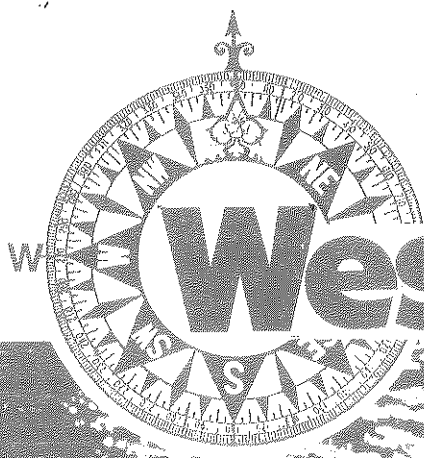
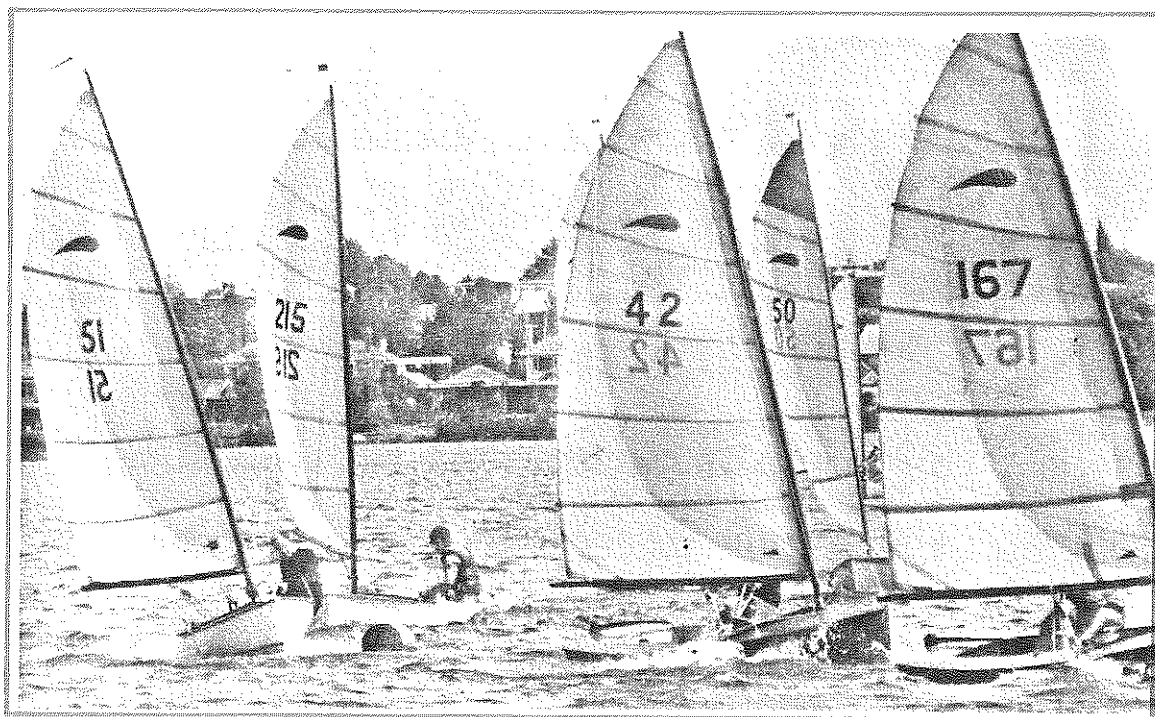


