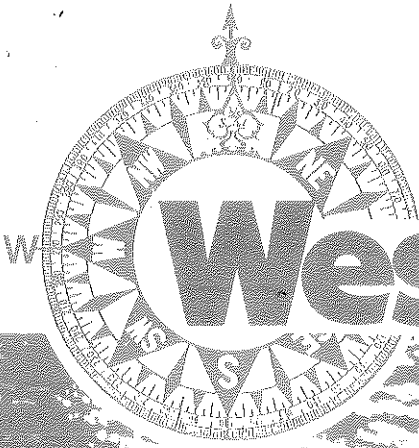


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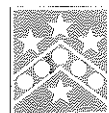
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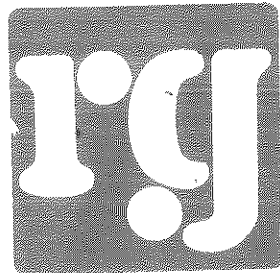
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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of WEST WIND for 1984/85 season and I also regret to announce this is the last issue under my editorship. I must say how I have thoroughly enjoyed editing this official organ of ZOA and wish my successor Ian Bourgeois a successful term in the Editor's chair.

It would be appropriate at this point to thank all the many contributors to WEST WIND both regular area scribes and others for their occasional entertaining and informative articles. The letters to the Editor column has occasionally blossomed and to these people who have overcome the reluctance of most to put pen to paper I say a special thank you. The "Letters to the Editor" is a special medium as a sounding board to membership thinking and I extoll all to use it to advantage. I know Ian will be only too happy to continue receiving these letters (by the postbag full hopefully).

I do not only speak personally but also for ZOA when I thank Ian Cooksley at Thomson and Ward in Hamilton and also his predecessor John Gjinrod, for allowing me to photocopy every issue of West Wind since the first issue in October 1980, absolutely free of charge! Goodness knows how much this has saved ZOA funds - I do not think they would like to know exactly either!

Another to provide a wonderful service free of charge to WEST WIND has been Zephyr stalwart Russell Rimmington who has not only provided the typesetting required for headings but also supplied all the bromides for all the photos that have appeared on the covers and inside on occasions.

Many others have helped in various ways and if their names do not appear here it is not that they have been forgotten - it is just the list would be too extensive. However, there is just one I have to name - Janice Walker (wife of Max) for all the typing of copy for numerous issues of WEST WIND over a long period. Thank you sincerely Janice.

On a more personal note, I may say this issue has been more difficult to produce than usual due to the fact my wife Jenny won a half share in a \$170,000 house in a raffle run by the Auckland Regional Orchestra. Amid a blaze of publicity - photos in the Herald and Waikato Times, scores of people have offered their congratulations. It seems everybody likes to know a winner. It is even better to be married to one! The celebrations have distracted one. Just one last thought - sail a Zephyr - it's a breeze!

COVER: Approaching the leeward mark on the Hamilton Lake two Dicks, Homewood and Mercer appear to be having lunch together. Dick Mercer is gobbling up a mouthful of spaghetti in a desperate effort to gain an overlap and buoy room. Meanwhile Dick Homewood is eating up the distance between his boat and the mark, which he manages without conceding an overlap. Stephanie Bridges an ex Zephyr skipper is the "sweet" in this luncheon menu. As a stop press we have just learned that Dick Mercer is sad after having sold his Zephyr Woodwind to Rex Bain of Hamilton.

Photo - Trevor Bridges

WHAT IS THE ZOA COMMITTEE DOING?

By Murray Sargisson

The new Z.O.A. committee is determined to try and stimulate renewed interest in the Zephyr class in the Auckland area, particularly on the Waitemata Harbour. We have all read and some have seen how popular the class has become in the Canterbury area. Many of their new owners are in the 30+ age range

and are either returning to sailing after a spell or changing from a boat like the Sunburst after the family has grown. The Laser class is too physically demanding for most of us and the Europe Dinghy suits lighter skippers around ten and a half stone.

