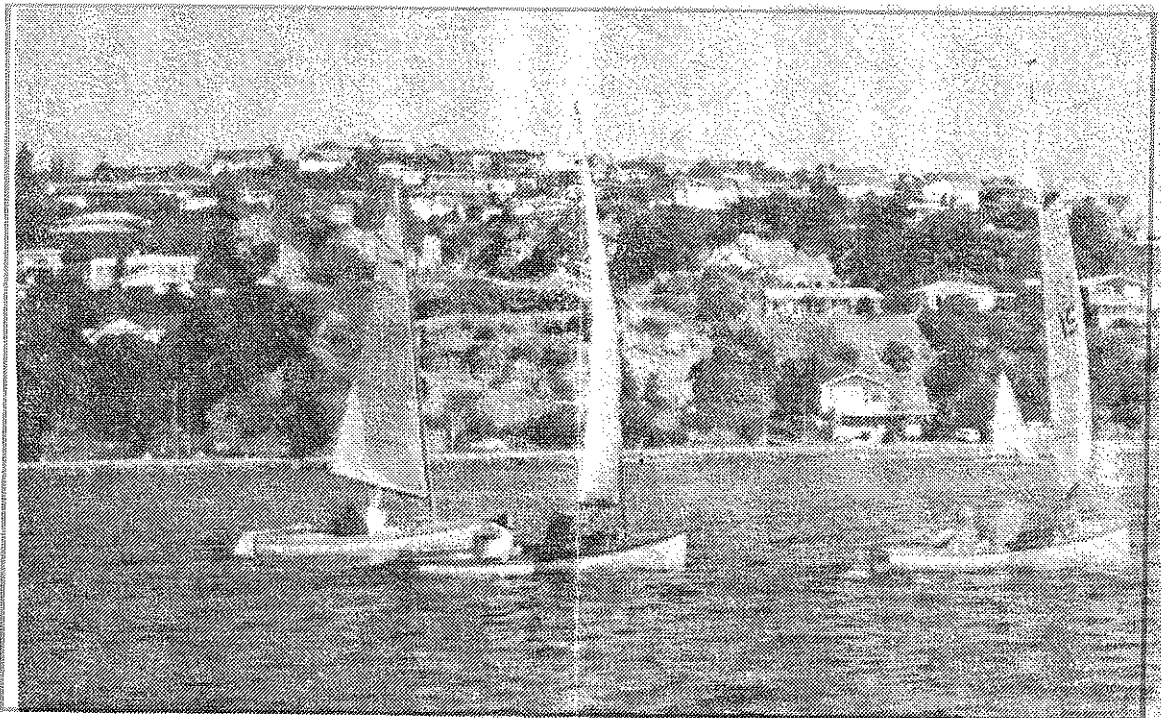


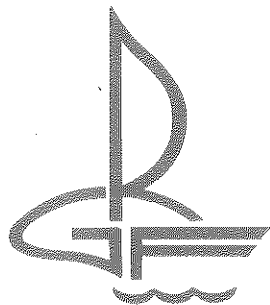
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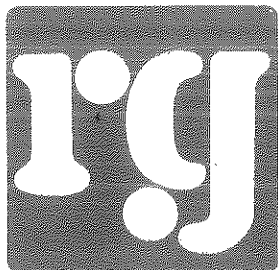
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EDITORIAL

The stage is all set for the Broadlands National Championships on 5 to 11 January 1983. This will be the 25th National Class Championship and the first ever to be staged in the South Island. Rema Maynard (Mrs Zephyr) and her enthusiastic helpers from all the Estuary Zephyr strongholds together with Canterbury Y.A. have spent hours of planning and working towards making the 1983 event the best ever.

We wish them well and trust all competitors will enjoy both the sailing and the friendly social occasions that always prevail at Zephyr class gatherings.

