



'UPWIND'

November 2015

THE HOME OF UNMODIFIED RADIO YACHTS.
KYOSHO SEAWINDS - TAMIYA YAMAHAS - FAIRWINDS -
WHITBREAD 60s - ONE CLASS DESIGNS

Annual General Meeting 2015 and Prize Giving



The meeting opened at 4pm. Last year's Minutes were accepted. The Annual Reports were presented. Carol Bergquist reported on the state of the pond, the completion of the dredging and the repairs contracted to be done to the fountains, flap valves and weir gates.



Bruce Bower talked to Phillip Brain's proposal for contacting other groups that sail Seawinds with a view to invite them to compete against us. Eventually they would like to establish a National Championship for Seawinds.



Commodore Kevin Webb presented the prizes assisted by Ivan Fraser.



I had won the Summer series and also received trophies for places in the other seasonal series, the two A division series, the Match Race Cup (2014) and 3rd place in the President's Regatta.

Kevin presented trophies to himself for winning the Autumn and Winter series and the Aggregate Match race series and for 2nd place in the Spring series and 2nd in the President's Cup.

John Macaulay was not present to receive the Cup for winning the Spring series and for winning the President's Cup Regatta. Bruce Watson had places in the Summer series and Aggregate Match Race but was also not present.



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President's Report

Donated Boats

Last year we had 3 boats donated to the club: 96, 19, and 11. Earlier this year Garrick Rocard moved into a retirement village and donated his boat number 112 to the club. Garrick had disassembled the boat and was refurbishing it so it came to us requiring reassembly. Savannah 96 was used as the club boat in the early part of the year and this was replaced as the one taken to the pond when 19 was brought into use.

Paths and Parking

The Council has been adding a path from the park gates to the cycling area in order to improve pedestrian safety. They also have a plan to resurface the road and to rearrange the parking spaces. They plan to move some of the parking that is on the west side of the road to the east side. The idea is that it will be safer as people will not need to cross the road to get to the path. However, this is likely to reduce the spaces available because there will have to be a gap where the tree boxes are to allow two lanes to snake around the boxes. Also there will need to be a gap where there is a chained entrance to the grassed area. People will still park on both sides of the road and will ignore yellow lines. A nett gain in safety is unlikely to occur.



They also have plans to add more cycle paths. One will go from around the club house to the bridge and will run behind the path beside the pond, behind the picnic tables too. This should reduce the pedestrian and cycle traffic beside the pond, which will be good for our sailing. The downside is that it will cut across the turning loop and this may be removed. This will be replaced by turning bays at the end of the road to allow a 3 point turn. This will remove even more parking spaces.

Weather and Racing

We had no cancelled or abandoned race days in the past year, though three races were not sailed due to very light winds, the scores being scaled upwards on those days. It had been expected that the dredging may make the pond unavailable but the worst was that we could only use half the pond which didn't prove to be a problem.

Richard Plinston

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

We have received subscription payments from 19 members with some who are new to Seawind sailing hopefully confirming their membership at the AGM.

At last year's meeting we agreed to adjust the subscription to \$25 reduced to \$20 if paid at the AGM. It made a slight difference to the bottom line.

Founding member Ivan Fraser has been unwell but is improving and should be able to join us at the AGM and to present the inaugural Fraser Cup. Members may recall that Ivan sailed one of the first Seawinds in NZ following our win at the 95 Americas Cup with NZL32. Ivan believes the Seawind's design was actually based on an earlier 12m version.

Radio Control sailing on Onepoto Lagoon actually got under way in 1994 probably following a round world yacht race as one of the two models was a Whitbread 60 and the other a Yamaha 20. The fate of the Bruce Farr designed Whitbread 60 is not known, but the Yamaha 20 is still around and we had one sailing with us a few years ago (63 in photo below from Feb 2007). You see them on Trade Me from time to time.

Both models were superseded by the Seawind which proved to be more competitive, a nice boat to sail, and is still a good buy compared with other similar sized models on the market.

Peter Andrews



State of the Pond - update

Dredging of the sailing pond took longer than expected but magically the project run was coming in under-budget. So, additional silt was extracted around the pond edges before moving the dredge to the second pond. Dredging the second pond has now been completed and the dredge removed.

As the dewatering of sludge is going well, it is expected that the bags will be removed to landfill in mid-November. Then it will take approximately two weeks to complete removal of the bunded area and re-instate with topsoil and grass.

