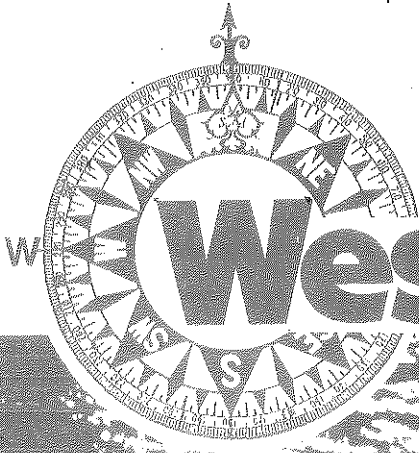
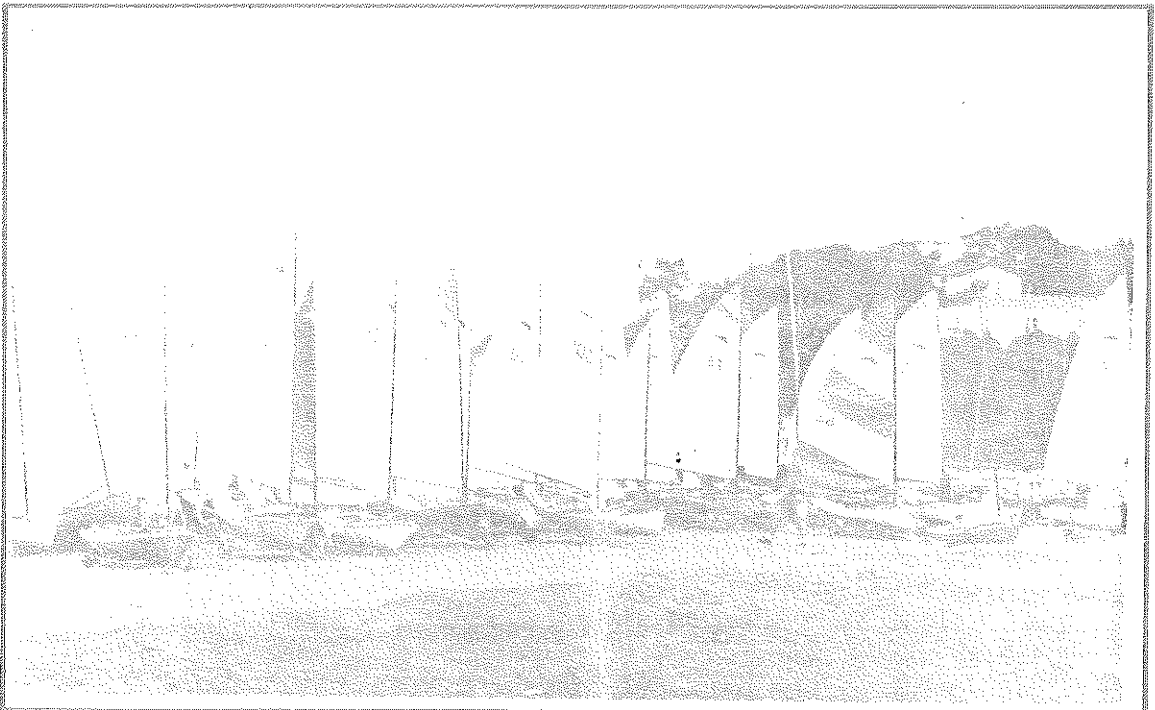


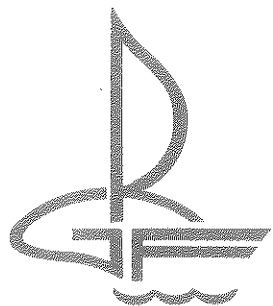
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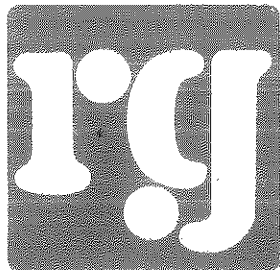
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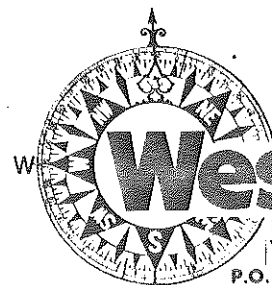