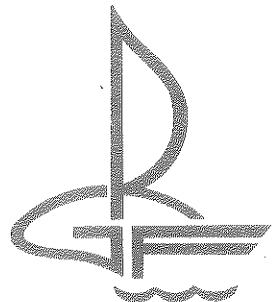
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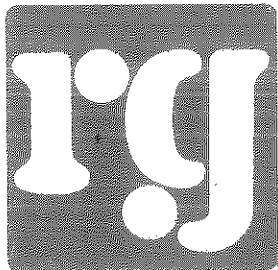
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EDITORIAL To all the people who have been anxiously awaiting WEST WIND, we apologise for the delay in publishing this first edition of the season. Due to difficulties beyond our control earlier publication was not possible. One difficulty was the protracted and delicate negotiations between Christchurch and our President, Max Walker, over the format of the National Championships. We are happy to advise that all has been happily resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. Details of the Nationals appear elsewhere in this edition together with an entry form (entries close on 1 December 1982) and an account for Z.O.A. subs. The reason entries are required before the contest starts, as has been the practice in the past, is that a special programme is being printed by Christchurch and will include the entrants. Post entries will still be accepted up to the commencement of the event but at a surcharged fee. With the benefit of hindsight, we could have foreseen the delay and omitted reference to the Nationals in an edition published a month earlier.

The A.G.M. of Z.O.A. saw new people at the top. Max Walker takes over from Dave Thorp as President and Joy Homewood is Secretary, filling the vacancy created by Max's promotion. Barry Mackie, Kevin Delores and Tony Hume come on to the Committee for the first time.

Dave Thorp was involved in official positions as treasurer, committee member, treasurer again, and finally president of Z.O.A. over a period of some eight years. He is now enjoying a well earned rest building a new house and establishing a garden!

Another long term stalwart to depart the Committee ranks is Cor van der Pol, who in all spent eleven years on the committee. What great service both these men have given our wonderful class. Thank you Dave, thank you Cor.

Z.O.A. OFFICERS, 1982-83

Patron: Alan Walker
President: Max Walker
Secretary: Joy Homewood
Treasurer: Ted Frankham
Publicity: John Vale

Committee: Stewart McFetridge, Barry Mackie, Cameron Duncan, Kevin Delores, Tony Hume

Fleet Captains:

Stan Cook, Hamilton	Clynton Leuty, French Bay
Dave Willmott, Tamaki	Rema Maynard, Christchurch
Peter Pascall, Mt Pleasant	Gerard Sherwood, Waimakariri

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ALUMINIUM MASTS

Z.O.A. is to purchase a metal mast for trial assessment and evaluation.

Is this a good idea? Is it the thin edge of the wedge? What do you think?

Send a letter to the Editor with your opinion.

COVER

Joy Homewood, 167, Rebel, up to her tricks leading a close packed group of Zephyrs round No. 5 buoy off the bathing beach on Lake Rotoroa (Hamilton). Just behind is Brian Hutchinson 42, Free'n'easy, now under the helmsmanship of Gerald Austin on the Estuary in Christchurch, while Ralph Skinner, 51, Bernadine, avoids having to give buoy room to Allan Richardson, 215, Minx. Jim Brokenshire, 50, Harlequin, just gets himself into the picture.



It's good to see that all existing fleets appear to have started the season with good numbers and we can look forward to another active season in all Zephyr strongholds.

I would urge anyone still thinking about going to Christchurch to act promptly and enter for the class's 25th Nationals. Once in 25 years is not too often to make a little extra sacrifice and lend support to those who have generously supported us in the past by making the trip north.

May I wish all owners an enjoyable season's sailing and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

ZEPHYR SHOP

Demand for masts and sails is such that some delays are hard to avoid although we are trying to hold both sails and masts in stock.

You can help by observing the following when ordering:

Order in writing to The Secretary, P.O. Box 9324, Hamilton.
Say if your order is urgent, e.g. broken mast.
Always include your boat number for easy reference.

Sails: A new batch of sails is now on order. One sail is in stock.
Standard sail is white with black numbers, present price to Z.O.A. members is approx. \$250.00.
Window - \$12.00. Blue streak battens - \$92.00.

Masts: Oregon only in stock \$175.00
Booms, spruce or oregon \$ 75.00

Anyone with an old damaged or broken mast put to one side can have it rebuilt or patched up by our mast man who has revived many an ageing mast for another round. If you don't want it, someone else may be able to make use of it so don't let it sit there going to waste. It might help alleviate the pressure on new mast making. Contact the Secretary

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MISSING ZEPHYRS

The number of missing Zephyrs is slowly dwindling and now stands at 16. If anyone has any clues as to the whereabouts of these boats please let John Vale know immediately.