There is no doubt that holding the Nationals in Christchurch has given the Zephyr class in that locality tremendous stimulation. They now boast 62 Zephyrs resident in the South Island (the same number as in Auckland). This is a 62% increase on the number in November 1980!

Expense is always a problem associated with attending National Championships hence the Broadlands savings scheme was instigated by HAZO shortly after Christchurch was announced as the 1983 venue nearly 18 months ago. The scheme has had over \$6,500 invested and interest promised at favourable rates by Broadlands amounted to \$ 950 . Broadlands say they are delighted at the success of the scheme. Also they say they have been more than happy with all aspects of their sponsorship of the 1982 and 1983 Nationals and their association with ZOA.

It will be the mainlanders' turn to travel again next year. Perhaps a similar sort of scheme would be of benefit to them.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year. May the wind always blow true for you all.

COVER:

Three Zephyrs running on the contest sailing area. No. 152 Zonda, Robert Ebert, leads 151 Westerly, Rema Maynard, and 304 Hustle, Austin Ebert, towards the leeward mark.

GUESS WHO?

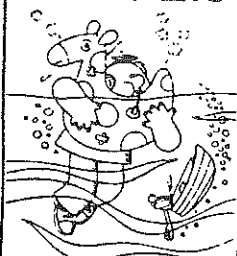
One of our Zephyr skippers thought she would like to buy her ship's officer husband a new sextant for Christmas. After checking at the local marine shop and finding the sextant was out of stock, she decided to try Valentines in Hamilton. At the counter she asked the salesman if he had any sextants in stock. "Lady," he replied, "we sell all kinds of tents. What you do in them is your business."

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

Broadlands are rumoured to be right behind us with giveaways and special prizes to go with their previous contributions and the already excellent prizes Canterbury business houses have donated. Christchurch skippers have put in a lot of effort and financial support to ensure a memorable contest.

With 46 boats already entered for the 25th Broadlands National Contest it looks like being every bit as successful as the ZOA committee and the CZOA hoped it would be. Our sponsors

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Present tallies indicate up to 15 North Island skippers could be present with at least 12 certain starters - something the Zephyr class can be proud of.

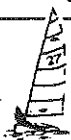
The venue looks like providing an excellent and interesting sailing water, ideal for a Zephyr contest with its good spectator viewing and plenty of scope for a testing course. At a sneak preview the writer felt it looked like a combination of French Bay and Waiuku so any skippers from these places should feel right at home.

North Islanders will obviously have to keep their eyes on the locals for the first race or two but I hear even they find it hard to agree on what is the right thing to do during a race.

As mentioned previously in WEST WIND, they are obviously keen down there. We have been cleaned out of masts and sails, not to mention boats, with everyone gearing up for the contest.

Well, Merry Christmas, and enjoy the Nationals if you're going. Keep your fingers crossed that there are no hassles getting across the Cooks and Stewards Strait, or any further frigging in rigging up there at Marsden Point.

P.S. I predicted a while back that you'd soon weaken, Ken, and it took a bit longer than expected, but it's good to hear Rema won't have to worry about you breaking up her boat any longer and that Zephyrs are now O.K. - Z.



Waiuku Warblings
By Kevin DeLores

Watch this space next issue.

Controversial topics discussed openly here.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Waiuku.



**MOUNT
PLEASANTRIES**

by Peter Paskall

John Nicholson's boat 107 By Golly has recently arrived from Peter Lewis in Hamilton and is a welcome addition to the Mt Pleasant fleet. This brings the fleet count to about 20.

We have been plagued by high winds this season so far which does not suit the majority of fine weather sailors.