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EDITORIAL

Well, what's new? Certainly not the inclement conditions experienced at our National Championships, sponsored by Broadlands. Last year we copped it on the last day at Tamaki and in 1980 we didn't even get off the beach at Murrays Bay so that contest went to French Bay at Easter by default and conditions there weren't exactly picnic like either. We have to go back to Arkles Bay in 1979 for the type of weather most prefer.

In a contest reduced to only four races - just enough for a championship, only 14 boats completed all four heats. What a pity, but the Zephyr lot are not ones to bemoan their luck or the conditions. And if the Canterbury contingent are to be believed they think "... it doesn't blow like it used to!" As predicted we didn't rise to the heights entrywise of last year but 44 nevertheless was a satisfactory turnout for our first official National Championship.

The 1983 Nationals loom as the next major milestone in the history of the ZOA. It will be the first ever Zephyr class championship to be sailed in the South Island and will be the 25th annual contest. That Broadlands are so solidly behind us is very encouraging and it behoves all to make the effort to travel to Christchurch. Cor van der Pol is currently holidaying on the mainland and is to take in the S.I. champs in a chartered vessel. His first hand experience of estuary sailing and Canterbury hospitality should help him convince others on his return home "that in 1983, Christchurch is the place to be".

The rest of the season is full of interest with Teams and Match Racing at Hamilton and S.I. Champs at Christchurch on 20-21 February followed by Waikato/Thames Champs, Auckland Champs, Estuary Pennants and the finale, Zephyr weekend at Waiuku on 24 and 25 April.

COVER: Some of the 44 Zephyrs entered in the 1982 Broadlands National Championships held at Torbay. Conditions for the racing were far from ideal with only four of the scheduled five races being sailed.

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ZEPHYR NATIONAL CHAMPS

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five wins with John Faire (Hamilton). and his fifth win came in 1977.



A record of sorts was also established by Hamilton's Max Walker when he was placed second for the fourth consecutive year ... close again this year but also so far away. He was only 3.3 points away from glory. He cheerfully accepts the position and philosophically acknowledges second is better than third or fourth or fifth!

Third place went to Gary Lock better known in OK circles having his first experience of sailing a Zephyr. He found the effort enjoyable and rewarding.

The Zephyr Nationals never seem to lack a hard luck story and this time the drama belongs to Cameron Duncan of Waiuku. He was just three points behind Sargisson after three races and had a chance to win the series or at least come second. Unfortunately he broke his rudder when well placed in the last race and the resultant DNF pushed him back to fourth spot as there were not enough races to drop a worst performance. He was champion in 1975 and 1978. Cam admitted being astonished with the alacrity he was whisked to shore but was relieved no further damage was caused.

so fortunate was Kevin Delores. Bolting out at the start of first race and disputing the lead with the name skippers at the windward mark he actually finished tenth before disaster overtook him. The rapidity of transportation with his hull full of water to the beach was less than good for the old girl who won't see 21 again.

Brian Smith, Hamilton, was fifth and as usual was well up the list. He won the contest in 1976, sailed at Waiuku.

Entries totalled 44, from Christchurch, French Bay, Hamilton, North Shore and Tamaki. Whilst down on last year's record breaking 66 for the Silver Jubilee year, it compares more than favourably with other classes' national contest entries.

