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2022 –2023 SEASON END

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This is the last issue of West Wind for the 2022-23 sailing season and accordingly contains Financial and Annual Reports which were circulated by email and tabled at the 2023 ZOA AGM.

The regional reports paint a picture of a class in strong fettle, with substantial nationwide participation and support.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Matt Mitchell

Hi there Folks

We've enjoyed a relatively settled period in Zephyr Executive world which is satisfying as it's a function of a lot of work put in over the past few years to create more reliable processes for issues that arise. I'd like to thank the committee for their collective efforts on behalf of our great class and once again, in particular, Brian Peet, Tony Miller and Graeme Robinson for their ongoing contributions. Tim Willetts also deserves a mention for the energy he has brought to the Auckland chair position.

We have also, almost reached, a long-held goal of mine which is having masts and booms in stock. Credit for this again goes to Brian, Tony and Mark Andresen. Combined with this is the supply of nearly 40 masts and 17 glass Zephyrs since we set out on this mission 2.5 years ago. The uptake of this product is highly satisfying and has exceeded all our expectations.

I look forward to seeing you at the Taupo North Island champs followed by our South Island Nationals in Lyttleton.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brian Peet

This season has been administratively stable with our processes bedded in and running well. Six weekly Exec Zoom meetings are quick to arrange, well attended, inexpensive and a beneficial way to maintain communication between regions.

Mast and boom supply seem to be completely resolved with the many manufacturing issues faced in previous years now sorted. The last two batches of masts are the best we've ever seen. The continued uptake of full glass Zephyrs is extremely gratifying with many first time Zephyr sailors joining our fleet, most advising it was the no-maintenance GRP option that attracted them. Mackay Boats are now able to supply 'sail-away' boats; a first in the 67 years of class history.

Des Townson started his career designing and building wood boats, but spent his last two decades constructing over 1000 GRP keel boat models. Presumably, if he was still around, he'd be quietly chuffed to see his 1956 Zephyr following a similar GRP pathway of success.

The 2023-24 season looks tantalizingly promising for our heritage class.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony Miller

Financial

Another good year for the Zephyr class, with strong revenue from subs, sails, hulls and masts.

We sold 28 sails this financial year compared to around 38 last year. We sold four hulls, with a new batch of four currently under construction: three of which are sold; one is available for immediate delivery. If you're interested in purchasing a glass Zephyr, please contact me: Tony Miller (021 535 828).

Spars & Rigging

We sold 19 masts vs 10 last year. Quality is now consistent. We are now using our own extrusions which is rapidly improving supply. A batch of 15 masts is being produced currently and will be followed by another batch of 15 masts.

Subs

It is recommended that the current sub of \$55 (\$20 Regional, \$35 ZOA) remain for 2023/4. Online subs via the ZOA website are working well with few issues.

ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2023

	Note	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS			
ASB Cheque Account		22,109	40,561
ASB Fast Saver		20,066	13
Accounts Receivable		7,830	2,886
GST Refund Due		174	292
Inventories		10,368	14,551
		<u>60,547</u>	<u>58,304</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
As per Schedule (at Book Value)		36,138	36,138
		<u>96,685</u>	<u>94,441</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		2,626	9,411
		<u>2,626</u>	<u>9,411</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
		<u>\$94,059</u>	<u>\$85,030</u>
NET ASSETS			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated Surplus		91,459	82,430
Capital Reserve	2	2,600	2,600
		<u>\$94,059</u>	<u>\$85,030</u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
INCOME			
Sails & Battens		25,834	35,031
Spars & Rigging		28,359	16,952
Hulls		48,974	48,521
Beach Trolleys		2,340	2,700
Subscriptions		7,018	6,382
Sales- Miscellaneous		1,565	-
		<u>114,090</u>	<u>109,586</u>
COST OF SALES			
Opening Stock		14,551	4,084
Purchases Sails & Battens		17,003	39,134
Purchases Spars & Rigging		27,780	16,527
Purchases Hulls		47,214	46,738
Purchases Beach Trolleys		2,223	2,600
Purchases - Miscellaneous		-	730
		<u>108,770</u>	<u>109,814</u>
Closing Stock		<u>10,368</u>	<u>14,551</u>
Cost of Sales		<u>98,402</u>	<u>95,262</u>
GROSS MARGIN		15,687	14,324
INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME			
Interest Received		53	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>15,740</u>	<u>14,324</u>
EXPENSES			
Accountancy Fees		1,008	808
Advertising		110	780
Insurance		1,370	815
Meeting Expenses		-	158
Nationals Costs		696	-
Subscriptions Regions		2,116	2,223
Sundry Expenses		1,412	3,162
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>6,712</u>	<u>7,946</u>
NET SURPLUS		<u>\$9,029</u>	<u>\$6,378</u>

