



# 'UPWIND'

November 2020

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## Annual General Meeting 2020 and Prize Giving



Commodore Kevin Webb (center) presented the trophies assisted by Bruce Watson (left). George Stead (right) received the Aquapro Match Race Challenger Trophy, was first in the Aggregate Match Race Series, was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Summer Series, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Autumn Series, won the A Divisional Series part 1, and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the President's Cup Regatta.



Reuben Muir was not at the meeting due to work requirements. He won the Hobby World Summer Series Cup, the Spring Fleet Racing Series Cup and the President's Cup Regatta. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Autumn Series, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Winter Series and won the A Divisional Series part 2.

These are illustrated above.



Bruce Watson won the 'Your Tour' Match Race Cup for 2019, seen here holding it. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Summer Series, Won the Hobby City Winter Series Cup and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the President's Cup Regatta.



Rick Royden (left) won the Mongoose Autumn Series Cup, C Divisional Series part 1 and the McCaw Match Race Cup. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Aggregate Match Race Series.

Rick was also awarded the 'Most Improved Sailor' trophy and is now in A division.



## Treasurer's Report

If someone had told you at the last AGM that the club membership would grow over the next year but that a pandemic would stop us racing for months .... Well, it has happened, just to remind us that life can be unpredictable!

At the last AGM we had a total of 24 members including 3 Life members. As at this AGM we have 27 members including the same number of Life members. Growing membership is the life blood of an organization but growth isn't necessarily straight line progression.

Last year our funds in hand dropped as a result of purchasing a supply of sail numbers and also being required to pay a deposit on the AAFL clubrooms. The deposit was refunded last year and no request was made this year from the club for the current AGM event. As a result club funds have been restored to what they were two years ago.

In light of the strong financial position that the club is in I recommend that subscriptions for the coming year be held as at the previous year, i.e. \$25 for the year, reduced to \$20 if paid today.

2018/19		2019/20
4,198.94	<b>Balance as at 1 October</b>	3,830.14
	<b>Income</b>	
445.00	Membership subscriptions	515.68
604.90	Race day entry fees	402.20
125.00	Sale of equipment	-
-	Bond refunded	250.00
2.65	Interest (net of tax)	0.62
<u>1,177.55</u>	<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,168.50</u>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
139.19	AGM catering	164.00
10.80	Buoy maintenance	-
9.00	Printing and Stationery	-
376.24	Purchase of stock for resale	-
698.62	Trophies engraving	649.31
312.50	Venue hire	75.00
<u>1,546.35</u>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>888.31</u>
3,830.14	<b>Balance as at 30 September</b>	4,110.33

## President's Report 2020

This year, thirty-eight racing reports and two Upwind newsletters were produced. In addition there were seven cancellations and update notices and discussions concerning the lockdowns over Covid-19.

Right at the start of the club year the council fenced off the sports fields in order to re-lay the sand under the grass to improve drainage. The sand also included fertiliser and soon some of this washed into the pond and algal weed started to grow. Initially it was at the south end but soon we, and the Electron sailors, were having to rake around the path to keep it clear for launching. With the pond heating up over Christmas and New Year the weed increased and rose to the surface, some of it out of reach of the rakes. This was made worse by children throwing the old, dried piles of raked out weed back into the pond.

By mid-February there had been almost no rain and evaporation brought the pond SG up to that of sea water. This started killing the weed which then turned black, but the heat caused gasification which brought this rotting weed to the surface. A working bee at the end of February brought some relief with extra long rakes and a grapnel dragging the dead weed from the bottom of the pond. The problem was raised with the council and the fountain heads and pipes were cleared and the fountains were running overnight. This raised the oxygen levels which helps with control of the algae.

During the lockdown from the end of March through April I cycled a few times to the pond and raked out some weed but the colder weather and the fountains were having an effect and the completion of the work on the sports fields meant that the small amount of growth could be easily dealt with.

In March the council signed off on adding a new path behind the picnic tables. This would be clear of the pond flooding. They would also remove the first part of the current path and put a garden there. The plans indicated this may include trees. I pointed out that this would occasionally be inundated with salt water and also that the Management Plan required that trees be kept away from the pond to cater for radio-controlled sailing. In the event the lockdown caused the new path to be delayed and possibly cancelled.

In August last year the council wanted to revise and extend the Management Plans for various parks and reserves and asked for submissions. We and the Electrons responded asking that the current plan's consideration of radio yachting be kept. In mid-January, perhaps as a result of our responses, the council cut down some trees around the pond which has reduced turbulence in the wind.