Conditions were far from ideal with 20 knot winds gusting to 40 knots on Saturday morning. Of the 44 starters in the first race only 24 finished in the trying conditions. Capsizes, broken gear

The 1982 Broadlands Zephyr National Championship was a triumph for Murray Sargisson of French Bay who won his record breaking sixth National title at Torbay in January. He previously shared the record of

Sargisson first won in 1966

and fatigue took their toll. As a result of this and the forecast for a cold front with gusts of 80 knots, the second and third races were postponed until the next day. Three races were sailed then as four races are required to constitute a championship. The fifth scheduled race was abandoned. Boats were on the water for more than seven hours. Except for half an hour on shore before the fourth and final race it was a long haul. Only 21 yachts faced the starter in this race and just 14 finished in conditions not much

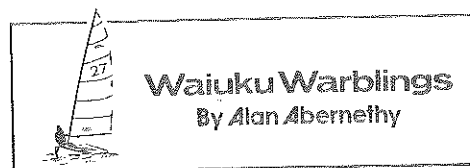
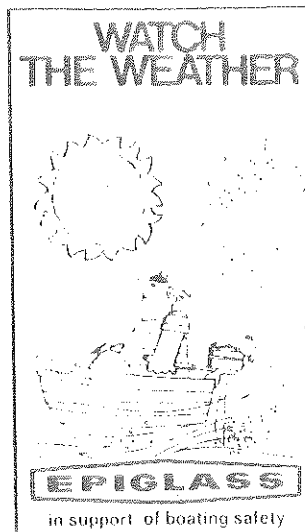
improved on the first day, winds of 15 knots gusting to 25 to 30.

Broadlands sponsorship for 1982 and 1983 is aimed primarily at encouragement of a large fleet of North Island Zephyrs to travel to Christchurch for the first ever national championship in the South Island. It will be the 25th annual contest. This year's event incidentally was the first official national championship since the class was granted NZYF national class status.

Handicap:

Belinda (Clynton Leuty) 1; Cascade (Don Waterer) 2; Witchspark (Bruce Pullan) 3; Rebel (John Vale) 4; Runaway (Ken Maynard) 5.

Women: Zippy (Sandra Hines) 1; Simba (Rachel Upton) 2; Winsome (Bubbles Foster) 3. Special Prize: Twirre (Peter Wierenga)



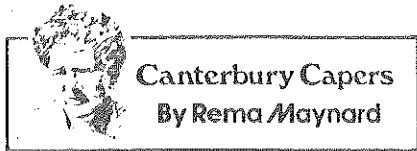
The Zephyr fleet at Waiuku has increased this season. So far 15 have sailed and 11 of these are fairly regular.

Sailing conditions have varied from the slightest of zephyrs to the heavy squalls that damage boats and skippers. However, the fifth and sixth point races sailed recently were held in ideal conditions with good racing evident.

I guess that most people know that Don Barker is back in the fleet - first time out in Ebony, No. 192, Don displayed fine form and proved that in spite of the contaminating effect of sailing a Frostply for several seasons he still retains some basic abilities in the Zephyr. Don used to sail Karoro, No. 14, some four years ago and also served on the ZOA committee. He is probably better known currently as the Commodore of the Waiuku Yacht Club.

Other Zephyrs out recently were Joey, No. 37, (Tony Hume), Ariel, No. 25 (John Muir), Spot On, No. 174 (Mayas) and Sayonara, No. 31, (Graham Findlay). We look forward to seeing these boats (the skippers as well!) frolicking on the waters more often.

Blue Max (Kevin Dolores) is showing good boat speed when not being used as a submarine, along with Pussyfoot (Sam Shackleton). Pandora (Scott Wilson) and Sandgroper (Stephen Sharp) are both racing consistently. Scott shows the rest of the Wilson's how to sail the right way up.



Canterbury Capers
By Rema Maynard

The Zephyr boom in the South continues, with the addition of a new hull from Auckland, No. 238 acquired by Jim Park, ex Laser skipper, and another boat from the North Island now being sailed by John Willocks at Mt Pleasant. Grant Badger is also doing his best to get his boat Harlequin down from Hamilton to join our ranks. A new boat, No. 318, has also been order by R.G. Saunders and will be started shortly.

