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Newsletter to Members

Happy New Year

There have been a number of positive things happening since our last newsletter. Firstly, we have updated and issued the latest Class Association Rules; we will be issuing Measurement Certificates at the 2004 Nationals; there have been two successful regattas and the interest in the 5.9 has increased considerably.

Recent ownership changes

Animal Crackers - owned jointly by Bruce Yovich and Peter Williams of Auckland region
Bombtrack - John Nixon of Tauranga
Lambada - Greg Wagstaff of Wellington
Luxury Liner - Brian Kent of Tauranga
Nevis - Mike Sowerby of Tauranga
Slippery Slope - Paul Rogers of Rotorua
BRZO has gone to Tauranga -(name of owner unknown)

Results of Spring Regatta - Lake Rotorua 27th & 28th September 2003

The Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron had a successful regatta on Lake Rotorua. On the Saturday the winds were a steady 10-15 knot northwesterly and 12-18 knot northerly on the Sunday. Cameron Horne and crew of Slam Dunk dominated the 5.9 results but all the racing was very close.

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Points
1 Slam Dunk	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	9
2 Zoot Allures	2	3	3	5	3	1	2	1	3	18
3 Hobo The Butcher	3	2	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	19
4 Tight Fit	6	4	6	3	4	4	6	5	4	36
5 Brzo	5	7	2	6	6	6	4	4	6	37
6 Slippery Slope	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	7	5	38
7 Spurt	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	54

Results of the 2003 Turangi - Elliott 5.9 North Island Champs

Another great weekend was had by crew and supporters with the highlight being the registration of 16 boats - the highest we have had for a very long time including the Nationals. We saw some outstanding racing particularly on Saturday with new boys Brian Kent on Luxury Liner and Mike

Sowerby on Nevis pulling some good results. Pen Wig & Ballcock delivered consistent racing results to the delight of their shore manager who now believes his 10 year investment in the old boys was worth it!

Waggy on Lambada was heading out the back door and we thought for a moment he had retired from racing. Your President was so confident that this was the case that he placed an unnecessarily large bet that Waggy couldn't pull two bullets in the next two races on Sunday. The results speak for themselves and the Dinsdales have been eating mince for the last month.

Overall a fantastic result for Slam Dunk and Cameron Horne which just goes to prove that a good consistent race record delivers top prize.

Series Position	Sail No.	Boat Name	Race						Series Score
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1st	T3700	Slam Dunk	2	4	1	1	6	2	16
2nd	T3802	Pen Wig & Ballcock	4	3	6	5	2	4	24
3rd	T3690	Luxury Liner	1	1	2	8	7	7	26
4th	T3099	Nevis	8	2	5	2	4	5	26
5th	T3884	Hobo	5	7	3	3	5	3	26
6th	T3143	Zoot Allures	3	8	4	4	3	8	30
7th	T3935	Lambada	6	5	17	17	1	1	47
8th	T3203	Voodoo	12	10	7	9	8	9	55
9th	T3131	Blurr	13	6	11	12	12	6	60
10th	T3231	Cut Lunch	9	11	13	7	9	13	62
11th	T3580	Elliot Goblit	14	9	8	11	11	10	63
12th	T3744	Frivolous Fish	7	16	9	6	14	12	64
13th	T3747	Bombtrack	10	12	14	13	10	11	70
14th	T3146	BRZO	11	15	12	10	17	17	82
15th	T3590	Tight Fit	15	13	10	14	13	17	82
16th	T3673	Spurt	16	14	15	17	17	17	96

2004 National Championships

As previously advised the 2004 National Championships will be held at Waikawa Boating Club (adjacent to Picton) from Monday 2 February 2004 to Saturday 7 February 2004. Entry forms and Notice of Race have been distributed to boat owners. **Please ensure that your registrations are in by Friday 9 January 2004 to avoid the late registration fee.**

We are really keen to build up our numbers for this regatta - 16 boats on Lake Taupo looked fantastic - imagine what 20 boats in Queen Charlotte Sound would look like.

Given the strength of the Association's finances we should be able to subsidise a proportion of the cost of the ferry for the North Island boats travelling to Picton.

The program is as follows:

Monday 2 nd February	Registration; Weigh day & measuring of boats from 0900 to 1700 hours Annual General Meeting at 1800 hours
Tuesday 3 rd February	Briefing at 0830 hours Fleet racing
Wednesday 4 th February	Fleet racing

Thursday 5th February Fleet racing & Prizegiving
Friday 6th February Waitangi Day - lay day or additional fleet racing day if required
Saturday 7th February Social function in the evening for those members and crew who want to enjoy the Waikawa Bay hospitality - Blues, Brews & BBQ - an annual event enjoyed by all. Cost around \$25.00 - free bus to and from the venue which will leave from the marina.

The Organising Authority for the 2004 Nationals is the Waikawa Boating Club - <http://www.waikawaboatingclub.org.nz>

Local points of contact are:

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Accommodation

Waikawa Bay Seafront Apartments <http://www.visitpicton.com>

Stumbling distance to Yacht Club and Jolly Roger Café/Bar. New complex, each unit has three bedrooms downstairs with four singles and one double bed. Upstairs has large living area, kitchen, laundry, balcony, garage. Complex has spa and pool. Vehicles not required as we can organise boat launching and ferry pickups if needed. Price is approx \$100 per night per team if two teams to one unit. If unit wanted for one team only - \$170 per night.

This is the best location and size to accommodate everyone together. It is very popular so please book early.

If you do bring a vehicle other options close by are:

Parklands Marina Holiday Park - Basic cabins \$50ish per night for two. Same road as marina. 5 min walk.

Waikawa Holiday Park - 0800 924 529 - a range of units from \$60 to 85 per night

Bay Vista Motels - 0800 229 847 - up to \$100 per night sleeping up to 2 to 8

Sunnyvale Motels - 03 573 6800 - approx \$85 for three per night per unit. Old but tidy and opposite a boat ramp. Only 3 min drive and could walk - 10 mins away.

Blue Anchor Holiday Park - 0800 277 666 - Share facility cabins \$45 for two per night.

Self contained two bedroom units \$75 for two per night.

Top Ten Holiday Park - is 8 mins drive to marina.

Ferries

Strait Shipping Limited is offering competitors travelling to and from the 2004 Nationals a 10% discount on passenger and freight travel. You will need to advise booking staff that you are an official competitor in order to receive this discount. The dates for which this discount will apply are from Saturday 31 January until Sunday 8 February 2004. The contact number for Strait Shipping Ltd is 0800 162 322.

Annual General Meeting

As noted above the AGM is scheduled for Monday, 2 February 2004 at 1800 hours at the Waikawa Boating Club. An agenda will be sent to boat owners under separate cover. If there is anything you want raised at the Annual Meeting, please advise myself or my PA Shelley Moylan so we can get it added to the agenda.

Boats wanted

We continue to get regular enquiries from prospective boat purchasers. If there are current boat owners who are thinking of selling, please let us know. We have recently heard that 5.9s are being built in Gladstone, Queensland, Australia and I have asked Greg Wagstaff and Andy Brown to follow up with the boat builder.

Look forward to seeing you all at Waikawa in early February.

Best wishes for 2004 and Happy Summer Sailing.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew J Dinsdale'.

Andrew J Dinsdale (Dins)
President