5 Seafly; 21 Technique; 24 Isa Lei; 39 Whim; 46 Fantasy; 72 Sharon;
78 Chiquita; 79 Jan; 96 - ; 106 Serene; 110 Zephyr;
114 - ; 133 Whisper; 164 Naiad; 178 Acapoulca; 207 Proteus.

By the way, does anyone remember the original name of No. 172?

BACK COPIES

Occasionally we are asked for back copies of WEST WIND. If you would like any back issues, they are available from the Editor. If you want to complete a collection, here are the issues published:

October, November and December 1980;
January, March, May, July, October 1981;
January, February, April and July 1982.

One of our well known personalities recently resigned from the Nudist Club because he couldn't think of anywhere to put his car keys. But he did say one advantage is that you don't have to sit around in a wet bathing suit!

BROADLANDS ZEPHYR CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHRISTCHURCH 5 to 11 January, 1983

NOTICE OF RACE

This event will be hosted by the Christchurch Yacht Club Inc., Moncks Bay, Redcliffs. Racing will be governed by the 1981-85 edition of the I.Y.R.U. Rules and the N.Z.Y.F. prescription, the current Zephyr Class Rules and the Contest sailing instructions. Sailing instructions will be posted as an acknowledgement of entry, after the closing date, 1 December 1982.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 5 January	10.30 a.m.	Invitation Race
Thursday, 6 January	9.00 a.m.	Formal Briefing
	11.30 a.m.	Race 1
Friday, 7 January	12.30 p.m.	Race 2
Saturday, 8 January	1.15 p.m.	Race 3
Sunday, 9 January	2.00 p.m.	Race 4
Monday, 10 January	9.20 a.m.	Resail Reserve
	2.45 p.m.	Race 5
Tuesday, 11 January	10.15 a.m.	Resail Reserve
	3.30 p.m.	Resail Reserve

Tidal information and plans of proposed courses will be included in the sailing instructions.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Z.O.A. will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 6 January. It is expected that the meeting will be over by 5.30 p.m.

Agenda: Z.O.A. topics of interest, especially to South Island members.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

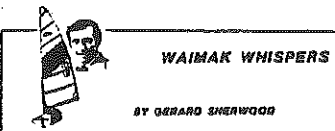
Tuesday, 5 January	6:30 p.m.	Social hour and get-together at Christchurch Yacht Club.
Sunday, 9 January	6.30 - 9.30 p.m.	Cruise to Port Levy on the steam tug Lyttelton, embarking Lyttelton No. 2 East, from 6 p.m. Smorgasbord served. Total cost, \$10 per person plus drinks.
Monday, 10 January	6.00 p.m.	Prize Giving (provided resail races are not required on Tuesday, 11 January).

PRIZES

1st	National Zephyr Trophy plus prize.
2nd	David Cook Trophy plus prize.
3rd, 4th and 5th	Prizes.
1st Handicap	Cindy Cup plus prize.
2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Handicap	Prizes.
1st Ladies	HAZO Cup plus prize.

FIXTURES 1982/83

French Bay Zephyr Weekend	French Bay	20 & 21 November
Hamilton Zephyr Weekend	Hamilton	27 & 28 November
National Championships	Christchurch	5 to 11 January
Charity Match Racing	Auckland	30 January
Auckland Anniversary Day	Auckland	31 January
Estuary Pennant 3	Christchurch	20 February
Thames/Waikato Champs	Waikato	26 & 27 February
Estuary Pennants 4	Kohimarama	5 & 6 or 19 & 20 March
S.I. Zephyr Champs	Christchurch	26 & 27 March
Freshwater Champs	Huntly	1 to 4 April
Waikato Zephyr Weekend	Waikato	30 April & 1 May



This is the first news bulletin from the Waimakariri Club, Canterbury. For the uninitiated, we are situated on the Waimakariri (Cold Waters) River, approximately ten miles north of Christchurch. We are a little known club, yet we are the oldest club in Canterbury.