CCTV footage has been taken to check the fountains' pump pipeline. Once the size, type and condition have been confirmed the new pump and set up can be specified. If the pipeline is ok, the new system will take about a week to install.

The work yet to do and which is also in the existing contract includes:

1. Repairs to the southern pond outlet as follows:
 - Clean outlet structure and outlet pipe
 - Repair concrete surface with epoxy mortar
 - Replace displaced stainless steel angle iron crossbar, and fix with M6 (min) SS DynaBolt or equivalent
 - Replace wooden boards of control weir, including 120mm bronze bolts, all as per existing boards
 - Replace additional wooden strip fixed to top board, all as per existing strip
 - Replace wooden wedges for wedging the boards in place
 - Provide new stainless steel chain anchored to rear rim of the chamber, for securing wooden boards that are not in use, including stainless steel rings fixed to boards for threading the chain

2. Repairs to fountain pump intake
3. Repairs to flap valve chamber

The specifications for the safety grid is that the weight should be such that one person can open and close it, and it is not to be locked by padlock or key but to be secured with a threaded bolt into a fixed nut and the bolt to be attached to the lid with a chain so it doesn't get lost.

4. Demolish and dispose of the existing weir between ponds.

Landscape Architecture students at Unitec have been taking an interest in Onepoto Domain with clearing weeds and replanting the wetland around the new boardwalk. The students also monitor water quality in the sailing pond, and have formed a 'sustainability group' that comes down and removes rubbish from the ponds.

Hopefully, Parks will take more interest in keeping the ponds clear and clean with better signage about feeding wildlife and disposing of rubbish. Rats have been seen during daylight picking up the bread left lying around. New Zealand Transport Authority together with volunteer groups has included Onepoto Domain and Tuff crater in their animal pest control with bait-trapping for rats. This was primarily to protect the New Zealand dotterels' nesting areas in Shoal Bay on the other side of the motorway, and now extends to include public areas on the inland side. All ground nesting birds will benefit – ducks, pukeko, paradise shelduck and banded rail (a threatened species seen in the Onepoto Estuary).

Carol Bergquist



Banded Rail at Waiwera

Below: How those trees have grown since 2007



Racing Committee Report

Over the past year we have benefited from the dredging of the Pond. The Committee would like to thank those members who pushed hard for this planned exercise to finally occur. Whilst the dredging took some time and necessitated sailing in some confined spaces on the odd occasion it has been worth the wait! That said it was noticed on the final September Sunday that "scut" was starting to reappear on the surface.

The heart of any club is are members using it and are new members joining? It is pleasing to able to confirm that 8 members sailed over 100

races during the year indicating they enjoy it.

And perhaps more importantly 10 people have joined during the past year and the Committee would like to welcome them all and encourage them to take an active part in not only the sailing but also operation of the club for example by joining the Race Committee!

Can I also thank those who take their turns at refereeing races, it is a thankless task but someone has to do it! So thank you one and all. Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Race Committees for their efforts and input.

Happy racing in 2016 **John Macaulay**

Number	Name	Races	Total Score	Average	Wins	Places	Refs	Race+Ref	Win+Place%
1/100	Richard Plinston	142	527	3.71	28	46	23	165	45
14	Daniel Leahy	45	303	6.73	2	8	5	50	20
2	Tom Clark	106	517	4.88	13	32	8	114	39
20	Jim Keogh	25	230	9.2	0	0	1	26	0
21	Peter Andrews	98	512	5.22	6	21	15	113	24
24	John Hinton	12	102	8.5	0	1	0	12	8
30	Kevin Webb	121	384	3.17	30	44	14	135	55
33	Bruce Watson	107	398	3.72	27	31	11	118	49
35	Bruce Bower	39	300	7.69	3	2	0	39	13
47	Roger Hawkins	31	286	9.23	0	0	0	31	0
478	Daniel Bush	6	22	3.67	1	2	0	6	50
5	John McCaulay	80	304	3.8	14	32	14	94	49
55	Ian Bergquist	139	774	5.57	11	19	9	148	20
6	Neil Purcell	145	787	5.43	7	29	13	158	23
64	Gary Irwin	64	335	5.23	8	11	4	68	28
66	Brian Stiff	63	532	8.44	0	5	1	64	8
72	Trevor Shoebridge	45	428	9.51	0	0	0	45	0
75	Phillip Brain	67	522	7.79	2	5	2	69	10
80	Andrew Chong	10	84	8.4	0	0	0	10	0
84	Ivan Fraser	32	203	6.34	1	5	4	36	17
87	Hans Koerselman	35	339	9.69	0	0	0	35	0
9	Mike McCaw	61	485	7.95	2	3	4	65	8
99	Carol Bergquist	111	768	6.92	5	11	6	117	14
A12	Terry O'Neill	141	802	5.69	5	26	0	141	22
M	Maaki Muir	6	60	10	0	0	0	6	0
R	Reuben Muir	10	84	8.4	0	0	0	10	0