The Canterbury contingent to Torbay again thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Nationals and we are proud of Sandra's success. A certain Christchurch skipper came home with two paint burshes, wondering if perhaps his boat could do with a major redecorating job. Did any of the other skippers at Torbay notice? Also they tell me that "It doesn't blow like it used to."

On the home front, Denys Colby at last picked a good day to go sailing last Sunday, after the previous week's strong N.W. when some Zephyr skippers limped home to smug looks from Christchurch Yacht Club's wise old weather prophet. Bill Cutts was smiling, too! Roger France now requires a new sail after reducing all his battens to kindling wood after a sizzling jybe.

We have now got up-to-date tide tables and after a meeting to be held shortly, will be able to finalise the dates for the 1983 Nationals.

Ken's Kontribution

On behalf of the Canterbury team, I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the people who ran the 1982 Nationals, the O.D. (who had a most difficult period of throwing flags into the bilge of the official boat, and predicting the duration of rain showers at the barbeque), his sailing committee and the host club at Torbay, who all worked hard to make a successful event in very limited time and inclement weather. The Canterbury team enjoyed themselves and the hospitality of the northerners was very much appreciated.

We also thank every competitor in the fleet, it is a pleasure to sail in a contest where everyone is so friendly, and we look forward to meeting you all again in Christchurch, 1983.

- Ken Maynard

1982 MATCH RACING AND TRAMS

The 1982 match racing scheduled to be held at Hamilton earlier this month has been postponed at the request of Waiuku. The new date is Sunday, 21 February, racing to commence at 10.00 a.m.

Teams racing for the Tonkin Memorial is to be held on Saturday morning and a ver HYC club racing in the afternoon. Waiuku and French Bay will race off in the morning, the winner to challenge the holders later in the day. Hamilton hopes to field two teams and the winner of their race will defend the Tonkin Memorial Trophy. The two losing teams will race each other also.

A barbecue is to be held on Saturday after the racing.

WHAT'S LEFT

Tonkin Memorial (Teams Racing)	Hamilton	20 February
Match Racing	Hamilton	21 February
South Island Champs	Christchurch	20 & 21 February
Waikato/Thames Champs	Te Puru, Thames	27 & 28 February
Auckland Champs	Tamaki	3 & 4 April
Estuary Pennants	Christchurch	4 April
Waiuku Zephyr Weekend	Waiuku	24 & 25 April

MISSING ZEPHYRS

In November 1980 there were 29 Zephyrs unaccounted for - that is there was no name and address on the register. Since then nine have turned up. In one week alone in January 1982, three were located. Number 148, Renee (M.M. Langley) seen at Taupo by Max Walker, 156, Chinook (N.W. McGillivray) came up in casual conversation with Grant Badger of Christchurch, and 209, Maria (R.J. Gregory) was advertised for sale in the Herald (see also Zephyrs For Sale in this issue). Others to re-appear are 5, Ariel (nee Pastime), recently bought from Robert Gray by John Muir of Waiuku, 180, Viking (John Skjellerup, Christchurch), 187, Kia Ora (Richard Valentine, Onepu), 196, Excalibur (Simon Flood, Nelson), 201, Typhoon (Dr W.J. Pryor), Christchurch), 204, Rosemary, found at Whangarei by Robyn East, a former ZOA president, last year.

The ZOA is anxious to trace the remaining twenty missing Zephyrs so if you happen to see any of the following numbers, please let us know.

6 Seafly, 21 Technique, 24 Isalei, 39 Whim, 45 Ossie,
46 Sparkle, 47 Fantasy, 72 Sharon, 78 Chiquita, 79 Jan,
95 Lolita, 96 - , 106 Serene, 110 Zephyr, 114 - ,
133 Whisper, 164 Naiad, D. Stevens (no address), 172 - ,
178 Acapoulca, 207 Proteus.

Incidentally, there is a boat, Sirocco (C. Bridges, Christchurch), which doesn't know its real number. It has been racing under the number 52 for some years but the real 52 is Can Can (J. Franklin, Manly). The committee has allocated a spare number 232 in the meantime.