The main fleet consists of Rochman's Father & Son yachts and Lasers. However, we now have three Zephyrs and would welcome any visitors to the area to try out our sailing facilities. I can assure you that you will be extended a warm welcome.

Our opening day was on 5 September and we were the first club in Canterbury to open. We had 36 boats on the river on a bright, sunny and warm day (which helped to melt the icebergs). We had a light breeze so fortunately nobody went swimming in these snow fed waters.

On 25 September, the Waimak fleet of Zephyrs visited the Mt Pleasant Club for their opening day, and we are very pleased to advise that we came away with a first and a third, much to Mt Pleasant's chagrin. We certainly look forward to some lively competition between our two clubs.

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The sailing season commenced on 17 October in typically fresh spring weather conditions. In view of the number of capsizes on this day it was perhaps just as well that all club life jackets were tested for correct buoyancy by Z.O.A. (and French Bay) treasurer, Ted Frankham.

The conditions on opening day and the following day were best handled by Clynton Leuty in Belinda and Alan Retter in Zephyr number 1, Zephyr. Clynton was first and Alan second on both days.

We extend a warm welcome to John Barber, who has joined the French Bay Zephyr fleet with Pisces, sailed last season by Laurie Cranfield. Paul Mullings was sailing a Laser on opening weekend, but Foxy Lady is still in his possession and Paul plans to refurbish it. French Bay's Commodore, Ian Bourgeois, is now owner of Firebird and we hope to see him participating in club racing when he can spare the time from his numerous other commitments. Ian came ninth in last season's Auckland Champs and would doubtless have given Clynton Leuty and Alan Retter a run for their money in the fresh conditions prevailing on this season's opening weekend.

We are looking forward to good sailing in 1982-83 at French Bay, in particular the Zephyr weekend on 20 and 21 November. There will be a barbecue at the club on the evening of Saturday and we will be happy to arrange billets for out-of-Auckland visitors.

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Nothing much in the estuary scene yet this year - the icebergs have now gone and we are waiting for some kind soul to switch on the water heater - it's still a bit nippy round the ankles. Opening day was a great success with a nice light wind and reasonable temperature and the newest of our Zephyrs, 191, Stoic, and 170, Koanui, owned by Max Williams and C. Fraser, were out. I think we have 16 or 17 Zephyrs now. Estuary Pennants started early in the season, but attracted a good entry. The fitting of 16x4 pneumatic tyres to Karyn's Launch trolley was a great success and is recommended to all other Zephyr owners. This should really be added to the class rules! You can sprint at 10 mph to the launching ramp and easily make the 5-minute gun without the risk of a hernia. We understand that Max Walker and a few other stalwarts are coming to the Nationals and are sure that they will enjoy the racing and other activities planned for this occasion.

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I'm moving out of the Zephyr fleet - at least for a little while. Dreana was fed up sailing her Optimist so we decided that together we would sail a Phase II. I have sold Pal-O-Mine to L. May so it will remain at Waiuku.

Few skippers have been winter sailing this year which is a pity because the winds seem to be better than the flukey summer breezes. Dave Thorp, Kevin Dolores, and Alan Abernethy have enjoyed pleasant afternoons without the hassles of other classes spoiling their tactical advantages.

The last race was a good one with 27 in the lead up to the last mark until a sudden wind change left Abo gurgling in the tide while Dave sailed past. Abo reckons Dave had some control over that wind and may well have been doing a dance in his cockpit to summon up

assistance. Give him his due though - Dave did look concerned (briefly) at the sight of Abo half drowned.

Roger Aldworth has joined the ranks of the local Zephyrs. Rodger sails 221, Cherie, which he purchased recently.

The summer season started on 16 October with the opening series and we look forward to a season of hard sailing with good winds.