AGM Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the AAFL clubrooms at Onepoto Lagoon on Saturday 31 October, 2015 at 4:00pm.

Present: President Richard and 10 members.

Apologies: Tom Clark, Phillip Brain

Minutes of the 2014 meeting were received by Ian Bergquist and received by Terry O'Neill. Cd

President's Report

Richard made mention of the use we make of donated Seawinds even if some require remedial work. The plans by the Council to widen the drive into the ponds and play area may not result in increased car parking. A cycle track may encourage users to keep clear of the path bordering the lagoon. Only three race days were affected by conditions but none were cancelled outright. Kevin/Neill cd

Secretary's Report

While membership is steady a number of new sailors have sailed with us and hopefully will confirm their membership for the new sailing year. It was pleasing to see Ivan back after a spell of illness. Mention was made of Ivan's service as the only founding member still sailing with us. Kevin/Neill cd

Treasurer's Report

Funds remain healthy with a small loss due to reduced membership fees. Kevin/Ian cd

Racing Committee

It was pleasing to experience minor course adjustments due to dredging of the ponds. Mention was made of the support from members on sailing days with some turning up on 100 sailing days. Richard explained the procedure for assigning divisions to members. Mike/Ian cd

Election of Officers

Commodore	Kevin Webb Terry/Neil
President	Richard Plinston Mike/Carol
Secretary/Treas	Peter Andrews Ivan/Terry
Sailing Committee	Ian Bergquist) Bruce Bower) Terry O'Neill) Neil Purcell) Mike McCaw) Kevin/Ivan

Subscriptions.

No change to current levels Ian/Bruce cd

Sailing Programme

Richard presented the programme for the year and following discussion was approved.

State of the Pond

Carol spoke briefly on the plans to finalise the work in restoring the land surrounding the ponds.

Awards

In addition to published results Phillip Brain was judged Most Improved Sailor, Ian scored the Sandbaggers award and Carol was given the "Services to Radio Control Yachting" trophy for her work in ensuring the pond was available for sailing during the dredging activity.

General Business

The problem with parking was again raised and it does appear that the Council has no idea of the weekend use made of the area. As a regular user of the area perhaps we should make contact with Council's Martin Van Jarsveld of the unlikely improvements that may result from his plans to improve the overall layout.

Considerable discussion was held over an interest to widen the appeal of Seawinds with a national or regional contest. Phillip Brain got in touch with rc clubs in the region (Waihi and Gulf Harbour) and others and unfortunately little interest was forthcoming. While there are Seawinds everywhere none of the users seem keen to join in competing with us.

We are however keen to continue with plans to widen the appeal of competing with us and to this end Bruce Bower has agreed to head a sub-committee. Richard/Ivan cd.

Bruce had referred to a similar concern in the Go Karting fraternity and greater participation was sparked following a concerted approach to past users.

Richard commented that the open days where we compete for separate cups eg Anniversary weekend and Presidents Cup are open to all Seawind sailors (or other similar sized models) and while we advertise the events in our newsletters little support has been forthcoming. We have found that when some sailors from Kensington Park joined us on one occasion they found the competition a bit daunting.

Concern was expressed with some Seawind sail sets that are marginal as to whether they qualify. The sets produced by a local hobby shop are marginal. Sets from China are also suspect. The original Kyosho sets are still preferred.

It was agreed that our Sailing Committee could monitor the situation to at least ensure sail sets are standard and comply to the measurements which Ian Bergquist has produced.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 5.25pm with thanks to Carol for arranging the catering.

After Market Sails

There has been some discussion recently, and at the AGM, over non-Kyosho sails used for racing with NZRYS. The class rules adopted by the club in 2008 allow for sails to be other than genuine Kyosho parts as long as they are within the variation of standard sails, are made from similar material and they receive approval of the racing committee.