## Racing Report 2020

We lost nine competition days this year due to the Covid-19 lockdowns. Two from the Autumn Series, two from the Aggregate Match Race Series and five from the Spring Series. The lay day for the Spring Series was also lost due to high winds causing it to be abandoned. These lockdowns also affected fun day sailing on Easter weekend, ANZAC weekend, Mother's Day, Queen's Birthday weekend was changed from a fun day to the start of the Winter Series to recover at least one competitive day.

The ISAF publishes new racing rules every four years. A new set of rules will apply from January 2021 until the end of 2024. Fortunately, there are no significant changes that would affect the way

that we sail. Most changes are of an administrative nature or clarifications. A study version of the new rules which includes highlighting of the changes is available at the ISAF website, there is a link in the Club section of the NZRYS website.

When the racing resumed after the first lockdown, in June and July we were getting large turnouts, with up to 20 members sailing. Several days had 16 or 18 boats racing. The second lockdown brought the numbers down, especially when there were high winds.

Analysing the seasonal series racing results shows that there were a total of 27 competitors. More than half of these, 15, won at least one race.

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Number	Name	Races	Total	Average	Wins	Places	Refs
1	Richard Plinston	100	580	5.8	6	19	17
104	Ian Power	67	440	6.57	3	8	5
12	Terry O'Neill	85	639	7.52	3	8	8
15	Laurie Glover	104	655	6.3	6	17	8
18	Peter Rickerby	45	428	9.51	0	0	3
196	Reuben Muir	89	297	3.34	23	32	5
2	Tom Clark	85	445	5.24	9	21	4
23	Brian Christensen	50	492	9.84	0	0	0
234	Rick Royden	116	635	5.47	17	23	8
24	John Hinton	17	148	8.71	0	0	0
3	Wayne Carkeek	81	450	5.56	9	19	3
30	Kevin Webb	45	297	6.6	5	4	7
33	Bruce Watson	90	386	4.29	16	27	8
37	Foster Watkinson	9	76	8.44	0	0	0
38	Patricia Parkin	11	110	10	0	0	0
4	Andy Spierer	11	102	9.27	0	0	0
48	David Williams	29	283	9.76	0	0	0
5	John McCaulay	57	276	4.84	8	14	5
515	Alan Watson	31	310	10	0	0	0
58	Kjeld Parkin	51	464	9.1	0	1	1
6	Neil Purcell	101	658	6.51	2	15	6
70	Alan Smith	38	242	6.37	1	4	2
82	Simon Adamson	34	296	8.71	0	1	1
85	Mike Renner	100	830	8.3	3	4	12
898	Matt Wilmot	17	143	8.41	0	2	1
9	Mike McCaw	5	30	6	0	0	0
94	George Stead	105	503	4.79	12	29	7



## Prize Giving continued



Mike Renner won the C Division Series part 1.



Laurie Glover won the B Division Series part 1.



Tom Clark was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Winter Series and won the Fraser Match Race Cup



John Macaulay was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Spring Series.



Wayne Carkeek was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Spring Series and won the B Divisional Series part 2. He was awarded the Services to Radio Yachting trophy for his Facebook page.



Richard Plinston was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Aggregate Match Race Series. He also gave himself the Sandbagger's Award as he had the worst reduction in racing results.

## Losing Races in 2020



## Minutes of the AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the AAFL clubrooms commencing at 3:30 pm on Sunday 1 November 2020.

### Present:

President Richard Plinston and 18 members.

### Apologies:

Reuben Muir

### Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the previous AGM were read by John Macaulay and confirmed.

Neil / Simon

### Matters Arising:

No matters arising.

### President's Report

President Richard presented his report for the last year.

Simon/Laurie

### Financial Report:

The club's finances have been restored due to the refund of the hall deposit.

### Secretary's Report:

Current membership stands at 24 paid up members plus 3 Life Members.

The financial report and the Secretary's report were received as read.

John/Neil

### Subscriptions:

It was agreed to hold the annual subscription to the current rate of \$25, discounted to \$20 if paid on the day of the AGM.

Richard/Mike

### Racing Report:

A total of 27 boats competed over the year, with 15 of them having won a race.

### Sailing Programme:

A sailing programme has been published in the October 2020 Upwind newsletter.