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The Christchurch season got underway recently with reasonably warm weather and light N.E. winds. Nine Zephyrs turned out, not a lot but several skippers were involved with the usual opening day kerfuffle. Going on performance for the first two races of the season, I can see that Roger France will need to have his wings clipped and Jim Park, who incidentally talked son Eric into swotting on Sunday so that he could sail said son's boat, got away to a good start and was not seen again until much later in the clubhouse. Park father and son look to be set for great things when Jim's new boat is launched soon.

I wonder what Sandra Hines was doing all wired up to Tripod, muttering nasty things about numbers 304 and 151. Funny way to sail a yacht race but it's just as well all that lovely paintwork didn't suffer.

All things considered, it was a good start to the season and we are looking forward to much more of the same, especially in January.

New boats and skippers to be ready soon are 319, Gary Benjamin, and 320, Murray Hay, who is an ex-Laser skipper. These two will sail at Pleasant Point Yacht Club, the beginning of that Club's fleet. We are still getting keen types wanting to buy Zephyrs and it seems that you only have to have a try out in somebody else's boat to become completely wrapped in the class. We even have an ex-Finn skipper, Bill Beere, doing his best to acquire a Zephyr one way or another.

Well, it's not long till January, so "See you at the Nationals!"



Well, the season is well and truly under way now, and all those who lamented the lack of wind last year are having their wishes fulfilled with fresh to strong winds almost every race. The Labour weekend series, for instance, was notable mainly for the heavy conditions and only those with stout hearts (and strong backs) completed all races, with Graham Cooks the championship winner and Jim Brokenshire taking handicap honours.

The following Saturday, 30 October, saw Arthur Mohring, Joy Homewood and Phil Smith get away well at the start and they held on to finish in that order. Arthur and Joy had a race long duel and they both sailed very well indeed, fully deserving their placings. Last Saturday, 6 November in fresh and gusty conditions, Ralph Skinner took the gun in our first championship race with an excellent display in such strong conditions, and Jim Brokenshire, who seems to be making a habit of this, took first place on handicap. Unfortunately Joy had the misfortune to smash her mast in to several pieces and whilst I understand she has a spare it seems to me no more than common sense to allow aluminium spars to be used on Zephyrs. The wooden spars are now mostly old and brittle, replacements are far too expensive and with the difficulty in obtaining suitable timber, the wooden masts being made are inconsistent in all respects. Other classes have made the change without drama and I can't understand why our class is so reluctant to do so. Others to sail well in this early part of the season have included Ron Thompson, John Waite and Terry Knight, whilst Stan Cook, Bruce Taylor in mid fleet are the ones to beat, with Roger Walker and Allan Richardson up among the leaders. We have even had odd visits from Russ Rimmington and Dick Mercer, but so far Max Walker and John Vale have yet to put in an appearance.

The next major event on our programme is the Zephyr weekend, on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November. This is a four race series commencing with a 10.30 a.m. race on Saturday morning. We have extended invitations to other Zephyr strongholds and are hoping for good entries from other clubs. A dinner and games evening is being arranged for the Saturday evening - more details later on.

This event is being preceded by a Training and Fitness evening at 7.00 p.m. Wednesday, 24 Nov. conducted by a panel comprising Brian Smith, Graham Cook, and Max Walker. This is an opportunity to find out how these acknowledged experts set up their boats and the tactics they employ to beat the rest of us.

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

Canterbury fleet on their home ground can gain those extra seconds needed for a championship win. Regardless of the outcome it looks like being a good contest and with at least ten boats expected from the North Island, South Islanders can expect some stiff competition. It's still not too late to decide to make the trip and some trailer spaces are still available for anyone unable to make the journey towing a trailer.

It is rumoured that yet another skipper has been taken by the "Patron's Syndrome" and added several gadgets to his Zephyr along with his new blue sail and a sudden reduction in speed.

Whilst on this subject I believe it should be approached in the following manner. Firstly get your boat going as fast as possible without the use of any on the water adjustments. Then perfect your tactics, general sailing skills (roll tacks, error free gybes and perfect mark roundings) and make sure your hull finish, centreplate and rudder are up to scratch. If you do all this then you should find you're starting to read the name on Gazelle's stern for at least part of the race.

