



'UPWIND'

October 2023

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

Annual General Meeting

In previous years, except 2021, we have held the Annual General Meeting and Prize Giving at the end of October or early November in the clubroom at Onepoto Domain. This year the clubroom is unavailable from early September through November due to maintenance required to remedy safety issues.



As we did in 2021, when there was a lockdown preventing indoor meetings, the solution is to have the AGM managed through emails while the Prize Giving is delayed until either the clubroom becomes available or we hold an outdoor event.

We do have a booking for the clubroom for 3rd December, but this is reliant on the maintenance being completed before then.

AGM Agenda

In order to complete the business of the AGM, Members are invited to email Mike Renner at Mike@merel.co.nz with proposals, motions, nominations, comments and votes.

Summary of agenda items from previous AGMs:

- * Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting
This is in the [November 2022 Upwind](#)
- * Matters Arising from the Minutes
- * Reports: President,
Secretary,
Financials
- * Election of Officers
- * General Business
- * Subscriptions
- * Sailing Programme – 2023-2024
- * Divisions
- * Member's Proposals
- * State of the pond
- * Any other business

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Life of the Pond



This is about the rarest visitor yet seen at Onepoto, the elusive Orangasaurus. Its diet is unknown but it does not appear to prey on other lifeforms found around the park and it probably survives entirely on barbecue sausages.



President's Report

Council Works

At the start of the year the council announced that were going to do some work on the pond in response to complaints about the water quality. I responded that the best way to improve the quality of the pond, among other things, was to get the fountains working. These had been set on a timer to operate overnight but it was very likely that had become blocked and were not operating at all.

When the fountains did work they would circulate the water from the south pond, where the weir gate is, up to the north end and would also oxygenate the pond. This would help keep the algae under control and would clarify the water. While they agreed to get them checked and working I don't think that this was completed.

The council did some de-silting around certain parts of the pond: the northern inlet, the bridge, the weir gate; and they also cleared out the weir gate chamber and flushed the outlet pipe to the flap valves. While the council did occupy a number of car park spaces and did block the northern access, the work didn't interfere with the sailing.

The weir gate boards were not replaced correctly, the top boards were missing and the boards that were there had not been sealed correctly and they leaked. I contacted the council to get them to correct this.

Since this work has been completed the pond has generally been in good condition.

Racing Report

Very heavy rain fell over Auckland Anniversary weekend and this led to extensive flooding throughout the city and over most of the country. This flooded Onepoto, not just the pond but also most of the domain, the road and the car park. This caused the regatta to be cancelled.

Two weeks later Cyclone Gabrielle was hitting Northland. Auckland Emergency Management advised everyone to keep off the roads and later the Harbour Bridge was closed. The Aggregate Match Racing on that weekend was cancelled.

Racing was also cancelled at the end of April due to gale force winds and heavy rain. This abandoned the final day of the Autumn Series reducing it to six days.

Other than that, the seasonal and aggregate match race series were all completed satisfactorily. The Match Race Cup and the Fraser Cup were not competed for, though the McCaw Cup was. These three competitions each only involve two or three competitors and are not normally scheduled within the club time. While there are some guidelines as to when they should be completed by, they often miss this and can, as is the case this year, run into the cutoff at the end of the year.



Number	Name	Races	Total	Average	Wins	Places	Refs
104	Ian Power	46	293	6.37	2	6	0
113	Chris Yates	118	720	6.10	4	18	0
14	Daniel Leahy	12	82	6.83	0	0	0
15	Laurie Glover	105	553	5.27	8	26	0
196	Reuben Muir	100	245	2.45	39	39	0
2	Tom Clark	129	603	4.67	19	36	0
23	Brian Christensen	123	859	6.98	2	7	0
234	Rick Royden	146	480	3.29	32	62	0
3	Dave Larsen	64	451	7.05	1	4	0
32	Chris Ward	39	284	7.28	1	3	0
33	Bruce Watson	101	427	4.23	17	30	0
5	John McCaulay	12	81	6.75	1	1	0
51	Patrick O'Hanlon	49	370	7.55	0	4	0
57	John Staveley	23	228	9.91	0	0	0
6	Neil Purcell	120	751	6.26	2	21	0
67	Tony Nissen	6	49	8.17	0	0	0
674	Daniel Leech	104	653	6.28	8	8	0
7	Peter O'Hanlon	6	48	8.00	0	1	0
70	Alan Smith	36	189	5.25	5	7	0
800	Paul Nannerley	47	368	7.83	4	2	0
85	Mike Renner	160	1130	7.06	5	12	0
88	Dave Morgan	24	236	9.83	0	0	0
94	George Stead	78	300	3.85	10	33	0

Racing Program

The club sails four seasonal race series, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring, each year plus the Aggregate Match Racing series and two Regattas. Holiday and family weekends are informal fun sailing days where the racing format is chosen by the attendees.

Seasonal Series:

The seasonal series are sailed on 7 days, the best four day scores for each member are totalled for the overall series placings. This allows for three discard days, which may be because the racing is cancelled due to weather or pond conditions, or is each member's non-attendance or worst sailing results.

Each racing day for a series is a set of six races. This consists of two scratch races, where the fleet all start at the same time and three handicap races where each member has a performance handicap between zero and 70 seconds and starts at that time during the countdown. The final race has a divisional start where the A, B and C divisions each start together at times set by the race committee but usually 0, 40 and 70 seconds.

Five of the six races may count towards the series results with each member able to discard their worst race result.

Referees are given an assessed result for that race based on the average, rounded down, of the other race results after discarding the worst result.

