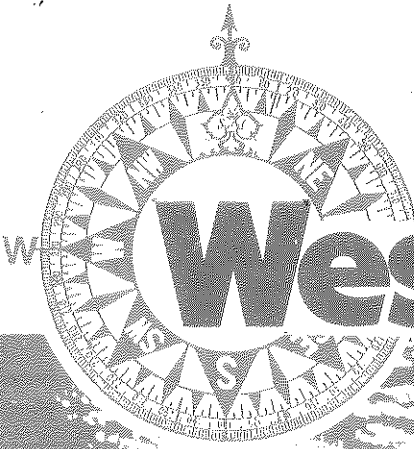
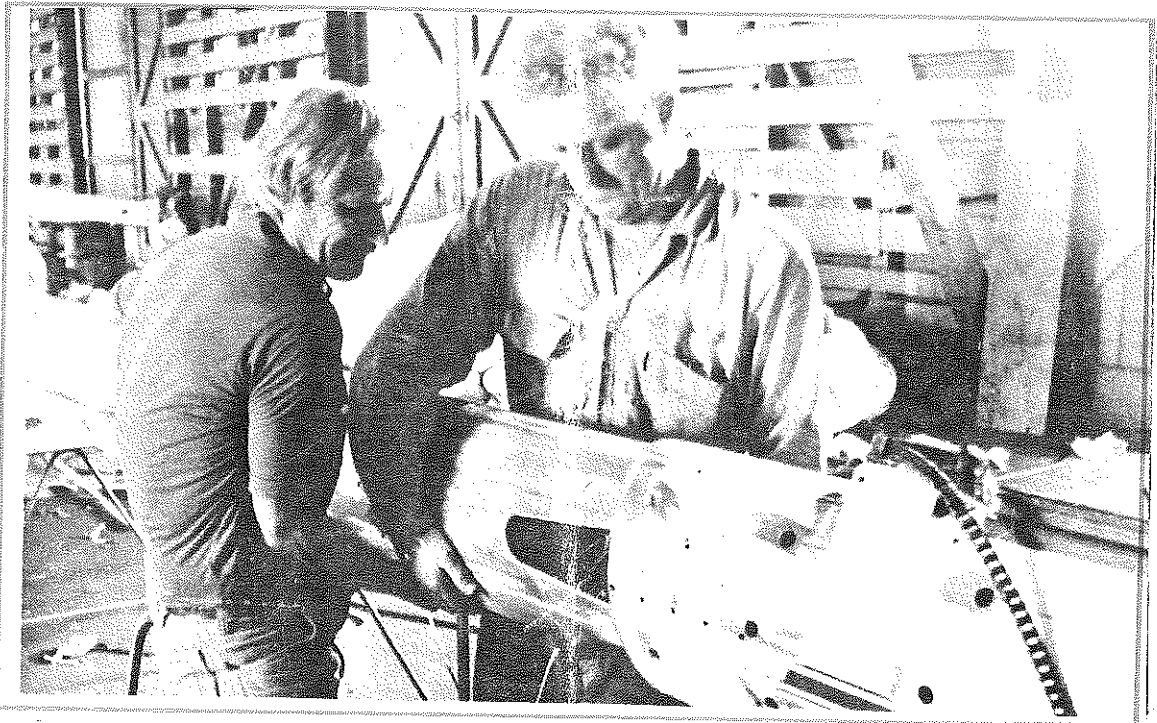


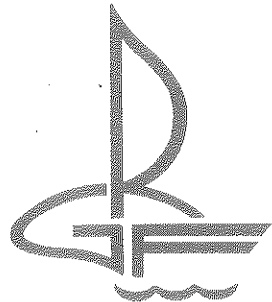
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West Wind



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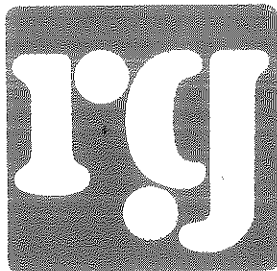
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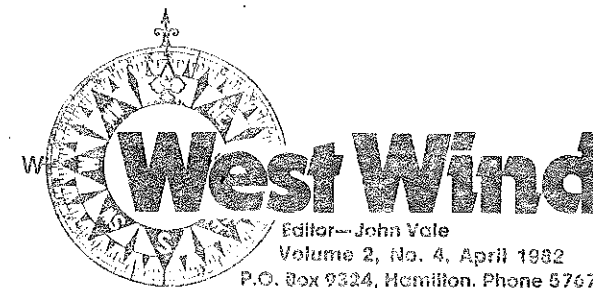