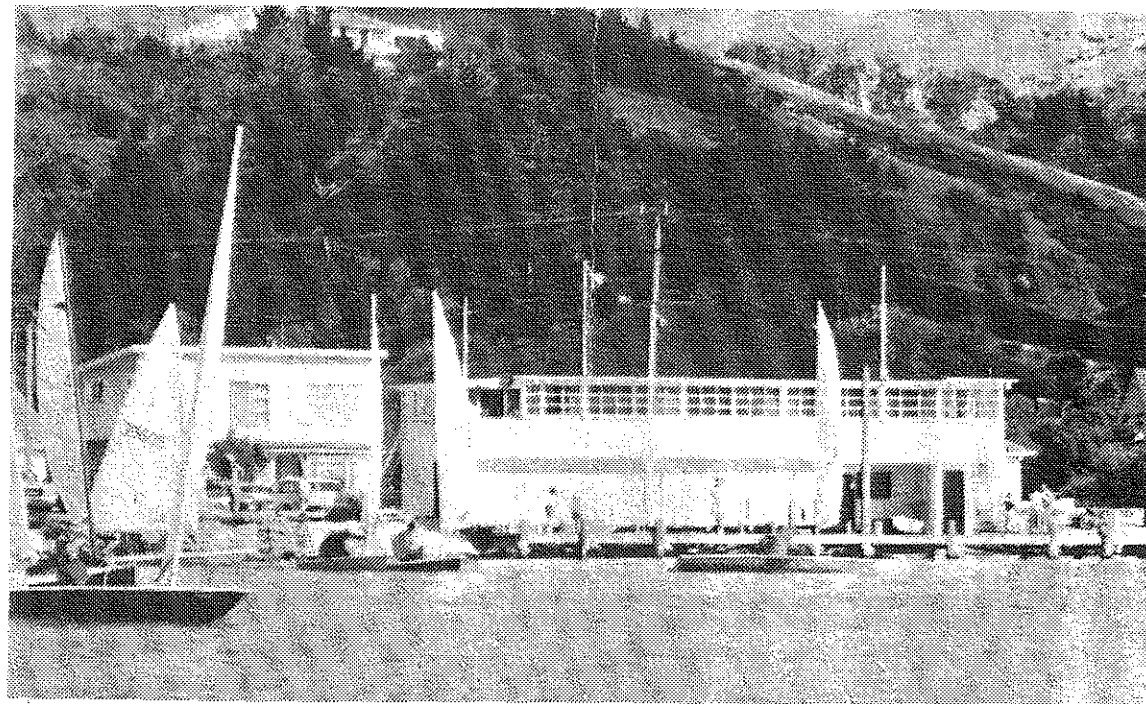
The Nationals look set for a great contest.

Best wishes to all for Christmas and a happy and Zephuros New Year

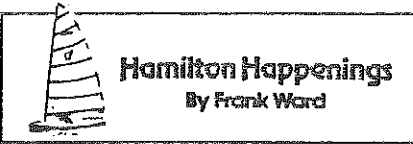
FIXTURES 1983

Broadlands National Championships	Christchurch	5 to 11 January
Auckland Anniversary Day	Tamaki	31 January
Estuary Pennants 3	Christchurch	20 February
Thames/Waikato Champs	Thames	26 and 27 February
Auckland Champs	Kohimarama	5 and 6 March
Estuary Pennants 4	Christchurch	6 March
South Island Championships	Christchurch	26 and 27 March
Charity Match Racing	Tamaki	27 March
Freshwater Championship	Huntly	1 to 4 April
Waiuku Zephyr Weekend	Waiuku	30 April and 1 May

ON THE ESTUARY



The red roof of the Christchurch Yacht Club, host for the 1983 Broadlands Zephyr National Championships, stands out against the background of the Port Hills. Only Zephyr in the picture is No. 4, Nutcracker, Don le Page, one of the leading Zephyr skippers on the Estuary.



Hamilton Happenings
By Frank Ward

Since the last issue of WEST WIND we have had a Hamilton Zephyr Weekend on 27 and 28 November and what a good weekend it turned out to be. The winds varied from medium to fresh and provided some excellent racing.

