



Elliott 5.9
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Newsletter to Members

Greetings from Wellington

An update on activities, results and the 2005 Nationals

Rotorua Icebreaker - 18/19 September 2004

The Rotorua Icebreaker Series was held at the Rotorua Water Sports Centre hosted by the Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron on 18 and 19 September 2004. We had a record number of entries - 17 in total - from as far away as Kerikeri - well done Jason on Water Prf as well as four from Wellington. The Club got five races away on the Saturday with variable and shifty conditions.

Sunday proved to be too windy for racing with gusts 25 to 28 knots early on in the morning settling in which meant it was an early pack up and reverting to the Clubhouse. Results for the five races on Saturday are as follows:

Boat	Sail no	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	Skipper	Region
Slam Dunk	3700	1	3	3	1	2		10	Cameron Horne	Auckland
Lambada	3935	7	1	5	7	1		21	Simon Manning	Wellington
Luxury Liner	3690	2	6	7	4	3		22	Brian Kent	Tauranga
The Blurr	3131	5	8	4	6	5		28	Mike Leyland/Pete Redmond	Wellington
Zoots Alure	3143	8	11	2	3	6		30	Dave Cochrane	Whangarei
Cut Lunch	3231	3	2	8	9	9		31	Eric Knight	Whangarei
Hobo the										
Butcher	3884	4	5	1	8	16		34	Rob Ward	Whangarei
Elliott Ness	3629	12	4	10	2	7		35	Rob Gill	Auckland
Pen Wig &										
Ballcock	3802	15	7	6	5	10		43	Andy Brown	Wellington
Voo Doo	3203	6	9	11	10	11		47	Andy McCallum	Wellington
Sub 60	3760	10	15	9	11	4		49	Chris Macindoe	Rotorua
Animal Crackers	4032	13	13	12	12	8		58	Bruce Yovich	Whangarei
Tight Fit	3590	9	12	13	13	13		60	Tony Poolman	Rotorua
Brzo	3146	11	10	15	14	12		62	Paul Sloane	Tauranga
Spurt	3673	14	14	16	15	17		76	Alan Fullerton	Tauranga
Slippery Slope	3668	17	16	14	16	14		77	Paul Rogers	Rotorua
Water Prf	4	16	17	17	17	15		82	Jason King	Kerikeri

Well done Cam Horne on Slam Dunk, another excellent result. It was the first racing we have seen for awhile without the Waggy team. Lambada has been sold to Simon Manning and he delivered a very credible second placing at the Regatta. Brian Kent on Luxury Liner again proved that consistency

pays off coming in a very close third. Waggy was on The Blurr with Mike Leyland and managed overall fourth.

The social activities were once again memorable, for those who can remember. Apparently the President wrote himself off on Friday night and surprised everybody by looking so sharp on Saturday morning. The Pen Wig team have had it in the ear from Jocko for leaving him at the pub on Friday night - we are told he ceremoniously slid down the wall at the end of the evening. Saturday night was a much more sober affair. Many thanks to Tony Poolman and his team for pulling it altogether.

Adding the Rotorua Icebreaker results to the Sportsboats Series the overall position looks as follows:

Appleton Estate E.5.9 Sportsboat Series

Series ranking	Boat name	Ends of the				Total (best 3 races)
		Tauranga BOP Champs	Island Whangarei	Auckland Champs	Rotorua Icebreaker	
1st	Slam Dunk	20	19	19	20	59
2nd	Luxury Liner	19		20	18	57
3rd	Hobo		18	17	14	49
4th	Elliott Ness	18	16	14	13	48
5th	Cut Lunch		17	13	15	45
6th	Tight Fit	16	15	12	8	43
7th	Zoot Allures		20		16	36
8th	Animal Crackers		14	10	9	33
9th	Spurt	13		10	6	29
10th	Pen Wig and Ballcock			16	12	28
11th	Voodoo			15	11	26
12th	Brzo	17			7	24
13th	Sub 60			11	10	21
14th	Lambada (Manning)				19	19
15th	Lambada (Wagstaff)			18		18
16th	Slippery Slope	12			5	17
17th	Blurr				17	17
18th	Icebreaker	15				15
19th	Bombtrack	14				14
20th	Wtr Prf				4	4

Note

A high score system is used for calculating the series results, as follows: 1st place - 20 points, 2nd - 19 points, 3rd - 18 points ...20th or more - 1 point

Boats not racing score no points for that regatta

Best 3 scores out of 5 regattas, count towards the series result

Boats tied on equal points will be ranked in alphabetical order until the series is complete

Boats tied at the end of the series will be ranked using their NI Champs score as a tie-breaker

Boats must complete 3 regattas to qualify for the series

The Slam Dunk boys have their noses in front but it is still a very close thing. Remember that only your top 3 results count, so expect changes as the rankings “squeeze up”. The North Island Champs in Turangi on the 27th/28th November is the last regatta of the Series. We will be doing the series prize draw for a new North Sail for 1 lucky boat. Remember, only those boats that have completed 3 regattas in the series and are in Turangi, qualify. Plus of course we have more Appleton Estate and Coruba rum spot prizes to be won, and another fabulous regatta pack from Ronstan.