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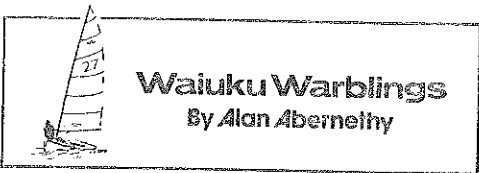
One of the most important aspects of yachting we should always keep in mind is safety. Not only for our own selfish reason (reason enough) but also out of consideration for others that may be involved in danger, time or expense to assist someone in difficulty. A timely letter from Dave Cook is published in this issue. We feel the subject is of sufficient importance to ignore the copyright of NZYF and publish the Safety Regulations for unballasted centreboard and open yachts. You are extolled to study this safety code and rectify any deficiency exposed.

Also, if you have not already done so, why not buy a copy of the 1981/85 NZYF Yacht Racing Handbook, available from any Yacht Club secretary at \$5.00. This handy guide contains yacht racing rules with NZYF prescriptions, safety regulations and much other information. Better still, why not join the NZYF as a personal member for only \$10.00. This entitles you to a copy of the handbook, the minutes of the AGM and other info.

Cover: This photo appeared in the N.Z. Herald on Saturday 19 December 1981. The Herald made an error in naming one of the people in the photograph so WEST WIND puts the record straight. Victim of this "printers devil" was Cor van der Pol shown here with Ron White, both Zephyr stalwarts. Note the expression of concentration as they fit a splice in the mast of Disque d'Or, the Swiss entry in the Whitbread Round the World yacht race. Cor has had trouble for years with his goose neck which keeps breaking periodically. Seems he flogged the old one off Disque d'Or. "It should last for years," he gleefully admits. "I don't think a Zephyr will be able to break it."

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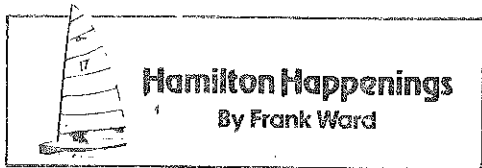
Fun and games at Waiuku: Saturday 27 Feb. we had our 'Up the creek' race which has the Kentish Hotel as a compulsory halfway quaffing post. It's easy to pick out the seasoned drinkers on occasions

like this - while the more sober of us young skippers sip our compulsory ale at a leisurely and less chunderous pace, the others tossed down the freezing liquid and set off with scarcely a pause. Ebony (192) with Don in charge (D.I.C.) led the field closely pursued by Dave Thorp (83).

On 28 February, Waiuku hosted the Manukau Interclub Regatta. Of the 109 boats competing, 28 were Zephyrs and we were happy to see three Hamilton skippers come and join us for the two race series. Leaders for the event:- Cam Duncan 1, Don Barker 2, Cor van der Pol 3, Dave Thorp 4, Ted Frankham 5, Kevin Dolores 6.

Blus Max (185) has been going so fast lately that submarine jokes are no longer in order - I'll have to pick on someone else now. Good to see Graham Findlay (31) out on the water again - keep it up Sayonara. Time to welcome a new skipper to the growing fleet at Waiuku, young Raymond Mayos sails 174 Spot On and looks very comfortable in the cockpit.

Don't forget Waiuku Weekend is 24 and 25 April.



The season is now into its last quarter and only a few important events have still to be contested. The fleet numbers have not been exceptional but those who have started have enjoyed some good

racing despite some light and fickle winds. Brian Smith has been showing outstanding form and in some races has achieved both fastest time and handicap wins. Our other leading skippers Max Walker, Brett Martin and Alan Richardson have also been prominent with occasional visits from Alan Gough to show us he hasn't forgotten how to sail. Not much has been seen of Roger Walker lately nor Ralph Skinner, but we hope to see them both on the water very soon. The regulars, Jim Brokenshire, John Vale, Jack de Leeuw, Bruce Tayler, Arthur Mohring, Stan Cook and Stephanie Bridges are all prominent when things go right and Ron Thompson seldom misses a race. Joy Homewood and Russ Rimmington have also sailed well on occasion.

Our Team Racing event on 20 Feb. was shortened due to lack of wind and resulted in a win for the Hamilton team. The following

day saw sparkling conditions for the ZOA Match Racing and our thanks go to Noel Martin for his smooth organisation, in running 64 separate races. Murray Sargisson was the individual winner, followed by Alan Richardson, Max Walker and Brian Smith equal second. Bruce Tayler won the plate section from Dick Mercer and John Vale. In all a very enjoyable series which will certainly be on next year's programme as well.