Championship honours went to Graham Cook, from Allan Richardson, Max Walker and Russell Rimmington, and Handicap placings to Barry Mackie with Phil Smith, Ted Frankham and Frank Ward filling in minor placings. The weekend was notable for the particularly good sailing of Phil Smith, Jack de Leeuw, Arthur Mohring, Colin Barlow, Roger Walker, and Cor van der Pol. It was also good to see welcome visitors in Stewart McFetridge, Cor van der Pol, Ted Frankham and Dave Thorp. We hope they spread the word about the sort of racing you can get on Hamilton Lake!

Apart from all that the Hamilton scene has been notable for good fresh breezes and some fine sailing. Brian Smith has built a Frostply and temporarily (we hope) left the Zephyrs, leaving Max Walker, Allan Richardson and Graham Cook, with occasional spurts from Ralph Skinner, to fight out the winning positions.

We understand six of our skippers are venturing into the Deep South to contest the Broadlands National Championships at Christchurch. They take the best wishes of the rest of us for a successful series. I guess the remainder of us can only rest up over the holidays and come back refreshed for the second half of our racing season - so until we see you all then, Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year



French Bay Froth
By David Brown

Out-of-town Zephyr skippers were evidently discouraged from turning out in force for French Bay's Zephyr Weekend by the Weather Man's dire predictions for 20 and 21 November. In the event the winds weren't all that heavy - merely unpredictable in velocity and direction, although the gusts were stronger on Sunday than Saturday. A good two days; sailing was enjoyed with a barbecue at the Club on Saturday evening. Our sponsors did us proud - at the prizegiving everyone walked away with one or more useful prizes.

Murray Sargisson in Gazelle won the four-race series, followed by Clynton Leuty (Belinda) second, and Brian Smith (Hamilton) in Cindy, third. Despite turning up for the second day only, Max Walker (Hamilton) made his presence felt by coming sixth. Ian Bourgeois (Firebird) would have improved his fourth position if his downwind speed had matched his powerful performance on the wind, while Stewart McFetridge (sadly out of practice these days) sailed consistently to come fifth.

Health reasons have made it necessary for Peter Wieringa to retire from Zephyr sailing. Those readers of WEST WIND who have sailed with him will, with us at French Bay, be saddened by this news. His keen support for Zephyr sailing at Club and Class level and his sporting attitude on the water will be sorely missed. Twirre (No. 222) is at present up for sale.

French Bay Zephyrs send Christmas Greetings to all ZOA members at other clubs, on the eve of the first Nationals to be held in the South Island. Good luck to all those competing.



Christchurch Capers
By Rema Maynard

After a slow start to the season, the weather settled down to a succession of fresh, gusty, north west winds - not conducive to good sailing but hopefully we are getting them over before the Nationals.

Last weekend went the other way with hardly any wind at all except for a low tide bar race last Saturday which restored everybody's faith in "Hughie". This weekend we are back to square one with gusty north westerlies on Saturday and at time of writing (Sunday) back to winter woollies, with southwesterlies and showers. Brrrrr! Not at all to the writer's liking.

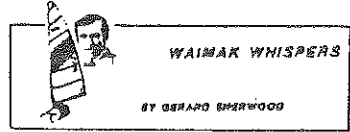
Results of the first two heats of Estuary Pennants:

Heat One - light northerly, very pleasant:
Eric Park (Rocket) 1, Rema Maynard (Westerly) 2, Robert Glue (Charade) 3.

Heat Two - fresh north easterly, cold:
Austin Ebert (Hustle) 1, Jim Park (Pooh Stick) 2, Don le Page (Nutcracker) 3.

We are getting a great deal of support here for the Nationals - at last count had 46 entries, including North Island. Everyone is busy upgrading boats and gear and looking forward to January.

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WAIMAK WHISPERS
BY GERRARD BRERWOOD

Since last issue of WEST WIND we have had two Estuary Pennants, the results of which appear in Christchurch Capers. We are pleased to advise that from the small Waimakariri contingent in the first Pennants we managed a fifth and a 12th. Conditions

were ideal, with light winds at the start, freshening towards the end. Not like the second Pennants which we will not talk about, where the winds were pretty strong and unfortunately we did not have any finishers.