**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
Net Surplus for the Period		9,029	6,378
Total Recognised Revenue and Expenses		<u>9,029</u>	<u>6,378</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT START OF PERIOD		<u>85,030</u>	<u>78,652</u>
		94,059	85,030
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF PERIOD		<u>\$94,059</u>	<u>\$85,030</u>

**Taxation Depreciation Schedule
For the Year Ended 31 May 2023**

	Private Use %	Date	Orig Cost	Open W.D.V	Add'ns (Sales)	Profit(Loss) on Sale	Dep Method	YTD Dep	Accum Depn	Close W.D.V
750										
75001		01/04/2016	16138	16138			P			16138
75201		30/09/2020	20000	20000			D			20000
			<u>36138</u>	<u>36138</u>						<u>36138</u>

Zephyr Owners Association

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: 18 September 2023 - 7:30 pm.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting.

Attendees:

Matt Mitchell, Brian Peet, Tony Miller, Murray Hay, Murray Sargisson Steve Pyatt, John Kliffen, Mark Thomas, Hansie Eichholz, John Boraston, Rob Dunne, Rob Martin, Paul Pearson, Glenn Tassicker, Paul Walker, Robin Simpson, Brett Linton, John Fletcher Dion Mead, Andrew Patterson.

Apologies:

John Faire, Tim Willets, Brian Baker and Richard Mackay.

Opening Meeting:

ZOA president and meeting chairman, Matt Mitchell, welcomed members to the Zoom ZOA AGM.

Minutes from 2022 AGM:

Circulated by email prior to meeting – taken as read. No questions from the floor. Adoption moved John Boraston / Mark Thomas - approved.

Matters Arising from 2022 AGM

No matters from the 2022 AGM were raised for discussion.

2023 AGM Reports:

President's Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read. Matt spoke to his report - no questions from the floor. Adoption moved Brian Peet / Mark Thomas – approved.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read. Tony spoke to his report - no questions from floor. Adoption moved Matt Mitchell / Mark Thomas - approved. Tony Miller recommended subs remain at \$55. \$20 is returned to the sailors' region. Moved Tony Miller/Steve Pyatt – Approved unanimously.

Election of Exec

The following were available for re-election. No other nominations received - incumbents remain.

President Matt Mitchell, **Secretary** Brian Peet, **Treasurer** Tony Miller.

Executive

Of the current Exec, Llew Viljoen and Cat Bridges were unavailable for re-election. Steve Pyatt, Glenn Tassicker and Hansie Eichholz were available for re-election. Two vacancies existed and Paul Mason was the sole nomination: - Brian Peet / John Boraston. No other nominations. Positions confirmed.

Regional Chairpersons.

Following regional AGMs, the respective chairpersons became an ex-officio member of the Executive. AZO – Tim Willets, HZO - Mark Thomas, WZO - John Kliffen and CZO – John Boraston.

Chief Measurer

Graeme Robinson available for re-election. No nominations – position confirmed.

General Business

2024 Nationals

A request was received from CZO for the ZOA to apply for a grant from Pub Charity to assist costs relating to providing rescue boats for the nationals. John Boraston spoke to the request.

The Zephyr Owners Association to apply to Pub Charity Limited for a donation to cover the costs of safety services to be supplied by Christchurch Yacht Club, Naval Point Club Lyttelton, and Canterbury Yachting Association at the forthcoming Zephyr National Contest 2024.

Moved Richard Mackay / Murray Hay – motion adopted.

Equipment Supply

Mark Thomas tabled a special thanks to Matt, Tony and Brian for their input behind the new glass boats and reviving mast manufacturing. Seventeen hulls sold and 42 masts produced during the previous two years.

Meeting Closed 8.00 pm.

REGIONAL REPORTS

AUCKLAND – Tim Willetts

Currently, AZO has around 50 paid-up members — about the same as the past few years. Our regular AZO club events we are seeing about 40 members sailing on a regular or semi-regular basis. A more normal Zephyr sailing schedule has resumed, and we're looking forward to a great season ahead.