The light winds prevailed for the Waikato-Thames Champs at Te Puru and Max Walker deservedly won the Championship from Brett Martin and Brian Smith. The first race on Saturday morning was an unusual experience for some of us in trying to reach the finish line against the tide. Officer of the Day Noel Martin again showed his organisation talent in running the championships in difficult conditions. It was good to see Barry Mackie making a rare appearance and also a pleasure to see Phil Smith sail so well.

AUCKLAND CHAMPS

To be held at Tamaki, 3-4 April 1982, over four races. First race start is 10.00 a.m. Saturday, briefing at 9.00 a.m. Entry fee is \$12.00. A social function will be held in the TYC Commodores Lounge at 6.00 p.m. Chicken Spot meal available if ordered when entering.

<u>FUTURE FEATURES</u>		
Auckland Champs	Tamaki	3 & 4 April
Estuary Pennants	Christchurch	4 April
Test Match Cricket		
Zephyrs vs Frostplys	Hamilton	18 April
Waiuku Zephyr Weekend	Waiuku	24 & 25 April
National Champs	Christchurch	6 - 11 Jan. 1983

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- 126 Hauraki, see Jan. 1982 issue for details
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- 139 Aurora, see Feb. 1982 issue for details
- 145 Pandora, see Jan. 1982 issue for details

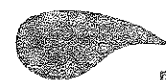


**RACING TACTICS
PART II**

By Murray Sargisson

As the starting signal goes, positions become fixed with every boat concentrating on obtaining clear air and maximum speed. The strategic plan to proceed to the advantageous side of the windward leg must take precedence. If tacking away from the fleet is the plan, then tack. If not, but tacking seems to be the only way to obtain clear air, tack and then tack back again to the preferred tack as soon as clear air is obtained. The worst possible mistake in any race is to continue on the wrong tack immediately after the start. If the initial tack is preferred and clear air is not immediately obtainable, tacking away may result in a greater loss than hanging on in disturbed air. If pointing ability is available keep high, if not bear off and break through to leeward. To get to the top mark as quickly as possible requires utilising the wind shifts to maximum advantage. Generally there are two main types of wind shifts, geographical and oscillating. Near a shoreline the wind has a tendency to try and cross it at right angles and in confined waters such as the Hamilton Lake knowing where these geographical shifts are (and they are usually always there) can produce large gains by tacking on them and heading closer to the mark than would otherwise be possible. Away from the influence of the land the wind oscillates about a median direction. Before the start this median wind direction should be determined in terms of close-hauled courses by repeatedly assuming port and starboard tacks and noting compass readings to determine the consistency of the wind. An orienteering compass mounted on the front of the centre case can be used instead of the more expensive racing compasses. North on the rotating part of the compass is set facing the median direction and lines at 45 degrees to this direction indicate the compass needle setting for median port and starboard tacks. When the compass needle is within the 90° zone the boat is on a lifter. Lifting or heading immediately after the start can be determined instantly. Persistent sailing in a header, outside the 90° zone marked on the compass, results in a major loss while tacking immediately produces a major gain. Before using a compass I found there was a temptation to tack every time the boat was headed but the compass shows that in minor headers the wind has merely changed back to its median direction and that it is better to continue on that tack and wait for the true wind shift that will put the compass needle outside the normal zone. It takes about six races to become familiar in using compass and one has to be careful not to forget to watch the other boats around as they may well have picked up a

geographical wind shift which you must immediately tack for. In oscillating wind conditions I always aim to undershoot the top mark. It is surprising how many places and boat lengths can be lost by overshooting the first top mark as successive boats reach the lay-line and then carry on to be higher to windward than the boat in front. A lifter on this final tack results in all boats sailing to the mark with eased sheets whilst a header would probably put them about anyway. Being to leeward can put you in a very strong tactical position in these conditions.



ZEPHYR CLASS
MATCH RACING SERIES HAMILTON
"THE CLASS WITH A TOUCH OF CLASS" 21st FEB.

Times of 24 February 1982. Not so bad this time as the Editor wrote it for them! Incidentally this event was sponsored by International Harvester Co. and I.H.C. have benefited by \$61.50 as a result.

Zephyr class yachts had a busy weekend in Hamilton, competing for the Tonkin Memorial Trophy on Saturday and taking part in match racing on Sunday.

A race shortened to only one lap because of the paucity of wind saw Hamilton easily retain the trophy against a six-boat Waiuku team.

The first five boats to finish were all from Hamilton. Members of the successful team were Brian Smith, Alan Richardson, Max Walker, Brett Martin, Frank Ward and Stan Cook.

Conditions were much improved for the match racing series. Some absorbing racing was seen.

The 16 entries were seeded and the first round winners formed the top eight for a round robin series for the title of New Zealand Zephyr class match race champion. The losers contested a plate event.