A big “thank you” to the organisers of the 4 regattas so far in the series - they have all been very successful. Now it’s time to start thinking about next year. Please come to Turangi with your

feedback for us. What did you think of the Series? Are there enough regattas / too many? Are they the right dates? Are the Series rules fair? Which venues did you like / not like? Are you happy with the sponsors / prizes? What can we do to make the Series better in 2005?

Judging by the 17 boat turn-out in Rotorua we must be doing something right, so please bring your diaries, ready to propose and agree dates for 2005. We need owners and venues to make up the Series next year and would like to publish the schedule by the time we meet for the Nationals. With the Tauranga team running the Nationals in 2005 we need another venue assuming the series stays with the 5 regatta format. So far the suggestions are:

2005 Appleton Estate E5.9 Sportsboat Series

March (Easter)	Wellington "Ends of the Island" regatta – in conjunction with the Trailer Sailor Nationals
April/May	Open to suggestions (Taupo / Whangarei) ?
June (Queen's B'day wk end)	Auckland Champs
Sept/October	Rotorua "Icebreaker" regatta
November	North Island Champs, (Turangi / other?)

Turangi North Island Championships

The final race in the series will be the Turangi North Island Championships, again based at the Creel Lodge in Turangi. Racing will be Saturday 27th November and Sunday 28th November 2004 with prizegiving Sunday afternoon. No doubt most participants will arrive Friday night for a general bullshit session and piss up. Saturday night will be the barbeque at Creel. We are hoping for 20 boats at the North Island Champs so please guys, make the effort - particularly the Tauranga and Rotorua boys.

There will be limited measuring undertaken at Turangi so that boats can be well prepared for the 2005 Nationals. We can measure and certify masts booms and safety equipment. Weighing of boats where applicable will be left to Tauranga. The same will go for sails.

There are a few things we need to discuss at Turangi so please be around early afternoon Sunday at the Yacht Club.

2005 Nationals

It's all go for Tauranga from Sunday 23 January 2005 to Friday 28 January 2005 at the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club. The schedule of events is as follows:

Sunday, 23 January	Measurement	0900 - 1700 hours
	Registration	0900 - 1700 hours
	AGM	1800 hours
Monday, 24 January	Briefing	0830 hours
Thursday, 27 January	Prizegiving	Time to be advised

Racing Schedule

Warning signal for Race 1 is 1125hrs on Monday, 24 January. On subsequent race days the warning signal for the first race of each day shall be at 1055 hrs. Up to 4 races are scheduled per day and a total of 12 races are scheduled. Reserve day is scheduled for Friday, 28 January.

The Notice of Race is in final form and is at Yachting New Zealand for approval and publication. We are hoping to get the Notice of Race and Entry Form out to members in the next 10 days. It will not be accompanied with the order form for the 2005 Nationals' T-shirts, etc. Allan Fullerton is hoping to send out details separately in a couple of weeks time - please remember that you will need to order these in advance as there will be no stock available at the Nationals.

Queries and other information can be directed to either Allan Fullerton on email spurtracing@ihug.co.nz or myself. Remember that accommodation will be tight in January. Details were provided in the June Newsletter.

Class Association Rules

Updated and finalised Class Association Rules will be issued to all members following release of this Newsletter. The Class Association Rules are as at September 2004, and contain Appendices 1 to IV. At the same time we will also be sending out Part 1 and 2 of the Measurement Form together with an Application for Measurement Certificate. Only those yachts which do not have current measurement certificates need to apply. (Refer below)

Measurement Certificates

All boats with appropriate measurements have now been issued measurement certificates. There are two or three boats that need to apply for new certificates following change of ownership. Details of what is required are set out in the updated Class Association Rules.

There will be boats that need certificates to be issued. They should complete the application form which is enclosed with updated Class Association Rules.

The Class Measurer, Andy Brown, is holding a database of yacht hull weights which have been taken from the last two Nationals. As mentioned at Rotorua we will only be weighing those boats for which we do not have weight measurements. Details can be obtained from Andy Brown.

“A bit of Skirt”

Don't forget to get your orders in for the trailer skirts. We sent owners details last week together with an order form. They are really good value and they help promote both the Association and the sponsors' products.

Boat for sale

An Elliott 5.9 for sale called “Eagle” at Maraetai Sailing Club. \$11,000 complete with road trailer. There are a couple of sets of sails and the general condition is pretty good. Contact person is Bob Gray and he can be contacted on Auckland 09 536 4133 or email bobfran@slingshot.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you all in Turangi.

Happy Sailing

Regards



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