Last season, a clash between Pt Chev and Manly events every fortnight resulted in numerous visits to other clubs, particularly Torbay. Thankfully, this next season we have Manly back on alternate weeks with Pt Chev. Our recent series attracted good numbers, with the following results:

- Summer Series (Dec to April: 35 races; 33 competitors):
Mark Orams, Andrew Mikkelson, Mike Drummond
- Spring Series (Sept to Nov: 28 races, 33 competitors):
Tim Willetts, Andrew Mikkelson, Steve Pyatt
- Autumn Series (June to Aug: 24 races; 21 competitors):
Grant Beck, Mike Drummond, Murray Thom

The coaching course run by Dan Slater and Josh Armit was well attended, with 13 sailors taking part. Those who took part felt they learned a lot and got good value for their money. It was great to see some of those on the coaching course going on to win major titles. There was also a great improvement on the start line for those taking part.

Manly Sailing Club hosted this year's Auckland Champs. It was well attended, with 22 boats including three from Tauranga. There was a good showing of nine Auckland boats out of 20 sailing in the Tauranga regatta. Results were:

- Auckland Champs:
Mike Drummond, Mark Orams, Tim Willetts
- Tauranga Regatta:
Andrew Mikkelson, Nik Burfoot, Tim Willetts

Moving forward, it has been decided to run both the Auckland champs and Tauranga regatta within a few weeks of each other to encourage participation by out of town boats in both regattas.

- Rotorua Sprints Regatta (8 entries; 6 from Auckland):
Murray Sargisson, Grant Beck, Steve Pyatt

Due to poor attendance and a clash with Manly Sailing Club's opening day this season Rotorua Sprints Regatta will not be on the AZO program.

- Napier North Island Champs (18 Entries, 9 from Auckland):
Mike Drummond, Steve Pyatt, Murray Thom

Slightly disappointing turnout. Following discussion, the North Island Champs are back at Taupo this season.

The Zephyr Nationals at Worser Bay were totally dominated by Mark Orams. As AZO President, I'm delighted about the very strong showing from Auckland boats in unfamiliar Wellington conditions. There was a great turnout of 15 Auckland boats, with six out of the first seven overall being regular Auckland sailors: Mark Orams; Rod Dawson; Greg Wright; Mike Drummond; Murray Thom.

This season the Auckland fleet is looking to support the Taupo North Island Champs, the Lyttelton Nationals, the Tauranga Regatta as well as the next Auckland Champs.

We are trying to get enough interest to bring a 40' Container to the Lyttelton Nationals which can fit up to 12 Zephyrs. We want a really good Auckland turnout this year and next at Tauranga as a prelude to a really big event for the 7th Jubilee Nationals to be hosted by Torbay Sailing Club in February 2026. Last time, when the 60th was held at Manly, they came perilously close to 100 boat fleet. So, this time we want to smash that record to show the Zephyr is still the biggest senior class in NZ.

We have changed the format of the club racing. We now allow up to four races to count on each race day and we have only two overall series:

- Winter Series from May to September; and
- Summer Series from October to April.

The AZO are looking forward to a bumper Zephyr season in which we hope to see all 50 of our members race their boats at in least 3 race events. We are also looking forward to really good numbers attending all out-of-town regattas.

Special thanks must go to Fiona Rist, for compiling all our race results and also to the Auckland team for keeping the AZO Zephyr racing competitive and fun.

HAMILTON / TAURANGA

Ian Watson

Tauranga welcomed Nick Burfoot (Ex world laser champion) to the Zephyr fold. He had a very rough start to the class, borrowing Mark Thomas's (527) to enter the Auckland champs, but managed to put a hole in it – not his fault, he was on starboard. He then purchased 520 from Andy Knowles. Hull 520 was in need of a bit of maintenance so Nick sent it off to a Tauranga boat builder to get a new deck fitted. It was a mad rush to get the boat finished for the Nationals in Wellington, with the varnish still drying on the trip down, and never been in the water let alone set up to race. Then in windy Wellington the vang fitting blew off the mast on the way out to the first race - again not his fault. The latest news is that he has sold 520 and is lining up a new glass boat so we will see what happens.

The Zephyr fleet has been steady in Tauranga, Peter Stacy build a cherub and promptly sold his Zephyr Pussy foot. Paino has moved to Tauranga from Hamilton and we see him racing sometimes if all the conditions are right, because like so many Zephyr sailors he doesn't do cold, wet or windy.

Bob Smyth is still campaigning Triple B (Bob's Barging Boat) and is very complete in a breeze, as long as it's not too cold.