Having got this far you should then look to the following on the water adjustments, perfecting their use one at a time.

Luff control: Be able to adjust luff tension to suit varying wind conditions and on and off wind requirements.

Kicker tension: A simple purchase system provides a limited amount of adjustment if the jamming block is placed on the boom with the jammer underneath. Going to a winch or lever type with the control led back to the deck will allow easy adjustment on downwind legs. To be effective kickers must be non stretch terylene (polyester) and/or wire (nylon or polypropylene) is too stretchy.

Forestay adjuster: Allows mast to be raked back on the wind and pulled forward off the wind. Careful positioning of the foot of the mast will allow the amount of mast bend introduced when raking the mast back to be controlled. If your boat has been going well before using this adjustment you may need to consider keeping the forestay close to its original length and letting the sidestays off a little to allow the mast to be pulled forward off the wind rather than raked further back on the wind.

Foot tension: Lastly, thought can be given to this by providing an outhaul control on the boom or led to the deck to be within easy reach.

Each of the above adjustments when used properly will probably account for a few extra seconds in an ordinary length race. If badly used, forgotten about, or even if there is an appreciable loss of concentration when making the adjustments then more time will be lost than is gained. Any of these instances are likely if your basic sailing skills as mentioned earlier are not up to scratch.

I would say think twice before using such adjustments and look for other reasons for improving performance before adding adjustments of this nature. See you soon.

Letters to the Editor

Sir,

Would you please convey to your committee my real appreciation of being elected a Life Member of your Association.

The shield presented to me to mark the occasion is most elegant and of great value to me.

Much of the success of the Zephyr class has been due to excellent administration and there is every indication that this will continue for a long time yet.

THOMAS TOWNSON

Sir,

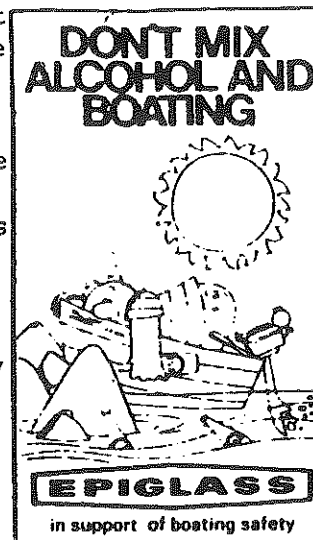
Notes of meetings at CYC regarding the Nationals and all is prepared. Some of my fleet still query the lack of a concise class rule for Zephyrs - i.e. what you can and can't do - spivelling masts, etc. Perhaps you could raise this at your next meeting now that "we" are a national class!

PETER PASCALL

With 90% of the last two batches of sails going to Christchurch Zephyrites, it is obvious they are gearing up for a great onslaught on the 1983 Broadlands National Championships. In the meantime those heading south have also been preparing for the journey. It will be interesting to see if someone from the

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Healing Industries Limited, manufacturer of Epiglass marine products, has produced a 72 page Boat Owner's Manual (third edition) which should prove for the professional boat amateurs.



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Zephyrs For Sale

- 14 Kororo, good order, two sails, full built-in buoyancy, beach trailer, price \$750. Scott Little, 87 Farry Parade, Herald Island, Auckland, phone WEI 8431.
- 25 Calypso, needs painting but otherwise sound, \$450. Also 5, Ariel, good order, built-in buoyancy, price \$750. John Muir, 42 Hamilton Drive, Waiuku, phone 58-278.
- 95 Lolita, no mast, no sail. Not sailed for several seasons, price \$400. A.K. Chapman, 22 Hamlet Place, Pukekohe, phone 85-103.
- 107 By Golly, excellent order, two sails, one brand new, \$800. Peter Lewis, 9 Bellwood Ave, Hamilton, phone 56-937.
- 126 Hauraki, three sails, one brand new, fair price \$600. R.W. Glasgow, 21A Peaks Rd, Wanganui, phone 58-534 bus. or 57-264 res.
- 132 Checkmate, in reasonable condition, two sails, good trailer, price \$600 o.n.o. Wayne Rogers, 26 Hutchinson Road, Howick, Auckland, phone 535-6843.
- 204 Rosemary, complete, good mast, boom and sail, fore and aft buoyancy, hull in good order but needs painting, price \$400. Robin East, c/- P.O. Mangapai, Northland. Phone OSL 549.