The Zephyr, although now some 28 years old in design, is still a very attractive and pleasant boat to sail. Unfortunately the timber spars whilst aesthetically appealing and functional (if you have a good one) are now "dating" the class and many prospective buyers of second hand boats and new hulls in the Auckland area have chosen other classes to sail because of this issue. Just as terylene replaced cotton sails in the early 1950's, so has aluminium replaced timber masts in the 1970's.

The Zephyr class is close to extinction in the Auckland area with less than five boats sailing regularly within 25 km of Auckland city. There should be at least fifty at two or three venues! It is time to present a modern up-to-date Zephyr to the sailing public and all owners will be asked to support rule changes in the next issue of WEST WIND allowing aluminium masts and Cunningham holes. Why should we have to use sliding goosenecks, uphauls (which in the old rules were never allowed for anyway) and downhauls to control draught when the simple Cunningham is far more effective, less expensive, and safer? A freely sliding gooseneck does not allow the kicking strap to work effectively and in my opinion should not be permitted. The answer is the Cunningham hole as used by all racing yachts and existing sails can be easily modified.

Discussions with mast manufacturers and boat trials are continuing with aluminium spars. The Aitcheson mast as used on the Mistral has proved to be too stiff in the top section and currently I am evaluating a 2 1/4 inch tapered Baverstock section in Gazelle; together with a new Boyd and McMaster sail (current sail pattern) fitted with a Cunningham hole. One day's testing in a variety of wind conditions has indicated that this mast could be close to what we are looking for. That is, an aluminium mast with performance similar to a good timber mast without extras such as spreaders, etc. It is likely that the new rule proposal will state the type of extrusion (e.g. Baverstock 2 1/4"), the length and amount of taper and minimum weight. We welcome owners' comments on the masts and sails and request you write to the Secretary, Z.O.A., Gary Adams, 32 Barron Drive, Green Bay, Auckland.

There has been some dissatisfaction in the past about bad setting sails. Previous Z.O.A. committees, and in particular Max Walker, have done a tremendous amount of work to improve the sail through quality control standards and small changes such as tightening the leech. It has been suggested that the Mistral sail which is now cut to a new pattern should be evaluated. Although this sail sets better in the tack it is designed for a two sail, two person boat and consequently is flat in the lower section and full up top. This is not therefore necessarily the ideal sail for the Zephyr, and Boyd and McMaster recommend fastening the tack about 20 mm back from the usual position to reduce creasing in this area. No two sails will ever be exactly alike even though from the same sailmaker. By staying with Boyd and McMaster and the one pattern over the years the class has avoided the expensive fashion trends evidenced in other classes. Old sails have proven to be as competitive as new ones.

The Z.O.A. is pleased that Ian Franklin, a boat builder in Christchurch, is continuing to build hulls. This year eight hulls have been vacuumed bagged on the mould originally built by the Canterbury owners. The workmanship and quality of these hulls is very high. Ian flew one of his hulls to Auckland for the Boat Show in October and it created a great deal of interest. If you know of anyone wanting a new hull please ask them to contact the Z.O.A. Secretary (Gary Adams - phone Auckland 873-466).

French Bay Boating Club, Titirangi, Auckland is the venue for the National Championships in January. The event will be run to the usual very high standard and all owners participating and their families can look forward to a very pleasant and enjoyable sailing/holiday. Excellent family accommodation exists at the Tui Glen Holiday Park (phone 33-639-941, Eborston Road, Henderson, only 10 minutes from the Yacht Club.

Christchurch Capers

By John Morrison

Several new boats are hitting the water this season. My own was launched two weeks ago and is performing OK. Other new boats are expected to be launched the next few weeks.

The first three races for the South Island Zephyr Champs were set down for October 20 21 and 22 run by the C.Y.C.

Race 1. Start vicinity Fisherman's Point, bear to first mark into the teeth of a fresh northerly breeze. Wind shift to N.N.E. 15 secs. before the start gave two boats the jump on the fleet. From there on Victoria sailed by John Morrison was first round the first mark followed by Bill Beere and Sandra Hines, Victoria went for its first swim but recovered to retake the lead at the wing mark followed closely by Bill Beere.