If racing starts but is later abandoned due to changes in conditions then at least four of the races must have been completed for the results to be counted. The results are scaled upwards after dropping one race, by 5/3 or 5/4 if four or five races were completed.

If a Lay Day is specified following the series then this can be used as a series race day to replace a cancelled or abandoned day.

Handicaps:

Individual performance handicaps are recalculated each competition day based on the results of the three scratch races. 'A' division members can only have handicaps in the range 0-30 seconds while 'B' division can be 0-50 seconds and 'C' division 0-70 seconds. The change at each recalculation will be only 10 seconds, while 10 seconds can be lost immediately it takes two weeks to gain 10 seconds, this being indicated by a plus sign when the next gain may result in change.

Divisional Series:

Each member is assigned to one of three divisions: A, B or C. Two Divisional Series are held each year, each covering two Seasonal Series.

The last race of each seasonal series race day is started by division. The overall placings count towards the day's racing but results are also recorded within each division and these count towards the member's divisional results. An award is made to the top scorer in each division.

Donations:

On club racing days, but not holiday weekend fun days, the jar is on the table for competitors' \$1.00 entry fee donation.

Aggregate Match Racing series:

The Aggregate Match Racing series is sailed on nine race days in the year, a maximum of six results are accumulated by each member. The winner of the series is the challenger for the Match Racing Cup which is sailed against the defender who is the current holder of the Match Race Cup.

Each race day has four rounds of races. The match selection procedures, rules of the series and the start procedures for match racing can be downloaded from the web site at <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYs>.

Regattas:

Two Regattas have been organised for the year, the first on Auckland Anniversary Weekend. A second, for the President's Cup, will be held in early October.

Change Proposals:

Changes to the format of these series may be proposed at the AGM or prior, and discussed at the AGM so that they can be voted on by all members.

Changes to the Divisions

The results of the series scratch races sailed by each member are accumulated and an average calculated by dividing the total score by the number of races sailed, including DNFs.

These are then sorted to order. The list is then divided into 3 roughly equal parts to set the Divisions. Individual adjustments may be made to the order or the split by the racing committee.



Race Results 2023

Summer Series

1	Reuben Muir	43
2	Rick Royden	46
3	George Stead	47

Autumn Series

1	Rick Royden	48
2	Bruce Watson	50
3=	Tom Clark	71
3=	George Stead	71

Winter Series

1	Reuben Muir	29
2	Rick Royden	46
3	Tom Clark	57

Spring Series

1	Reuben Muir	34
2	Rick Royden	38
3	Tom Clark	67

Divisional Part 1

A	Rick Royden	19
B	Tom Clark	25
C	Mike Renner	16

Divisional Part 2

A	Rick Royden	21
B	Tom Clark	23
C	Mike Renner	19

Aggregate Match Race Series

1	Rick Royden	47
2	Neil Purcell	41
3	Chris Yates	40

Challenger Trophy

Rick Royden

Match Race Cup 2022

Not competed

Match Race McCaw Cup

Mike Renner

Match Race Fraser Cup

Not competed

Anniversary Weekend Regatta 2023

Cancelled due to flooding

President's Cup Regatta 2022

1	Laurie Glover	7
2	Bruce Watson	9
3	Chris Yates	11

Proposed 2023-2024 Schedule

5 Nov 23		Aggregate 1	
12 Nov 23		Summer	1
19 Nov 23		Summer	2
26 Nov 23		Summer	3
3 Dec 23	Prize Giving		
10 Dec 23		Summer	4
17 Dec 23		Summer	5
24 Dec 23	Christmas	break	
31 Dec 23	New Year	break	
7 Jan 24		Aggregate 2	
14 Jan 24		Summer	6
21 Jan 24		Summer	7
28 Jan 24	Anniversary	Regatta	
4 Feb 24	Waitangi	Fun Day	
11 Feb 24		Aggregate 3	
18 Feb 24		Autumn	1
25 Feb 24		Autumn	2
3 Mar 24		Aggregate 4	
10 Mar 24		Autumn	3
17 Mar 24		Autumn	4
24 Mar 24		Autumn	5
31 Mar 24	Easter	Fun day	
7 Apr 24		Aggregate 5	
14 Apr 24		Autumn	6
21 Apr 24		Autumn	7
28 Apr 24	ANZAC	Fun day	
5 May 24		Aggregate 6	
12 May 24	Mothers Day	Fun day	
19 May 24		Winter	1
26 May 24		Winter	2
2 Jun 24	King's Birthda	Fun day	
9 Jun 24		Winter	3
16 Jun 24		Winter	4
23 Jun 24		Winter	5
30 Jun 24		Winter	6
7 Jul 24		Aggregate 7	
14 Jul 24		Winter	7
21 Jul 24		Spring	1
28 Jul 24		Spring	2
4 Aug 24		Aggregate 8	
11 Aug 24		Spring	3
18 Aug 24		Spring	4
25 Aug 24		Spring	5
1 Sep 24	Father's Day	Fun Day	
8 Sep 24		Aggregate 9	
15 Sep 24		Spring	6
22 Sep 24		Spring	7
29 Sep 24		Lay day	
6 Oct 24	Presidents	Regatta	
13 Oct 24		Lay Day	
20 Oct 24		Fun Day	
27 Oct 24	Labour Day	Fun Day	
3 Nov 24	AGM		
10 Nov 24		Summer	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. (\$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 thisday of201...

Please post to:
 The Secretary
 New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron
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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

Note: Membership expires 30th September each year.

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