Bruce/Tom

### Election of Officers:

Commodore Kevin Webb  
Simon/Mike

President Richard Plinston  
Simon/George

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Renner  
Brian/Alan

### Sailing Committee

Reuben Muir Neil/John

Rick Royden John/Neil

Neil Purcell George/Tom

Wayne Carkeek Tom/Simon

George Stead Richard/Mike

Laurie Glover John/Simon

### General Business

A motion was put that the number of buoys be reduced

Kjeld/David

An amendment was made that any proposal to change the number of buoys be referred to the Sailing Committee.

Tom/Simon

The number and layout of buoys has to be agreed with other users of the pond, such as the Electron Owners Association. There have been around two dozen buoys for the last couple of decades.

The original motion was lost (7 in favour, 10 against the motion)

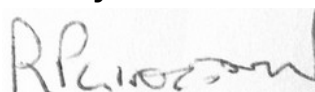
### Presentation of Awards

Commodore Kevin Webb presided over the awards for the various sailing series assisted by Bruce Watson.

There being no further matters to discuss, Cindy was thanked by John Macaulay for putting on the food and refreshments, and a small flower arrangement was presented to her.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:30 pm.

**Confirmed as a true record of the meeting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2020:**



**Richard Plinston, President**



**Mike Renner, Secretary**

# The Year in Review 2019-2020



In October the council closed the sports fields for several months to renew the grass and the drainage underneath it. This led to fertilizer leaching into the pond causing growth of algal weed.



A pair of Paradise Shelducks had seven chicks, at least six of which survived to adulthood.

In November we had to rake out weed. This had to be done frequently through December too.



In early December someone tried to sail a Seawind in the south pond and got it stuck on the island. he had to get a friend to bring along a paddle board to go and rescue it.

In early January there had been so little rain that evaporation took the pond SG and salt levels up to that of sea water.

The council did some tree pruning in mid January of the trees and bushes around the pond. This improved the wind flow from certain directions.



Bike Auckland had a bike testing and adjustment event at Onepoto to ensure that the bikes in the park were safe to ride.



On the last day of February, a Saturday, a working bee was held to clear the weed. This included the Electron sailors. A number of long rakes were invented to reach the weed far out from the path.

The end of March brought the Covid-19 lockdown. The council had recently approved the new path that was to be laid behind the tables. This was now cancelled along with other works.



The lockdown prevented gathering for racing for quite a few weeks. I cycled to the pond a few times to monitor and keep the weed under control. We could start casual sailing in mid-May and racing re-started at the end of that month.

Mid August brought the second lockdown. When the level was changed to 2.5 we could only do casual sailing until the last weekend of the club year.



Racing started for one final race day only to be abandoned as the winds increased to gale force.

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	George Stead
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	Neil Purcell
	Laurie Glover
	Wayne Carkeek

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## MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERS AMENDMENT APPLICATION

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

Name:.....

Postal Address:

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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.  
 (\$20.00 if under 21) 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 this .....day of .....201...

Please post to:

The Secretary  
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Note: Membership expires 30th September each year.

# Member's Frequencies

Name	Sail No,	Frequency
Simon Adamson	82	2.4Ghz
Peter Andrews	21	2.4Ghz
Wayne Carkeek	3	2.4 Ghz
Brian Christensen	23	2.4Ghz
Tom Clark	2	29 765
Ivan Fraser	84	29.995
Laurie Glover	15	2.4Ghz
John Hinton	24	2.4Ghz
Hans Koerselman	87	26.995
Stewart Limmer	71	2.4Ghz
John Macaulay	5	2.4ghz
Mike McCaw	9	2.4 Ghz
Reuben Muir	92	2.4Ghz
Patrick O'Hanlon	51	0
Terry O'Neill	A12	27.28
Kjeld Parkin	58	2.4Ghz
Patricia Parkin	38	2.4Ghz
Ian Power	104	2.4Ghz
Neil Purcell	6	29 905
Richard Plinston	1	2.4Ghz
Mike Renner	85	2.4Ghz
Peter Rickerby	18	2.4Ghz
Rick Royden	234	2.4
Alan Smith	70	2.4 Ghz
Andy Spierer	4	27.145
George Stead	94	2.4Ghz
Foster Watkinson	37	2.4Ghz
Alan Watson	515	2.4GHZ
Bruce Watson	33	26 975
Kevin Webb	30	29.775
Matt Wilmot	898	2.4GHZ

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