If you would like to positively identify your Zephyr have a look for the number punched into either the keelson just forward of the centre case or under the deck king plate just forward of the no. three frame. The alternative positions depended on whether the boat was upside down or rightside up when Des Townson did it! Unfortunately, he did not number ALL hulls.

Happy hunting for those missing Zephyrs. If you find any, don't tell Keith Bracey or your nearest Police Station - tell US.

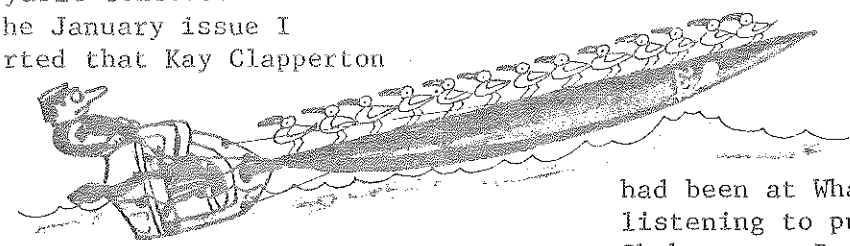
SAWDUST, WOODCHIPS & PAINT PEELINGS
By Zephyros

I suppose we all hav. our bads but some people obviously suit more of these than others. For a certain class publicity officer for instance who arrived at the

lake late the other day and commenced rigging his boat with great haste. It took me some time to convince him in the midst of all the rush that his leech would not slide up the mast track without some modification to the sail. Alas, my effort was in vain as the next time I sighted this zephyr - well perhaps sighted the zephyr is a little misleading, the hull being completely submerged - was just after the start and at first I thought John had succeeded in sailing his mast and boom across the lake having forgotten his boat, but it was his Technique that got him there. As he pointed out afterwards, "There are two species of Zephyr, the ordinary ones and a sub-species!" This "sub" species appears regularly on Hamilton Lake, and no doubt in other places, usually early in the season and can be recognised as follows - shiny new paint, harrassed looking owner, some fittings still missing, usually has buoyancy bags (but not this time) and is most often seen in windy weather.

It was good to see a fleet of 44 boats turn out for the National Contest at Torbay. A pity so many found the conditions not quite as enjoyable as they might have been. The task ahead of us now is to prepare to make the trip to Christchurch next year. Don't put it off - decide to go now, and make plans accordingly. It promises to be a very enjoyable contest.

In the January issue I reported that Kay Clapperton



had been at Whangaparaoa listening to pukekos at Shakespeare Bay. I could hardly believe she would rather do that than sail her boat. The photo proves I was right - she has the perfect answer, combines both at the same time.