Most races were very close, no more than a boat length separating some of the competitors at the finish.

Murray Sargisson (French

Bay) proved the master tactician. He won all seven of his match races, although some were by the barest possible margins.

Whilst his win was clearcut in terms of matches won, the closeness of the competition was shown by three skippers tying for second place.

Alan Richardson went down narrowly to Sargisson and Brian Smith, but beat Max Walker, who in turn beat Smith. As a result all three were unable to be separated.

Defending champion Dave Thorp (Waiuku) could manage only seventh place.

The plate section was won by Bruce Tayler with six wins from Dick Mercer, also six wins. Tayler was placed first on the countback as he beat Mercer when they met.

Third place was also decided on a countback. It went to John Vale from Stephanie Bridges. Veteran sailor Ron Thompson was fifth.

In all 64 races were sailed, calling for smooth running organisation for the event.

Officer of the day Noel Martin has had considerable experience in this capacity

More copyright infringement as we reproduce a report on the Match Racing series from the Waikato Times of 24 February 1982. Not so bad this time as the Editor wrote it for them! Incidentally this event was sponsored by International Harvester Co. and I.H.C. have benefited by \$61.50 as a result. and will again be involved next weekend as officer of the day for the Waikato/Thames regatta

Results.

Championship. — Murray Sargisson beat Alan Richardson, Brian Smith, Max Walker, Brett Martin, Jim Brokenshire, Dave Thorp and Colin Barlow, 7 wins, 1; Richardson beat Walker, Martin, Thorp, Brokenshire and Barlow 5 wins, equal 2; Smith beat, Richardson, Martin, Brokenshire, Thorp and Barlow 5 wins, equal 2; Walker beat Smith, Martin, Brokenshire, Thorp and Barlow 5 wins, equal 2; Martin beat Brokenshire, Thorp and Barlow 3 wins, 5; Brokenshire beat Thorp and Barlow, 2 wins, 6; Thorp beat Barlow 1 win, 7; Barlow 0 wins, 8.

Plate: Bruce Tayler beat Dick Mercer, John Vale,

Ron Thompson, Joy Homewood, Stan Cook and Phil Smith, 6 wins 1; Mercer beat Vale, Bridges, Thompson, Homewood, Cook and Smith, 6 wins, 2; Vale beat Bridges, Thompson, Homewood, Cook and Smith 5 wins, 3; Bridges beat Tayler, Homewood, Cook and Smith 5 wins, 4; Thompson beat Homewood, Cook and Smith 4 wins, 5; Homewood beat Cook and Smith 3 wins, 6; Cook and Smith 0 wins, 7 equal.

**SAWDUST, WOODCHIPS
& PAINT PEELINGS**
By Zephyros

Fellow Zephyrim will be pleased to note that our National Champion has once more demonstrated his prowess at more than sailing, having become the proud father of another forward hand. Our con-

gratulations to Murray and Vicki. Readers will be pleased to note that we managed to extract his next set of tactical notes before he got his hands full at home. (By the way there is no truth in the rumour that Murray is going for another national record.)

The boat drain overseas is continuing with at least two more Zephyrs heading overseas. At this rate there won't be any boats left to transport south for the 1983 Nationals. Please note that the dates for this contest have been fixed as 6 to 11 January 1983.

February 14 saw a comparatively small number of Zephyrs turn out for Townson day along with equally small numbers from the other classes due to the clashes with a number of other events. A fine sunny day saw Murray Sargisson head away to another win from Russell Durrant and Dave Cook.

WAIUKU WEEKEND

To be held over Anzac Weekend, 24 & 25 April over four races. There will be a 4.4m tide with the first race at 10.00 a.m. (Briefing at 9.30.) Billets are available, phone Dave Thorp or Alan Abernethy. Cabins at the Camp are all booked out but tent and caravan space is available.



Results for three of the series held at French Bay this season are now to hand. The J. Webber Cup was won by Ted Frankham in Tania. Runner-up was David Brown in Pinocchio and Laurie

Cranfield was third in Pisces. The Harvey Real Estate Pennant was shared between Ted and Laurie, followed by Peter Wieringa in Twirre. Ted also won the Wingate Electrical Pennant, Bob Foster in Sea Fever and Don Waterer in Cascade being second and third. Club racing has been very close with only three minutes separating the winner from the last home on one occasion. The difficulty is knowing whether we are getting better, or worse, or just staying at the same level. Only our placings at the Auckland Champs will reveal the truth.

Zephyrs from French Bay joined the successful Manukau Regatta held recently at Waiuku. As is always the case at Waiuku, a really enjoyable day's sailing resulted.