The fresh breeze made the fleet string out after the two triangles.

On the last beat to the finish the leader showed some concern about the lack of officials at the finishing line as only a windsurfer and 20 gulls were present, but dashing through the spray with only 40 seconds to spare came the W.H.B. with officials just in time to flag home the leaders: -

Results: - Race 1 - 20 October - Start 12.40

John Morrison 1, Bill Beere 2, Ken Maynard 3

Race 2. Start vicinity "Mortens" moderate N.E. larger fleet than race 1. Ken Maynard pulled away to a good lead soon after the start. The minor places changed many times on the first beat.

After the first triangle, Ken Maynard had a handy lead over John Morrison. At the end of the second triangle these two carried their own wind to open up a big gap back to the main bunch.

The wind lightened and Ken forgot about the last lap of the course and wondered why the officials did not flag him in but a call from you know who in second place told him of the other round to do, so away they went together. At the bottom mark the wind died and came in fresh from the N.W. giving Victoria and Moana a speedy run to the finish, Victoria just getting the gun after being second for most of the race.

Results: - Race 2 - 21 October - Start 1.30 p.m.

John Morrison 1, Ken Maynard 2, Sandra Hines 3

Race 3 - 22 October

Postponed because of strong S.W. winds up to 35 knots with rain and hail.

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*	<u>PROGRAMME 1984-85</u>	*
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* 17-18 November	Hamilton Zephyr Weekend	Hamilton
* 10 January 1985	Auckland Anniversary Day	Tamaki
*	Regatta entries close	
* 8-12 January	Zephyr National Champs	French Bay
* 28 January	Auckland Anniversary Day	Tamaki
*	Regatta	
* 10 February	Zephyr Class Teams Racing	Waikuku
* 30-31 March	Auckland Champs	Bucklands Beach
* 5-8 April	Freshwater Champs	Rotorua
* 14 April	Match Racing	Hamilton
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With our fleet now totalling 24 boats the Zephyrs have steadily increased to the point where they make up the largest class on the starting line, rivalling the popular Sunburst which has been the mainstay of the club for a long time. Good to see boats coming in that are sailed by younger skippers, particularly sons and daughters attempting to head Dad off.

About fifty members and wives attended the Canterbury Z.O.A. Annual General Meeting held at the Mt. Pleasant Yacht Club on 23 June. Prior to the A.G.M. a pot-luck dinner was consumed with much relish. Marvellous trying all the different dishes. Thanks ladies

Long standing stalwarts Austin Ebert and Rema Maynard relinquished their positions as President and Secretary/Treasurer. The position of President being filled by Max Cullen and Graeme Hore taking over as Secretary/Treasurer. Rema and Austin were recorded a vote of thanks for their enthusiastic efforts over the years.

Other business centred mainly on discussion of and endorsing the new regulations. Boat changes and additions include 117 Razmataz going to Trevor Naylor, sailing 185 Blue Max, Sharon Hore, new hulls 324 Bonnie, Graeme Hore and 327 Hugh Francis. Must say the new hulls from Jan Franklin's yard look superb particularly eye catching is the varnished hull of Christchurch fleet Captain John Morrison.

First race of the South Island Zephyr Champs was sailed in a boisterous northwester gusting 25 knots, regrettably my view of this race was mostly from periscope depth. Winner was John Morrison, Bill Beere was second, Ken Maynard third.

Second race started in 15 knot northeaster gradually dropping away, then coming in squally norwest on the last leg. John Morrison was first, Ken Maynard second and Sandra Mines third.

With wind gusting to 35 knots rain, hail and even the seagulls hove-to, the third race scheduled for the Labour Weekend was postponed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subs are the same as for last season - \$8.00. To save work for the Treasurer and the need to send out accounts, it would be appreciated if you would forward your cheques to Treasurer, Ted Frankham, 242 Scenic Drive, Titirangi, Auckland 7, without delay.