- ZEPHYROS

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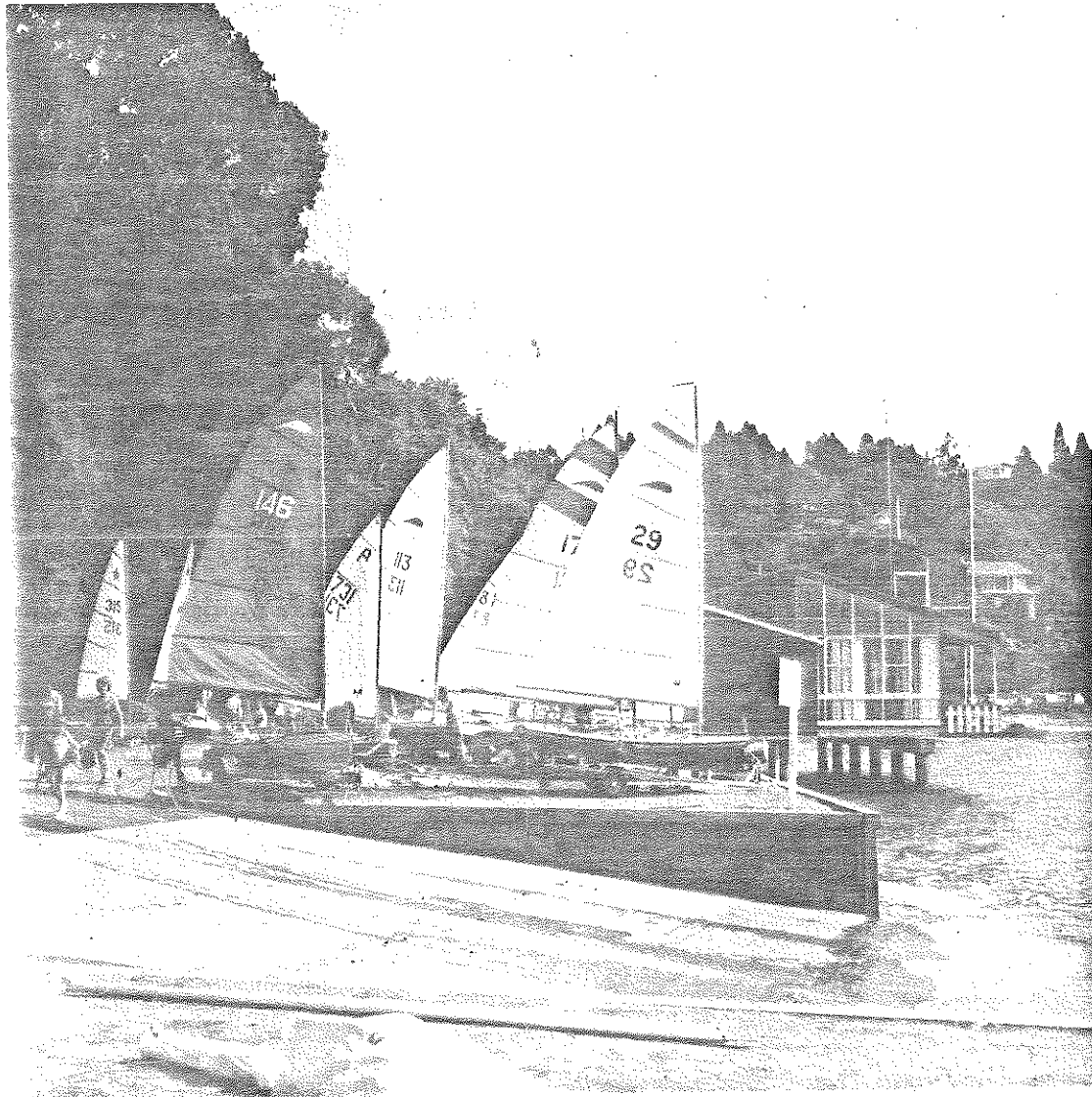
- 125 Sabre, new deck, built-in buoyancy. Peter Rotherham, 33 Valley Rd, Titirangi, Auckland, phone 817-7310.
- 139 Aurora, excellent condition, with road trailer, \$780. Michelle Parkinson, 70 Astley Ave, New Lynn, Auckland, phone 872-418.
- 209 Maria, excellent condition, two sails with road trailer, \$900. R.J. Gregory, 15 Le Roy Tce, Birkenhead, phone 487-737.



HAPPY SMILES ALL ROUND

Seen receiving a cheque for \$500 and a \$500 debenture at Torbay from Broadlands representative, John Chetwynd is a happy ZOA president, Dave Thorp. Lyndsay Clark, a former NZ Q-class sailor, seems pleased too.

Photo: Chris Clark



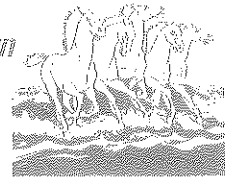
A FAMILIAR SUMMER SCENE
Zephyrs preparing for racing at French Bay

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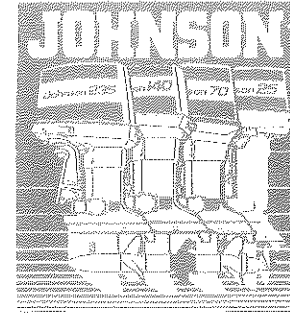
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