Our best wishes go to Murray and Vicki Sargisson on the birth of a

brother for Jonathan. Murray has been rapidly gaining skill as a wind surfer and Bubbles Foster, who appeared at the Torbay National is also trying her hand at wind surfing as well as successfully competing in Winsome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,



During my observation of the Nationals at Torbay I was disappointed to see the number of boats that failed to measure up to the NZYF Safety Regulations.

In the course of assisting on one of the rescue boats during the first race we encountered -

- (1) a boat that had lost its centreboard during a capsize and had no bungs for its buoyancy compartment,
- (2) a boat without a satisfactory towing eye or readily available tow rope,
- (3) a boat with completely inadequate buoyancy compartments.

These deficiencies were I believe common to many boats. Many also failed to show the registration number on their hull.

I think it would be a good idea if the next issue of the newsletter could draw members' attention to these matters, perhaps by reproducing the Safety Regulations.

David Cook, Tamaki

Sir,

Just a note to acknowledge receipt of and say thanks very much for the very generous contribution to our travelling expenses. It was very much appreciated. Also thanks for an enjoyable contest after which we had an equally enjoyable visit to Northland.

Austin Ebert, Christchurch

Sir,

I would just like to say thank you very much to the Zephyr Assn for the support for our travelling expenses. It was greatly appreciated. I had a great time at the Nationals and am looking forward to seeing everyone down in Christchurch next year.

Sandy Hines, Christchurch

ZEPHYR NATIONAL CHAMPS

Place	Name	No.	Boat	1	2	3	4
1	Murray Sargisson	82	Gazelle	3	1	1	3
2	Max Walker	85	Gamble	2	2	3	2
3	Gary Lock	29	Taboo	6	5	4	1
4	Cameron Duncan	98	Bluestreak	1	3	2	DNF
5	Brian Smith	12	Cindy	4	4	8	4
6	Peter Wieringa	222	Twirre	5	8	14=	7
7=	Clynton Leuty	87	Belinda	12	20	10	9
7=	Graham Wilson	11	Rewa	14	12	17	8
9	Alan Gough	66	Taranui	11	10	11	DNF
10	Ken Maynard	181	Runaway	18	17	19	11
11	Ross Wilson	31	Sayonara	DNF	11	9	6
12	Don Waterer	68	Cascade	15	27	18	12
13	Ian Cook	183	Kerry	DNF	13	6	DNF
14	Bruce Pullan	73	Witchspark	21	30	23	13
15	Sandra Hines	302	Zippy	13	9	21	DNS
16	Alan Walker	1	Zephyr	22	18	26	DNF
17	Cor van der Pol	146	Sandpiper	DNS	15	7	DNF
18	Russell Durrant	112	Skitten	DNS	6	DNF	5
19	Laurie Cranfield	188	Pisces	17	DNF	25	10
20	John Vale	167	Rebel	20	34	28	14
21=	Alan Richardson	215	Minx	7	DNF	5	DNS
21=	Rachel Upton	217	Simba	9	16	27	DNS
23	Ken Smith	99	Vendetta	24	DSQ	13	DNF
24	Austin Ebert	304	Hustle	DNF	19	16	DNF
25	Don Barker	192	Ebony	19	29	12	DNS
26	John Couch	168	Baloo	8	DNF	14=	DNS
27=	Ted Frankham	171	Tania	DNF	23	20	DNF
27=	Scott Wilson	105	Pandora	16	26	24	DNS
29	Kevin Delores	185	Blue Max	10	21	DNS	DNS
30	Brett Martin	118	Vooka	DNF	7	DNF	DNS
31	Bubbles Foster	62	Winsome	DNF	24	22	DNS
32	Colin Barlow	40	Aroha	DNF	14	DNS	DNS
33	Jim Brokenshire	236	Eclipse	DNF	25	DNF	DNS
34	Bob Foster	38	Fever	DNF	33	29	DNS
35	Paul Mullings	36	Foxy Lady	DNF	28	DNF	DNS
36	Dave Thorp	83	Springbok	DNF	22	DNS	DNS
37=	David Brown	43	Pinocchio	DNF	32	DNF	DNS
37=	Dick Mercer	65	Woodwind	23	DNS	DNS	DNS
39	W. Means	23	Contessa	DNF	35	DNF	DNS
40	Bruce Tayler	100	Topaz	DNF	31	DNS	DNS
41	Geoff Austin	48	Zig Zag	DNS	DNF	DNS	DNS
42=	Stephen Sharp	10	Sandgroper	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS
42=	Brett White	193	Hauti	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS
42=	Peter Page	119	Mayfair II	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS



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