WEDDING BELLS

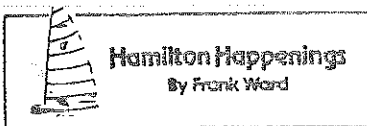
For the second consecutive issue WEST WIND rings the wedding bells for a Zephyr owner. This time we congratulate Denys Colby on his recent marriage and extend best wishes to him and his bride for their future happiness. Whilst on the subject of matrimony, we announce Dick and Joy Homewood's youngest daughter Maryka who's wedding date was 3 November. Those at the Nationals at Waiuku will recall Maryka had an unfortunate accident when she ran into a trip wire at the camping ground and broke her leg. After a lengthy recovery she is now fully fit and mobile. WEST WIND extends best wishes for the future.



LIFE MEMBER
Rema Maynard

It is with delight that WEST WIND records the fact that Rema Maynard was elected a Life Member of ZOA at the recent A.G.M. held at Pukekohe. The long time dedication and service she has contributed to the Zephyr class in Christchurch has been outstanding. Her efforts have seen the class grow in Canterbury from three when

she bought her Zephyr to over 60 today. She was Secretary of Canterbury ZOA from its inception in 1980 until this year when she handed over to Graeme Hore at Mt. Pleasant. She is also a past Secretary of the Canterbury Y.A. The election was greeted by enthusiastic acclamation at the A.G.M.



Only a few hardy souls braved the elements and sailed the Winter series. The rest of us made excuses like "doing up the boat" so the early races of the season really were "ice breakers" to most of us.

The first sweepstake on 29 September resulted in a win for Roger Walker from Frank Ward and Ralph Skinner. The official start of the season on 6 October in first A series race, saw 13 starters in medium westerlies - with gusts - with Graham Cooke getting the gun from Roger Walker and Ralph Skinner third. Handicap winners were Terry Knight from Phil Beaven and Ron Thompson, and all three sailed exceptionally well and deserved their success. The second A series race on 13 October saw old buddy Roger W. in front from Graham Cooke and Ralph Skinner in fresh conditions and the next day - our Trophy Day - Editor John Vale was first from Graham Cook and Roger Walker. Allan Richardson had his first race for the season.

I do not want to harp on Roger, but he is sporting a new deck to old Vooka plus a new two-tone blue and white sail - very smart! Annette Fisher has one the same. Husband Paul is claiming back trouble from a Rugby injury, and makes up a trio of similar sails. Only the numbers are different.

Even though many of our regular skippers have not yet put in an appearance, this is going to be a great season. We had a tuning evening conducted by John Faire who demonstrated his ideas on Handicapper Arthur Mohring's boat and everyone who attended obtained a lot of good practical advice. John also conducted a Rules Evening on 16 October and we learn't all about "protests" - so watch out you guys!

Our early races have been notable for the excellent sailing of Terry Knight, Phil Beaven, John Waite and Jack de Leeuw who have been pressing the rest of us hard for handicap placings. Roger and Graham have been fighting out the lead and Ralph Skinner has sailed three weekends in a row! Jim Brokenshire is on the point of selling his boat and trying out a Laser - he just will not listen to reason. Max Walker will be out on the water soon, likewise Barry Mackie and Bruce Taylor, and maybe even Joy Homewood.

A special line or two about Ron Thompson. A great old buddy approaching the veteran stage but still sails regularly and every now and then gets a well deserved handicap position.

A coming event of special interest is our Zephyr Weekend on 17 and 18 November - a four race series. We look forward to lots of visitors and can promise good racing and good fellowship.

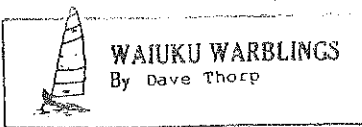
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ZOA OFFICERS

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Immediate Past President	Max Walker
Secretary	Gary Adams
Treasurer	Ted Frankham
Editor WEST WIND	John Vale
Publicity Officer	To be appointed by ZOA Committee
Committee	Jim Lambourn (other to be appointed by ZOA Committee)
Fleet Captains	Christchurch - John Morrison, French Bay - David Brown, Hamilton - Barry Mackie, Mt. Pleasant - John Hawtin, Tamaki - Dave Willmott, Waimakariri - Gerard Sherwood
Auditor	Brian Smith

JOKE

Did you hear about the Hairdresser who is having some special "wide combs" made - plans on selling them to the Aussies!