One sailor worth mentioning is Andy Knowles as you know he is nudging 90 (Kg's that is) and he is still very hard to beat, 13th in Wellington and first in the over 70 division. He sailed all through winter in sometimes freezing conditions with half his legs made of titanium. Tough stuff.

Hansie is finally over his grief of selling 109 and then 109 winning the nationals. I am just waiting until he sells 172(His current boat) He must know about fast boats so I might buy it. Hansie always sails well he has done the winter series. He is so quick downwind it's embarrassing when you get to the top with a lead just to be mowed down.

Errol Smith left the farm so that he could sail his Zephyr we didn't see him because he was too busy working; Now he is back on the farm and we still don't see him? I wonder if his boat is for sale.

Speaking of sailors that have gone ghost (Ask a person under 25) who would own three Zephyrs and not sail any. Yes we are talking about the very good sailor Mark Thomas. It hurts when we are sailing our Zephyrs hard out and there is Mark in his Mumm keelboat racing at a different club. Marko your real mates sail Zephyrs.

Patrick McDaniel 32 (I throw money at my boat and hope) is improving rapidly and proving a challenge to beat. He is constantly threatening Hansie and Andy

Derrek Young has been a bit crook so hasn't sailed for a while he does cook a mean sausage after racing on a Sunday Thanks Derrek

Gary Newland is a constant competitor in Tauranga but he did have a bit of bad luck when his rudder fell off. Lucky that insurance paid for a flash new carbon job.

And Finally Ian Watson (103, red boat) sails every time fulfilling his success criteria: don't swim and don't come last. A new sail is on its way for the summer (teachers just got a pay rise) so he might challenge Andy (Wins everything)

WELLINGTON – John Kliffen

A total of 39 Zephyrs competed through the 16 races of the Wellington Zephyr Championship Series, with an average of 17 Zephyrs per start, but ranging from 11 to 23 Zephyrs depending on conditions. The 22/23 Wellington Zephyr Championship Series was comfortably won again by Greg Wright (190), with Brett Linton (303) in 2nd, Keith Fraser (71) in 3rd, Glenn Tassicker (89) 4th and Alastair Campbell (177) in 5th place on line results. Also following on last years form, David Tildesley (329) again won the 22/23 Wellington Zephyr Handicap Championship, with Glenn Tassicker (89) in 2nd and Brett Linton (303) in 3rd place in the overall handicap results.

Pete Sutton won both the Handicap and Line championship for the WBBC Autumn series.

A great group of Zephyrs has also been forming at the Plimmerton YC, where the Zephyr Summer Series (8 races) was won by Bella Cawthorn (183), with Dan Middleton (111) in 2nd place and Chris Hargreaves (525) in 3rd place.

Phil Williams ran another fantastic coaching clinic at WBBC for 13-15 Zephyr sailors keen for some extra on-water time and skills training leading up the 66th Zephyr National Championships, which were finally held at Worsler Bay Boating Club over Waitangi Weekend, 2-6 February 2023.

CANTERBURY / NELSON / PICTON

The South Island has had a very busy and successful 22/23 season coupled with more boats hitting the water both in Christchurch and the northern end of the mainland. In fact, subsequent to the end of the summer season another 4 new owners have joined, a testament to the growing popularity of these great little boats and bringing our total membership to in excess of 40 boat owners.

With two very strong fleets now based in Canterbury and Nelson/Picton, every effort was made during the season to ensure our championship regattas were shared geographically with sailors travelling from their home site to join in on these.

In particular, the South Island Champs were held in Nelson with 31 entries received, including about 6 from Wellington and one from Auckland (it was great to get our fellow sailors from the North Island joining us). While the trophy went to the Auckland boat, sailed by Mike Drummond pleasingly Steve Edwards from Canterbury and Tony Gable from Nelson took out 2nd and 3rd placings respectively, showing the results of our more competitive sailing over the last year or so.

Nelson Yacht Club ran a great regatta based out on the Nelson Bay which coupled with Queen Charlotte Yacht Club in Picton also successfully hosting both our South Islands and National Championships means we have a good selection of clubs across the wider region to provide top level regattas.

We have continued with our Traveller Series where we organise hosting of Zephyr races at various clubs throughout the region, both to support the local Zephyr sailors and to raise the profile of Zephyrs generally. The latter objective seems to be paying dividends as we now have Clubs approaching us to offer a space on their sailing calendar for the coming 23/24 season.