On the weekend of 18 and 19 December our Club held a 24 hour Marathon, sailed at the Waimakariri River. We used Sunbursts this year but there was a suggestion in the earlier part of the year that we use the Rothman's Father and Sons and ten Zephyrs, the Rothmans of course being cat-rigged for the occasion, which we feel would have made a very interesting race. This could be an alternative for next year.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from the Waimak Club. We look forward to meeting North Island Visitors in early January.

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MISSING MISSING NUMBER

In our list of 16 missing Zephyrs in November 1982 issue, 46 Fantasy was printed in error. The name Fantasy was correct but the number should have been shown as 47. Our apology to G.W. Crozier, owner of No. 46.

The missing numbers are: 5, 21, 24, 39, 47, 72, 78, 79, 96, 106, 110, 114, 133, 164, 178 and 207.

LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST

WEST WIND has obtained a special weather forecast from long range weather forecaster, Harry Alcock of Hamilton. His predictions for the Nationals at Christchurch are:

- 5 January - An anticyclone will be centred to the north, generally fine and warm. Winds will be mainly moderate easterlies.
- 6 January - Similar conditions prevailing.
- 7 January - A weak cold front will advance towards the South Island. Fine weather. Moderate to strong north to north west winds.
- 8 January - The weak cold front will persist but the weather will remain fine.
- 9 January - Settled weather, fine. Strong north to north west winds.
- 10 January - A tendency to strong westerly winds.
- 11 January - Similar conditions.

NOT HAMILTON LAKE



No, this placid scene is not Hamilton Lake but the Estuary at Christchurch. No. 26 Bambi, has drifted with the tide ahead of 302 Zippy, Sandra Hines, 4 Nutcracker, Don le Page, and 151 Westerly, Rema Maynard. Boats are sailing in the contest area.

DOWNWIND SAILING By Ralph Skinner

It is generally held that races are won and lost on the upwind legs of the course, especially in boats without spinnakers, and most of our training and tuning efforts are directed towards improving performance on these legs. By contrast the downwind leg tends to be viewed as a time to rest aching muscles and recoup energies for the battle on the next slog. (One or two well known club members have even been known to light a cigarette - ugh!)

This used to be my attitude too, until one day in the late 1950's. These were the early years of Zephyrs on Hamilton Lake, and the occasion was a visit by a group of top Zephyr skippers from Auckland. Among them were Helmar Pedersen, winner of the gold medal in the Flying Dutchman at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, and Ron Watson who represented us at Naples in the 1960 games. Yes, these boys were having a season in Zephyrs at this time to sharpen up for their later Olympic efforts.

We started off the club house on our normal course, into a nice brisk westerly, and there were at least three or four boats ahead of mine by the time we had reached the Golf Links mark. After rounding, the leaders had continued on port so I hopefully threw onto starboard and shortly was lucky enough to pick up a tremendous lift - the sort you dream about - which enabled me to lay right through to Killarney. I must have rounded a good 30 yards clear of the next boat, and you can imagine how pleased with myself I felt as I eased the sheet, raised the centreboard, and sat back planing down the lake, hoping everyone at the club house was watching as the local boy showed the way to those name skippers from Auckland.

Well, I hadn't gone more than 150 yards down that leg when I heard a hiss and a roar behind me. There was Ron Watson, pumping, swinging, working like a slave - he went past me to windward like a fire engine and disappeared down the lake towards the hospital in a shower of spray.

This was the salutary experience which taught me that races can be lost and won downwind too.

Having realised this I have since approached the leeward leg with more eager anticipation, hoping that the skippers ahead are relaxing their concentration just a little, and encouraged by the thought that the boat behind is favoured by first use of the wind on this part of the course.