Winter sailing at Waiuku has been successful for Keith Smith who has been sailing well. There has been a lot of movement within the fleet at Waiuku with a welcome return after eight years absence of Keith Phillips. The layoff has done him no harm as displayed by the first race on his return, pushing

Dave Thorp all the way to the finish line. Bill Bellios who has only been away for five years turned up again too - nice to see you both out on the water.

Even with the departure of Kevin Dolores, Roger Aldworth and Cameron Duncan, we are still short of three or four boats for people wanting to get into Zephyrs.

The clubhouse rebuilding programme, after the initial demolition gang from Christchurch did their best at the Nationals, is progressing very well and is 80% complete. The fridge is switched on (has been for weeks) even though the power was not connected until Labour weekend! So what matter the other 20%.

ZEPHYR PRICE LIST

Stage 1	Shell plus deck beam, transom and carlines	\$1,239.00
Stage 2	Shell as above plus bulkhead, sidetanks, mast step, floor battens, centrecase, king plank	\$1,780.00
Stage 3	Shell as above plus deck (klinkii ply) coamings, mast collar, gunwhale and carlin beakings	\$2,150.00
<u>Painting</u>	Hull and cockpit - in polyurethane paint, non skid cockpit floor, deck varnished or painted, all colours to owners choice	\$520.00
<u>Rudder Blade</u>	Laminated kahikatea with mahogany edges	\$56.00 unpainted \$32.00 painted extra
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<u>Mast</u>		\$215.00 unvarnished \$37.00 varnished extra \$42.00 (internal stays extra)
<u>Boom</u>		\$102.77 unvarnished \$19.00 varnished extra

Any parts sold separately (not purchased with Zephyr Hull) are subject to Sales Tax. Sales Tax of 20% should be added to those items on the above list of prices. These should be reconfirmed within three months of this date, 9 October 1984.

"What are you giving your little brother for Christmas?"
"I don't know yet, but last year I gave him measles"

Letters to the Editor

Sir,

I was very proud to have been accorded the honour of Life Membership of Z.O.A.

I have enjoyed the past years of association with the Zephyr Class and will continue my interest, particularly with the Christchurch Yacht Club with which I am still involved.

It is really amazing how the class has grown in Christchurch and very pleasing to know that my efforts and those of Austin Ebert, Maurice Hines and others have resulted in probably the biggest class fleet in this area.

I am pleased to accept Life Membership, and thank you for your kind words and those of the Z.O.A. Committee.

Rema Maynard

 NOTICE OF RACE

 1984-85 NEW ZEALAND ZEPHYR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Venue: French Bay, Titirangi, Auckland.
2. Date: 8-12 January 1985.
3. Organising Body: French Bay Boating Club.
4. Rules: The races will be governed by the IYRU Racing Rules 1981-85, the prescriptions of the New Zealand Zephyr Owners' Association, and other rules as laid down in the sailing instructions.
5. Registration: Prior mail registration to P.O. Box 60-012, Titirangi, is in order. Entries up until one hour prior to the first race are acceptable. Cost to entrants - \$25-00.
6. Scoring System: Olympic law - discard worst performance.
7. Timetables:

08-01-85	Invitation Race	approx. 1200 hours
09-01-85	Race 1	approx. 1100 hours
10-01-85	Races 2 and 3	approx. 1130 hours
11-01-85	Race 4	approx. 1300 hours
12-01-85	Race 5	approx. 1400 hours
8. Sailing Instructions: Available at registration desk at venue.
9. Measurement: Boats will be measured at the discretion of the OOD.
10. Courses: Old/new Olympic, at discretion of the OOD and as advised at venue.
11. Social: Barbeque after Invitation Race, and prize-giving and social function at 1930 hours on 12 January 1985.
12. Other: See May/June WEST WIND
Any enquiries to Murray Sargisson, telephone Auckland 817-7447.

