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Newsletter

Seasons Greetings from Wellington

This will be the last newsletter for the year. I trust you will all have a great Christmas and a relaxing break prior to our catching up in Kerikeri in early February.

A brief report on activities over the last few weeks:

North Island Freshwater Champs, Turangi

A good turnout for the weekend of 19/20 November with 16 boats on the start line. Friday night was the normal "lets all talk the same old stories and make as much noise as possible outside the President's sleeping chamber". Saturday arrived all too quickly with a light northerly and beautiful sunny conditions. Wally got in five races with a real mixed bag of results, particularly those boats being helmed by young and old guns. A good example was Sub 60 where Chris MacIndoe handed the helm over to a young Auckland boy and was up in the top rankings with a third, a first and a fourth. Similarly Fi was thrown off Spurt by her ever loving husband and replaced by Brian Kent, that great international sailor who delivered consistent top placings across the five races. Contrast all of this with some of the others, i.e. Slam Dunk in the first race - 12th and The Blurr - 13th. My boys on Pen Wig couldn't seem to get it right - Ricko has agreed to button his lip on the start line. Lets see how long that will last. Erotic had a great day. It just shows that what Waggy can do when he is not three parts full of alcohol.

Race Two on Day 1 had a dodgy starting sequence and was ultimately struck out. Saturday night proved to be up to the normal standard - great barbeque... more bullshit and the President's suite full of rum drinking, swash buckling yobbos. On Sunday the wind shifted to the west and got up to 18 knots. Cam and Glenn clearly got their act together and Slam Dunk came in strongly in all three races. Voodoo was once again consistent with strong finishes. All in all a great two days. We all adjourned to the Yacht Club for prizegiving where the results were as follows:

Voodoo	1 st	Cut Lunch	9 th
Sub 60	2 nd	The Blurr	10 th
Erotic	3 rd	BRZO	11 th
Slam Dunk	4 th	Tight Fit	12 th
Spurt	5 th	Elliot Goblit	13 th
Hobo the Butcher	6 th	Pen Wig and Ballcock	14 th
Zoot Allures	7 th	Bombtrack	15 th
Animal Crackers	8 th	Razorback	16 th

2005 Appleton Estate Rum E5.9 Traveller Series

Adding the Turangi North Island Freshwater Championship results to our Traveller Series produces the following results for the best three out of five races

Boat name	Ends of the Island Wellington	Auckland Champs	Taupo Invitation	Rotorua Icebreaker	Turangi NI Champs	Total (best 3 races)	Overall Series Placing
Animal Crackers	20	5	7	4	8	16	6th
Bombtrack	20	9	9	14	15	32	14th
Brzo	2	20	20	8	11	21	10th
Cut Lunch	20	4	20	6	9	19	9th
Elliot Goblit	4	20	20	20	13	37	15th
Elliott Ness	20	20	20	20	20	-	-
Erotic	20	20	20	2	3	25	12th
Frivolous Fish	20	20	20	20	20	-	-
Hobo the Butcher	20	3	20	5	6	14	4th
Icebreaker	20	20	20	20	20	-	-
Lambada	20	20	20	20	20	-	-
Luxury Liner	20	20	20	9	20	49	17th
Nevis	20	20	20	20	20	-	-
Pen Wig & Ballcock	1	20	4	12	14	17	7th
Razorback	20	20	20	20	16	56	18th
Slam Dunk	20	1	2	3	4	6	2nd
Slippery Slope	20	20	20	20	20	-	-
Spurt	20	6	20	13	5	24	11th
Sub 60	20	8	8	20	2	18	8th
The Blurr	3	20	3	7	10	13	3rd
Tight Fit	20	20	6	11	12	29	13th
Voodoo	20	20	1	1	1	3	1st
WTR PRUF	20	7	10	20	20	37	16th
Zoot Allures	20	2	5	10	7	14	5th

Note

A low score system is used for calculating the series results, as follows: 1st place - 1 points, 2nd - 2 points, etc
 Boats not racing score 20 points for that regatta, or number of boats +1, which ever is greater
 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

Overall Placings

1 st	Voodoo	10 th	BRZO
2 nd	Slam Dunk	11 th	Spurt
3 rd	The Blurr	12 th	Erotic
4 th	Hobo the Butcher	13 th	Tight Fit
5 th	Zoot Allures	14 th	Bombtrack
6 th	Animal Crackers	15 th	Elliot Goblit
7 th	Pen Wig & Ballcock	16 th	Wtr Pruf
8 th	Sub 60	17 th	Luxury Liner
9 th	Cut Lunch	18 th	Razorback

Congratulations to Simon Manning and Voodoo, well done to Cam and Slam Dunk. You will see from the overall results that attending as many regattas as possible helps the overall placings so well done those boats who have been to at least four of the regattas.

As part of the Appleton Estate Traveller Series Rob Gill once again negotiated a spot prize of a new jib to the value of \$850.00 courtesy of North Sails New Zealand. Spurt was the name drawn out of the hat and congratulations to Allan Fullerton in winning that prize. The rest of the eligible entries were generously showered with Appleton Estate rum. Thanks again to our sponsors.

Elliott 5.9 website

For those who are not yet aware you need to visit our new website at <http://www.e59.org.nz> which has been professionally designed by Ian MacIntosh. Many thanks to Ian for all his efforts.

Members can post information on the website by sending data to Ian at ian.macintosh@matrix.co.nz Please follow a few simple rules as follows:

- *Pictures -In digital format (Ian is unable to scan anything). Please make sure photos have a meaningful name (i.e. Nats Tauranga)*
- *Please send results in an excel spreadsheet - named with the date, event and series. Final results only please, otherwise it will be confusing.*
- *Stories - text, etc - in plain text format or MS Word. If there are pics to be added into the story, please put in a folder with the story.*

You can also use the website to advertise the sale of boats and other boating equipment.

2006 Nationals

As you are all aware the 2006 Elliott 5.9 Nationals will be held at the Kerikeri Cruising Club, Kerikeri from Monday, 6 February 2006 through to Thursday, 9 February 2006. The Association AGM and any measuring of boats will take place on Sunday, 5 February. Jason King of WTR PRUF will be issuing Registration Forms and Notice of Race in due course.

We will be sending out in the New Year AGM Agenda, financials to date, last AGM minutes, etc, so watch this space.

2006 Appleton Estate Rum E5.9 Traveller Series

Would Port Captains please come prepared at the AGM with dates for the 2006 Appleton Estate Traveller Series; particularly Whangarei, Auckland, Taupo and Rotorua.

Boat for Sale

Elliott 5.9 - T3747 "Bombtrack"

Due to one of the owners going overseas, "Bombtrack" is now for sale.

Sale price: \$11,000 ono

Please contact for further details:

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Look forward to seeing you all in Kerikeri in February.

Regards



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President