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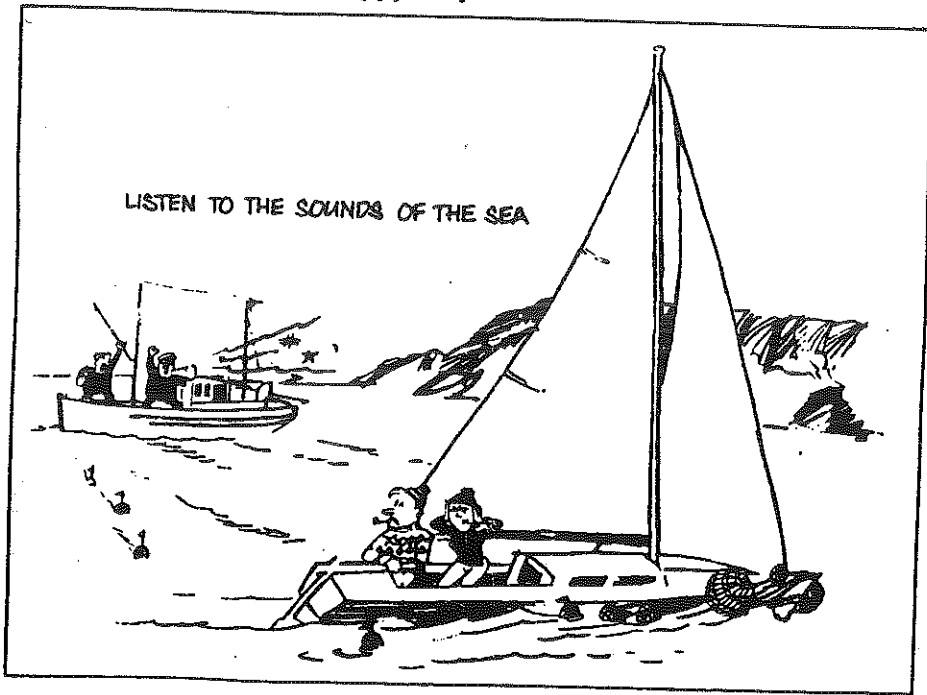
Jack de Leeuw dreamed he was in the Sahara Desert in his bathing togs, not much water around - but what a beach!

One child to another, "Get Dad to tell you about the birds and the bees. It's hilarious!"

There was one keen skipper who tried to get a Zephyr for his wife, but nobody would swap.

LET'S BE FAIR

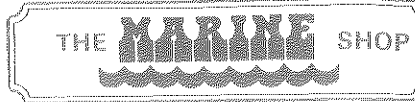
When you have elected a committee
 From those willing to stand
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 But give a willing hand.
 They have tried to do their best
 For each and everyone.
 Don't winge with all the rest,
 Go up and say "Well done".
 As we walk through the clubhouse
 and sail around the course
 You would not believe the things we hear
 And some of the things we've seen.
 We come for recreation
 And to sail our cares away
 So let's be kind and helpful
 And have a happy day.



"Now that you're married," purred the insurance agent, "I assume you will want to take out some additional insurance."

"Why, no," said the new bridegroom. "I shouldn't think so. She's not that dangerous!"

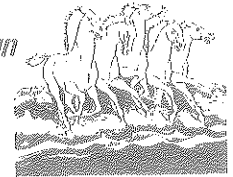
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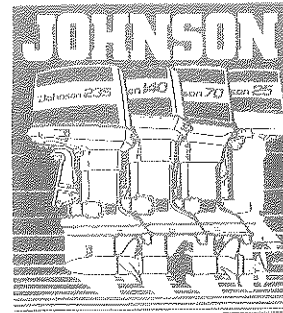
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