ZEPHYRS FOR SALE

235 New North Island hull. Bare hull - needs completion and gear. Sell for cost price. Dave Thorp, 25 Riverside Drive, Waiuku, phone 085-59-052.

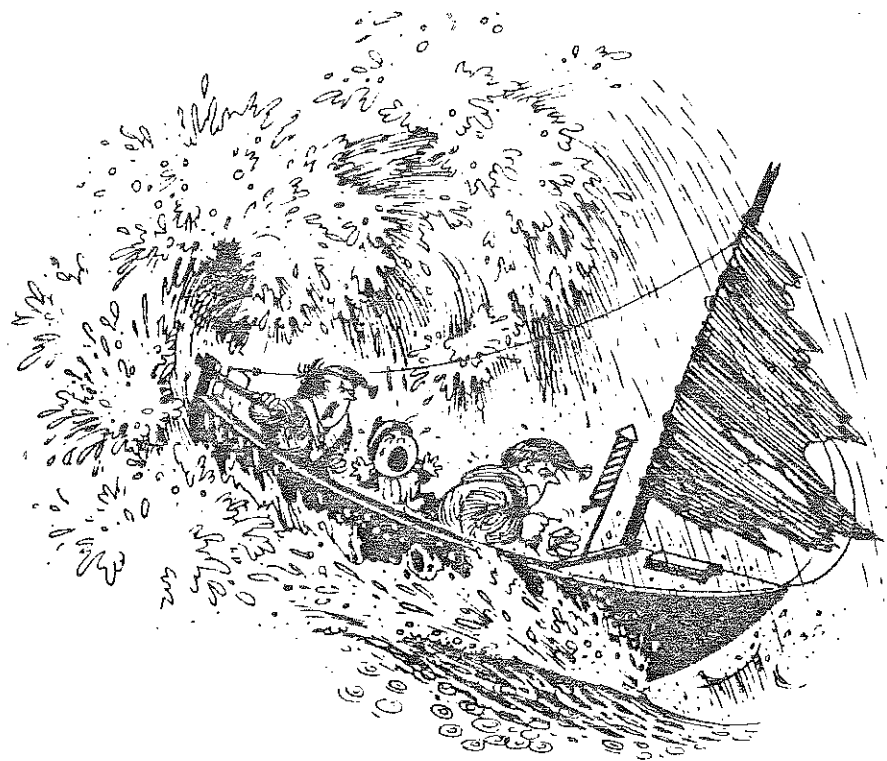
Readers are reminded that Adverts for this column Zephyrs for Sale are accepted free. If you want to sell your Zephyr just drop a note or phone giving details to the Editor, Ian Bourgeois, 6 Kay Drive, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland 7. Phone 674-482.

HAMILTON ZEPHYR WEEKEND

Hamilton Zephyr weekend will be held on 17 and 18 November with two races on Saturday and two on Sunday. Racing will commence at approx. 10.30 on the Saturday morning with briefing at 10 a.m.

On Saturday evening there will be a pot luck dinner starting at 6.30 p.m. followed by a games evening.

An enjoyable weekend with good keen sailing is assured so keep this weekend free for Zephyr sailing.



"OH! FOR PITY'S SAKE LET HIM LIGHT IT."

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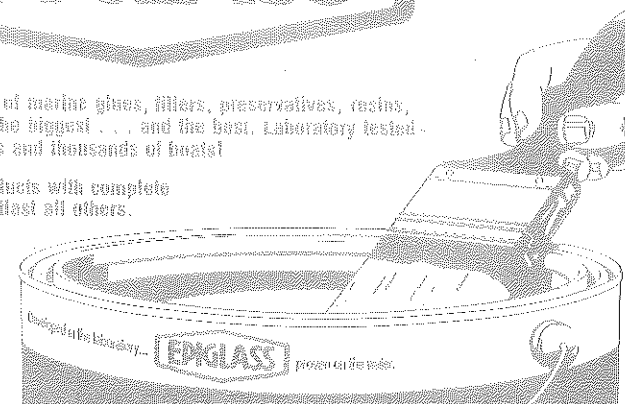
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