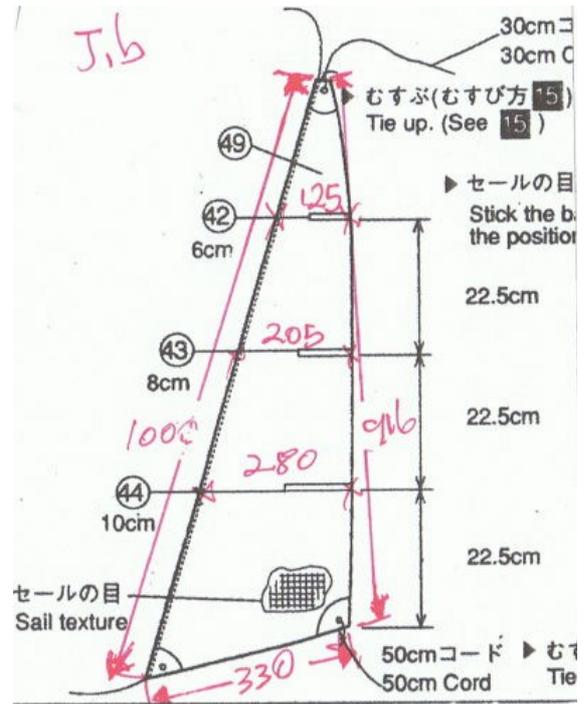
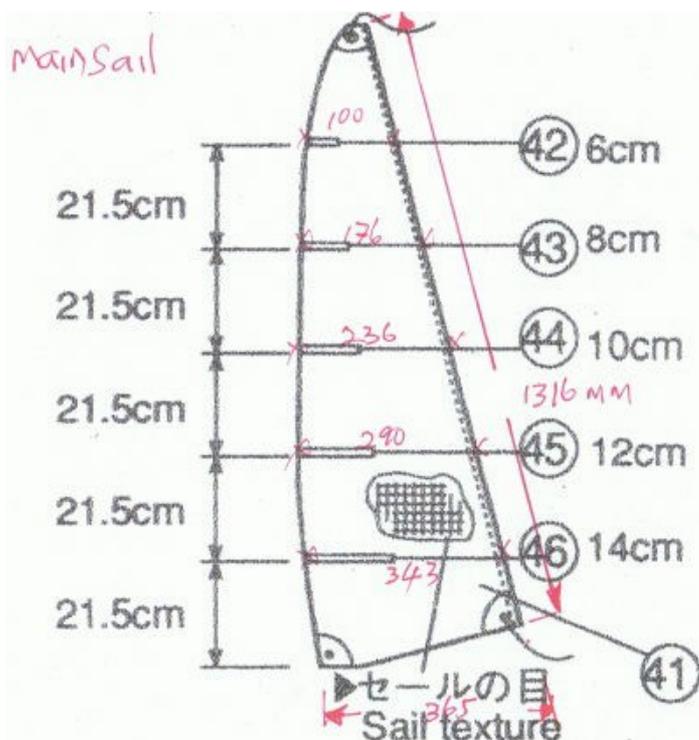
Some years ago the club had several sets of sails made for resale to members, a couple of these are still in use.

Ian Bergquist has drawn up guidelines for the making of sails and measurements that can be used to create a pattern.

AFTERMARKET SEAWIND SAILS

All alternatives to the originally supplied sails need to follow the same method of construction and fitting as per the originally supplied Koyscho item.

- 1 All main sails will have a bolt rope to run up and down the sail track.
- 2 Slugs and ties are not allowed.
- 3 Panelled sails are not allowed.
- 5 All alternatively produced sails are to be measured before fitting to the boat.
- 6 All sails are to be the same size as the originally supplied sails.
- 7 Battens are to be in the position described in the Seawind instruction booklet.



From: Phillip Brain

Hi Richard,

I am unable to attend the AGM today due to other commitments and may miss tomorrow's sailing as I am running the Auckland Marathon. I did want to make contact with you however as an earlier email regarding the AGM had raised the Seawind Nationals concept I had spoken about.

I have contacted clubs you mentioned to me as seawind clubs (at Waihi and Gulf Harbour) and clubs listed on the NZRYA website as seawind clubs.

All clubs who I was able to speak with no longer sail seawinds. There were many contacts on the NZRYA website that don't actually work anymore also.

I emailed Paul Goddard the NZRYA Chairman on September 2nd 2015, who seemed keen to help me set something up, he copied in Linton Little the Secretary/treasurer in his reply to me saying he would get back to me, but I have not heard back (not have I followed it up).