Hopefully this optimism leads to quicker reactions and the more vigorous picking of body weight against hull and sail pressures, generating the forces which will drive the boat those few yards faster to the leeward mark. Even in light winds I think subtle tiller pressures against hull movement can sometimes gain a few inches, and on the sea utilization of the waves is an art in itself.

Is all the effort worth it, you might say, to gain just a few yards, when picking a good lift upwind will gain several boat lengths? Well, if that few yards means the difference between starting the next beat just ahead rather than just behind your nearest rival, what a tremendous advantage that is!

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ZEPHYR CHARITY MATCH RACING - TAMAKI 27 MARCH

The date for this event has been altered to 27th March 1983. The format will be based on last years successful series held in Hamilton.

It is proposed that entries be sponsored and all members should give some thought to obtain a sponsor now.

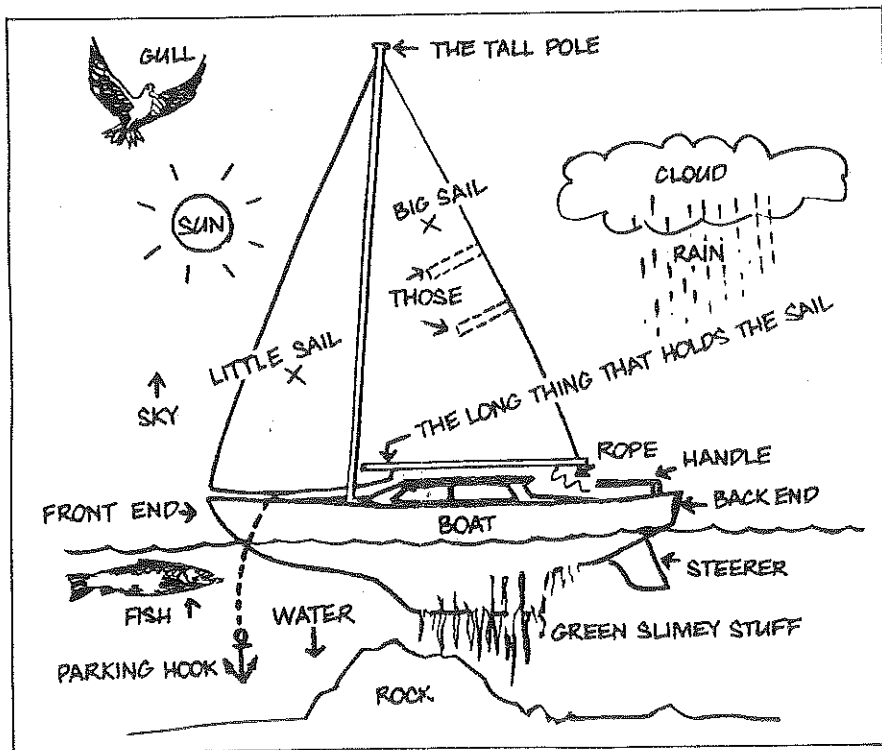
Minimum Entry will be \$20.00.

The N.Z.Y.F. is being approached for permission for sponsorships to be used.

Proceeds go to the Spirit of New Zealand. Full details in next copy of WEST WIND.

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One of our skippers takes his holidays camping in a tent. When asked how he enjoys it, he says he has no room to complain.



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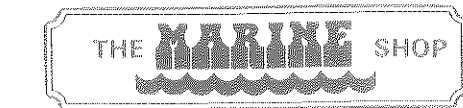
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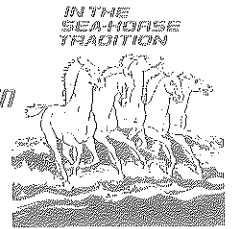
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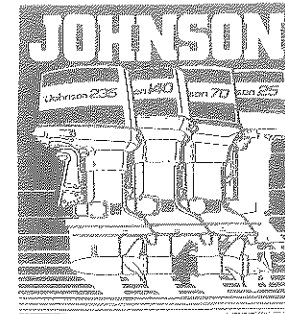
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