

NEW PLYMOUTH REGATTA Feb 13 & 14, No-one else can/wants to attend, and I am now too broke. Delete.

North Island Champs TAURANGA, Feb 20, 21.

Entry \$40 if mailed in before Fri 12th;

\$45 if you enter on the Sat morning.

Why not spend 50c to save \$5??

Send entries and payment to
PO Box 14352, Tauranga 3143,
or by Email and direct debit to our bank account **ANZ Bank Tauranga 01-0434-0082955-00.**

Registration till 9.30 am; Briefing 9.45. Race 1 at 11.00 am, 3 races per day.

NOR and Entry Form have already been emailed to you. There should be a good fleet – most of the 8 who attended Anniversary day are coming, plus others. Join us.

Auckland Champs are confirmed for HOWICK, March 13, 14.

SAILING NEWS

SNEAK PHOTOGRAPHY!!!! Will these intrusive paparazzi stop at nothing??



Anniversary Regatta Harbour Blast Feb 1

Yes, that is me in the photo, as seen and snapped from the bridge of the RNZ Navy *Te Mana* vessel, by our bold Class President, who, while we battled with the furious elements, courageously took a group of Sea Scouts to have tea and cucumber sandwiches with the Captain of the *Te Mana*..... Cell-phone (?) photo through the windscreen of a Navy ship makes the conditions look much calmer than they were!

Filthy weather, that eased to light rain/cloudy during the morning. Wind Guru and Metvuw (usually reliable) predicted 15-20 knots Easterly, not going much over 20. But for once, the exaggeration office (Met Service) turned out to be closer to the mark. 10 minutes before we left shore, a bystander told us that Bean Rock was reporting average 25knots, gusting 29 knots. It did not ease from that!

Add to that an unusually high tide of 3.6 meters, meaning stronger-than-usual tide against the wind, along with the wakes of all the bigger boats out there... and we got pretty tough conditions. Big chop combined with huge waves that jumped up in front of you out of nowhere, often just as a gust hit. Not hugely difficult upwind, but pretty scary at times downwind. And the reaches were too broad for spilling wind from the top of the sail.

Even so, a top group of nine sailors turned out:

1st Rhys Johnston: anyone who thought this guy might not have won the last Nationals in rougher conditions had better think again: he outsped and outsailed all of us. Real Class.

2nd Phil Ash: almost as fast, and a great performance in that he avoided costly swims! 10 nautical miles, and Phil was even with Rhys shortly before the finish.

3rd Julien Pilate: Julien has become very competitive in normal conditions, but had not yet struck conditions like these. He had swims, and sailed conservatively. But he did finish, even if some way behind. He will only get better...

As I remember (results not yet on Regatta website) the rest of us failed to finish. Here are the heroic DNF's:

Derek Scott: Looked to be flying – had a swim on the 1st triangle, but just as he caught up to me, his rudderblade snapped off.

Mark O'Brien: Returned from England, and going very fast, hot on heels of Rhys or even ahead of him – but then he had a swim or two, and put a hole in his deck with his trapeze hook – forced to withdraw.

Bruce McCallum: Speeding upwind, first to 1st mark. But too many swims offwind. I cannot remember if it was a breakage or exhaustion that caused his withdrawal.

John Elliott: Feeling his 63 years, sailing cautiously, tacking slowly... survived triangle, windward-leeward, plus next windward leg, but came to grief on second triangle. See photo above. Two capsizes, and I knew I would be too tired to pull my boat up again after a third, so I withdrew.

It was galling to be in a safe 3rd place so near the end, but not able to finish. Also galling to have reefing points on the sail, but to have been conned by Wind Guru and Metvuw into not using them! (I have yet to think of any further scapegoats.)

Gavin Auld: Gavin returned to shore for a quick minor repair (something undone?) and then made it past the top mark, but his lack of time in the class in these conditions meant too many swims offwind. As I remember, he withdrew with no serious damage.

Katie de Lange: unfairly trapped by unexpected conditions: Katie had the least time on the water in a 3-7 of all present, but made it out to the start line. She then had trouble getting out onto the trapeze, and after a few swims her intermediate stay parted, forcing her withdrawal. She sailed back to shore unaided.

There were a few other interesting-looking boats: several Musto skiffs, and an RS700 of huge hull length. However, the guys sailing them had not had enough time in such conditions, or that is how it seemed. After many swims, none of them got as far as I did. Unfair to make harsh judgements, because 6 of us did not finish either!

Nine is an excellent turnout. Most of these guys say they will come to Tauranga weekend after next. Come and join a good fleet!

Subs paid to 22/01/10: David Cook (1st by Eftpos), Don Currie (1st by post), Demian Dixon, Kevin Holland, Phil Ash, Lance O'Connell, Chris Mitchell, Mark O'Brien, Chris Carlaw, Renzo Biasi, Stephen Wagstaff, Keith Paine, Alan Paine, Malcolm Paine, Naomi Paine, Mark McMinn, Aaron Duncan, Katie de Lange, Mike Jones, Maartin van Rossum, Julien Pilate.

Associate dues: David Perkinson (pre-paid.)

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)

- **No. 177** –ex Grant Loretz and Nathan Handley. Top boat in excellent order, 2 very good sails including one high tec composite(used 4 times) and one Dacron, plus a practice sail; top carbon rig, etc, with good alloy beach trolley. Measures, down to weight. \$5,400. John Curtis email John@mgsi.co.nz
- 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 09 4733220 027 5838321
- Bruce McCallum #187 Auckland bruce.mcc1@gmail.com 0211398990 (measures)

Mast stiff, Fosters alloy section. What offers? Gavin Laird, 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

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

See you on the water.

John Elliott

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Mail this form to-

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Hamilton

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ 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 –

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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)

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