Basically I felt everywhere I tried I hit a bit of a stonewall, you had also expressed to me that you felt our calendar was too full, so I let it go.

Best of luck with the meeting today. You have my full support. I am enjoying the sailing experience with you all on Sundays.

My apologies for missing the meeting today.

Kind regards, Philip Brain

Prize Giving continued



Mike McCaw had proposed Match Race competitions for B division and C division at last year's AGM. This was passed and Mike drew up the rules.

The C division contest was named the McCaw Cup and Mike won that series and so presented himself the Cup.

Brian Stiff won C division part 1 but was not present.

Phillip Brain was awarded 'The Most Improved Sailor Trophy'.



Carol Bergquist had won the C division series part 2 and was also awarded the Trophy for Services to Radio Yachting for her work on ensuring that the dredging of the pond went ahead without forcing us to find alternate sailing venues.



The B division Match Race competition was named the Fraser Cup. It was won by Ian Bergquist and Ivan presented him with the trophy.

He also was 3rd in the Autumn series.



Ian Bergquist was chosen for the Sandbaggers Award (below) for not continuing to perform as well as he has shown he could do earlier in the year.



Ian was also 3rd equal with Terry O'Neil (left) in the Aggregate Match Race series.



Carol was thanked for providing the cold drinks and the buffet snacks.

Photographs taken by Carol and Terry O'Neil.



Neil Purcell (left) won the the B division series part 2.

Tom Clark was not present to receive his trophy for being placed in the Summer series. Tom had also won B division part 1.

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MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERS AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Members – please complete if you or your boat details have changed

Name:.....
Postal Address:
.....
.....
Contact Phone No
.....Home
.....Bus.
.....Email

Name of Yacht:
Make/Model:

Radio Frequency*:

Sail No*

*** Please check radio frequency with NZRYS register before buying a boat with shop supplied radio crystals**

I wish to apply for membership @ \$25.00 per annum.
(until April, thereafter reduced rates.)
\$10.00 extra for each additional radio frequency. (Max' 1 additional frequency)
\$1.00 per official race weekend – payable at the pond.

I understand that the above details are to be available for the Committee and hereby agree to abide by the rules of the New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron N.Z.R.Y.S.

Signed by
Applicant.....

on thisday of201...

Please post to:
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Member's Frequencies

27 MHz		
26.995	28	Ian Clark
27.020	01	Richard Plinston
27.045	6	Neil Purcell
27.095	20	James Keogh
27.145	303	Alex Roy
27.195		Club tug
27.225	77	Dick Bannister
27.245	96	Club boat ex Gerald
29 MHz		
29.725		
29.745	24	John Hinton
29.765	2	Tom Clark
29.775	30	Kevin Webb
29.785	11	Club boat ex John Dowler
29.825		
29.865	21	Peter Andrews
29.905	6	Neil Purcell
29.925		
29.945	20	James Keogh
29.965	88	Sam Lomax
40 MHz		
40.570	85	Sam Lomax
40.790		Club Boat
40.850		
40.870	33	Bruce Watson
40.890	33	Bruce Watson
72.350		Toot Tug
2.4GHz		
2.4 Ghz	1	Richard Plinston
2.4 GHz	5	John Macaulay
2.4 Ghz	9	Mike McCaw
2.4 Ghz	12	Terry O'Neil
2.4 Ghz	14	Dan Leahy
2.4 GHz	20	James Keogh
2.4 GHz	33	Bruce Watson
2.4 GHz	24/40	Geoff Atkinson
2.4 GHz	47	Roger Hawkins
2.4 Ghz	55	Ian Bergquist
2.4 GHz	64	Garry Irwin
2.4 GHz	66	Brian Stiff
2.4 GHz	72	Trevor Shoebridge
2.4 GHz	75	Phillip Brain
2.4 Ghz	80	Andrew Chong
2.4 GHz	84	Ivan Fraser
2,4 Ghz	87	Hans Koerselman
2.4 GHz	99	Carol Bergquist
2.4 GHz	350	Kathy Simpson
2.4 Ghz	400	Tony Vincent
2.4 GHz	478	Daniel Bush

If you are not in this table then you were not financial in 2015 and your frequency may be reassigned to a new member.

Systems using 2.4GHz do automatic channel searching and do not clash with each other.

Note: Membership expires 30th September each year.