The 23/24 season is a big one for us with the hosting the Zephyr Nationals at Lyttelton through the Naval Point Club. The regatta will run from 1 February 2024 through to the 4th with racing over 3 days 2nd, 3rd and 4th. It will be an 8-race series with no more than 3 races per day with back-to-back racing each day. We are looking forward to a strong fleet showing down here and are planning to accommodate up to 65+ entries.

While us local's will be ensuring we take maximum advantage of a 'home series' and will spend a lot of time on Lyttelton Harbour we haven't forgotten our wider base in the South Island and have agreed with Queen Charlotte Yacht Club in Picton for them to host our South Island Champ's as part of their 'top of the north' annual regatta. Naturally entries from the north island will be welcomed, even at the risk of our silver ware.

Meanwhile with the winter months now well truly upon us the opportunity to tidy up and look for the edge with our boats means it is hive of energy with boat upgrades and rebuilds going on down in the south.

We are all looking forward to the new season.

2023 AUCKLAND ZEPHYR CHAMPS

Tim Willetts

With a storm forecast for the Sunday, special thanks go to Barry Thom, Harold Bennett, and the Manly Sailing Club team for maximising the **2023 Auckland Championship** event, by bravely getting four races away on the Saturday.

Most of Saturday's racing was in a solid 20 knot breeze, gusting 25, with big swells provided exciting rides and entertaining spills for the 22 boats entered - three from Tauranga and one from Queenstown.

Prizegiving, showcasing over \$1,000 worth of prizes, was held Saturday afternoon, followed by a well-attended dinner at the Manly Bar and Grill. Altogether, a fun and memorable day.

Auckland Zephyr Championship 2023

Auckland

Race Results Provisional Up to Race 4

Overall

Sailed: 4, Discards: 0, To count: 4, Entries: 25, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	SailNo	HelmName	Club	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Nett
1st	606	Mike Drummond	Wakatere BC	A to Z	4	1	1	7	13	13
2nd	523	Mark Orams	Manly SC/Torbay SC	Quandary	1	10	2	1	14	14
3rd	309	Tim Willetts	Pt Chev SC	Pilatus	6	4	3	2	15	15
4th	508	Craig Moss	Murrays Bay SC		9	5	4	8	26	26
5th	701	Brian Peet	Glendowie BC	Daedalus	8	7	8	4	27	27
6th	3	Paul Pearson	Manly SC	Anitra	12	6	6	5	29	29
7th	711	Murray Thom	Manly SC	Wai	3	11	7	10	31	31
8th	702	Steve Pyatt	Manly SC	Lorna Doone	19	3	5	6	33	33
9th	605	Brian Baker	Pt Chev SC	ZoeB	10	2	15	9	36	36
10th	519	Peter Dawson	Murrays Bay SC	Haruru	7	15	12	3	37	37
11th	704	Andy Knowles	Tauranga Y&PBC	White Cloud	5	8	13	14	40	40
12th	216	Andrew Mikkelson	CYA	Phantom	11	9	11	11	42	42
13th	172	Hansie Eichholz	Tauranga Y&PBC	Alma	13	16	14	12	55	55
14th	220	Dennis Conway	Manly SC	Goldfinger	18	19	9	13	59	59
15th	205	Peter Busfield	Manly SC		16	18	10	15	59	59
16th	709	Robin Simpson	Pt Chev SC	Tinker	15	13	17	17	62	62
17th	602	Glen Sowry	Manly SC		2	12	26 DNF	26 DNC	66	66
18th	712	Paul Mason	Pt Chev SC	Esoteric	20	14	16	16	66	66
19th	315	Mike Hunter	Clarks Beach SC	C Vu	17	17	26 DNC	26 DNC	86	86
20th	117	Nathan McScimming	Wakatere BC	Trivial	14	26 DNF	26 DNC	26 DNC	92	92
21st	82	Sam Cremer	French Bay YC	Gazelle	21	20	26 DNF	26 DNC	93	93
22nd	103	Ian Watson	Tauranga Y&PBC	Nauti Girl	22	26 DNC	26 DNC	26 DNC	100	100

CROSSING THE BAR

RICHARD DREVERMAN - aka Ozzie Dick



When Richard arrived in NZ in the early 90's with his family his first contact (unfortunately!) was with Tony Walker and Steve Edwards. This led him to WBBC where he fitted in immediately. Still young enough to trapeze, he joined Paul de Lisle trying to stay upright in an R class. He was in his element in this era. Sailing was in his blood. He was born on the shores of Sydney harbour and developed friendships of a lifetime. He was a mate of the Sydney sailing fraternity, some whom were involved in the Americas Cup and many other prestigious events.

