

Submission on Kaipatiki Local Parks Management Plan

On behalf of the New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron (NZRYS)

for

Onepoto Domain

The New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron, the Electron Owners' Association and the Ancient Mariners have all been regular users of the ponds at Onepoto Domain, with priority use for race meets every Sunday morning (Electrons), every Sunday afternoon (NZRYS) and every Thursday (Ancient Mariners) since the 1990s.

Use of the ponds for racing is provided for in the current Onepoto Domain Reserve Management Plan 1997 as follows:

"1.3.1 Radio Control Yachts and Boats

Onepoto Domain is Auckland's premier model sail boat site. The lakes are used mostly by 2 Radio Control Yachting groups; Whitbread Go Remote Yacht Club (which became the NZRYS in the late 1990s), and Onepoto Electron Fleet."

"The R C Yachting groups have the following needs for continued use of the lakes:

- *Lakes to be free of weed*
- *Lakes to be at least 300mm deep at the lowest point*
- *Free flow of air near pond; i.e. no large trees nearby to disturb air flow*
- *No buildings for same reason as above*
- *Footpath to continue around pond for spectators*

We wish to continue with the use and management of the ponds at the Onepoto Domain by the sailing clubs and this to be provided for in the Kaipatiki Local Parks Management Plan.

The NZRYS has 19 paid up members with a total of 28 Kyosho Seawind class radio-controlled yachts competing in races and regattas at Onepoto. See website at: <http://azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/>

The NZRYS and the Onepoto Lagoon Coordination Committee: <http://azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/PDF/onepoto.pdf> have been working together with the Kaipatiki Local Board and Auckland Council with achieving:

- Water quality monitoring through Waicare.
- Clearing lake weed.
- Negotiating for the replacement of the original worn-out fountain with two new fountains in 2009 for aerating and circulating the water.

- In 2015, completion of the dredging of the ponds and reshaping the edges so that the whole pond could be used for sailing by boats with a 300mm draught (i.e. a minimum depth of 350mm).
- Maintaining flood levels as far as practical via flood gates see: <http://azonic.co.nz/NZRYs/PDF/pondflood.pdf>
- Seeking dredging of the forebay nearest the clubrooms in 2018 (a demonstration of how much sediment is reaching ponds with dredging forebays needed only 3 years after the main dredging of the ponds).

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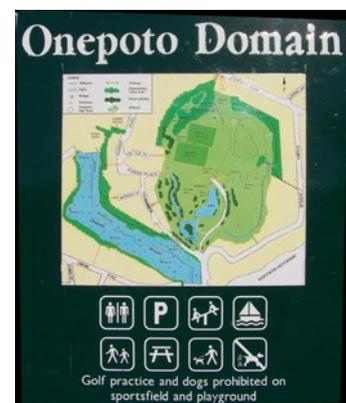
NZ Radio Yacht Squadron



Electron Owner's Association



Ancient mariners



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