His sailing career was extensive. One week sailing Sydney to Hobart on a maxi, then the next forward hand on a Sunburst at a WBBC club race. Sailing took him to Ireland and Cowes with other WBBC members, then he'd be off to the world lasers somewhere in Europe. He got caught up with the Zephyrs after the arrival of "Tui" in Wellington in 2008. Following a raid on unloved Zephyrs to supply the Wellington demand, he ended up with No. 46. He participated with gusto, being president of the Wellington Zephyr Association for a number of years, and enjoyed stirring up the bureaucracy.

He competed in most of the Zephyr national contests even after he moved back to Australia a few years ago. Sailing for him was not only a sport but a way of keeping in touch with friends. He may not have known everybody, but they all knew him.

For many years Ozzie Dick kept the ageing Worser Bay clubhouse standing and when the decision was made to rebuild he fully supported it, even coming back from Australia on several occasions to work on the rebuild.

He was loved by his three delightful daughters and his grandchildren. He made things happen with a grin and a touch of mischief. He was, and still is to many of us, a man of mystery. He was here, there and everywhere.

Thanks Ozzie Dick, you influenced our lives in your very special, unique way.

Tony Crew

UPCOMING REGATTAS

North Island Champs, Lake Taupo Sailing Club - 12-13 Nov 2023

South Island Champs, Picton - Dec 2023

National Champs, Lyttelton - 1-4 Feb 2024

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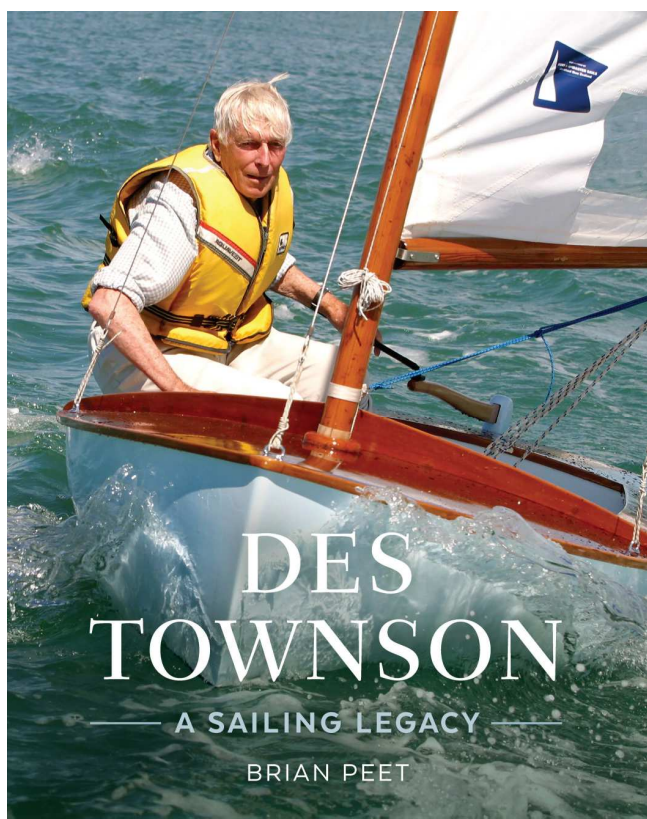
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The Definitive Townson Biography

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Des Townson was a yacht designer and boatbuilder responsible for a unique body of work which filled a special niche in New Zealand's rich boating history. This book chronicles his life and design work through his own recollections and those of his family, close friends and associates. Within the 334 pages are 116,000 words interspersed with 400 photos and boat plans providing rich context to a remarkable story from a bygone era.

Lawrence Schaffler, Editor, Boating NZ: -

"Townson – the man, the sailor, the designer, the builder – is wonderfully presented in Peet's biography. He writes with an easy, conversational style and includes plenty of warm, colourful anecdotes which I'm sure will be news to even the most seasoned of Townson scholars."

Roger McMillan, Editor, www.mysailing.com.au

"This is a book that every Kiwi sailor should buy. It's magnificently illustrated with photos and drawings of many of the designs and it chronicles the life of an interesting and significant contributor to the sport of sailing. Peet is an excellent storyteller. The book is well-written, with a good balance of anecdotes and technical detail."

Roy Dickson, International Yachtsman: -

"An absolutely fabulous book. I've read many yachting design books and none of them gets close to what Brian Peet has created."