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Regular West Wind readers will recall that Paul Mason kindly took over editing our class newsletter, producing the 2022-23 end of season issue, containing event summaries and Y/E financial reports. Sadly, health and family-home flood-damage issues have forced him to step away from his WW editorial role, website updating and ZOA Exec participation. Paul's cheerful input will be sadly missed and we wish him speedy health and house recoveries. Hopefully we'll see him back on the water in the not to distant future.

So, the call is out for a new West Wind editor and a ZOA webmaster. The purpose of the newsletter is two-fold; to inform members of class activities and as a repository of Zephyr history. For a sailor with an interest in publishing, history and editorial involvement, this is just the role to help keep the Zephyr spirit alive. A working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or an Apple equivalent would be helpful.

The class website is the online repository of all our class history, documentation and recent news. This is a vital portal for members and the Zephyr curious, so the site obviously benefits from semi-regular updating. A volunteer with website experience is also required.

If either of these two roles are of interest, please contact me to become involved.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS

Lake Taupo - Nov 2023

Due to the low Zephyr turnout at Napier Sailing Club's 2022 Summer Regatta, the ZOA Exec made the decision to revert to the more central location of Lake Taupo for the 2023 North Island Champs. The outcome was a positive, with 32 entries doubling the previous year's participation.

This was a light wind event with only a couple of races sailed in over 10 knot conditions. The regatta was decisively won by Grant Beck (715) with a 6th placing as discard. Second was Greg Wright (190) and third Andrew Mikkelsen (216). New to the class Patrick McDaniel (32) from Tauranga won the handicap trophy.



◀ A gaggle of Zephyrs chasing invisible wind zephyrs on day one, 2023 North Island Champs, Lake Taupo.

North Island Zephyr Champs

Lake Taupo Yacht Club

13-14 November 2023

Sail #	Club	Skippers name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett	Placing
715	WBC	Grant Beck	1	1	3	1	-6	2	14	8	1
190	WBC	Greg Wright	3	3	5	2	-7	3	23	16	2
216	CYA	Andrew Mikkelsen	-12	2	1	4	8	4	31	19	3
701	GBC	Brian Peet	4	5	9	30.0 UFD	3	5	56	26	4
702	MSC	Steve Pyatt	-13	13	2	9	2	1.0 RDG	40	27	5
606	WBC	Mike Drummond	6	4	-14	5	1	11	41	27	6
313	WBBC	Amanda Hargreaves	14	7	10	6	-18	1	56	38	7
704	TYPBC	Andrew Knowles	-15	6	8	10	11	7	57	42	8
709	PCSC	Robin Simpson	11	8	4	-15	9	12	59	44	9
509	WBBC	Guy Taylor Smith	7	-28	15	8	5	9	72	44	10
172	TYPBC	Hansie Eichholz	2	11	13	11	-21	13	71	50	11
160	NYC	Graeme Henry	5	18	-22	21	4	14	84	62	12
605	PCSC	Brian Baker	-21	10	12	18	12	10	83	62	13
3	MSC	Paul Pearson	16	-24	16	7	17	8	88	64	14
89	WBBC	Glenn Tassicker	-30	19	6	25	10	6	96	66	15
604	FBYC	Murray Sargisson	20	16	-25	3	22	15	101	76	16
32	TYPBC	Patrick McDaniel	8	15	26	16	-27	16	108	81	17
15	PCSC	Tony Miller	22	-26	7	23	13	17	108	82	18
171	PCSC	Dave Blair	9	12	19	24	-29	25	118	89	19
303	WBBC	Brett Linton	10	-30	23	12	15	30.0 UFD	120	90	20
14	MSC	Mark Tillett	25	-27	11	20	16	18	117	90	21
205	RNZYS	Peter Busfield	17	-25	17	13	24	20	116	91	22
27	PCSC	Mark Andresen	18	20	-29	19	19	19	124	95	23
118	BBYC	Max Hawkes	-32	9	31	17	14	27	130	98	24
87	NYC	Brian Wislang	24	-29	21	14	20	21	129	100	25
192	BBYC	Robert Dunne	19	22	-24	22	23	22	132	108	26
103	TYPBC	Ian Watson	26	-31	18	27	25	23	150	119	27
66	PCSC	Ben Freedman	-27	17	27	26	26	24	147	120	28
120	PCSC	Tony Taine	28	21	20	29	-30	26	154	124	29
144	PCSC	Bruce Craies	23	14	28	33.0 DNC	33.0 DNC	33.0 DNC	164	131	30
92	WBBC	Joanna Kempfers	-31	23	30	28	28	28	168	137	31
235	HSC	Les Gallagher	29	32	33.0 RET	33.0 DNC	33.0 DNC	33.0 DNC	193	160	32

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS

QCYC 3-4 Dec 2023

John Boraston

This regatta was held at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club (QCYC). It's a popular venue in the South Island and the club is recognised for running good events. Twenty nine Zephyrs entered, including four boats that made the trip over from Wellington.

Two days of three races each were scheduled for the series with the fleet sailing outside of Picton Harbour where cleaner winds and good water is available.

Day one proved to be very challenging for sailors and officials alike with very shifty winds and excessive gusts to manage, making for some exciting, frustrating and wet sailing. The Race Officer managed to get the three races in, although not all sailors managed to complete all three.

Sunday's forecast was for gale force winds out in Cook Strait and sailors agreed with the Race Officer to abandon racing that day.

Sailing inside the Picton Harbour wasn't really an option for a fleet of our size and to travel out to the course, about an hour's sailing away and then return if the forecast gales eventuated wasn't either. However, a series was completed and with three different winners for each of the races.

Rank	Club	Helm Name	Sail #	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1st	NYC	Graeme Henry	160	1	3	2	6	6
2nd	NPCL	Glen McKenzie	19	3	1	5	9	9
3rd	NPCL	Hamish Atkinson	101	5	4	3	12	12
4th	NPCL	Steve Edwards	152	10	5	1	16	16
5th	QCYC	Carla Bennett	520	2	11	4	17	17
6th	CYC	Richard Ineson	254	4	2	14	20	20
7th		Chris Hargreaves	525	9	6	7	22	22
8th	CYC	Don Le Page	256	11	9	6	26	26
9th	CYC	Tim Bird	29	7	12	9	28	28
10th	WBBC	Glenn Tassicker	89	8	15	8	31	31
11th	NPCL	Richard Mackay	521	14	13	13	40	40
12th	CBYC	Peter Metka	147	12	19	10	41	41
13th	WSC	Cameron Jones	321	15	10	20	45	45
14th	QCYC	Greg Wagstaff	11	6	20	21	47	47
15th	LWYC	Phil Quinn	606	20	16	11	47	47
16th	WBBC	John Kliffen	609	17	18	12	47	47
17th	CYC	Gavin Bird	107	27	8	15	50	50
18th	NYC	Brian Wislang	236	25	14	16	55	55
19th	NPCL	John Boraston	74	30 DSQ	7	19	56	56
20th	CYC	Peter Stokell	322	18	23	17	58	58
21st	CBYC	Julian Payne	98	23	17	22	62	62
22nd	NYC	James Mead	706	13	22	30 DNC	65	65
23rd		Tony Walker	523	21	24	23	68	68
24th	WSC	Kieran McDonald	330	26	21	24	71	71
25th		Chris Bridges	75	16	30 DNC	30DNC	76	76
26th	WBBC	Guy Taylor-Smith	509	30 DSQ	30 BFD	18	78	78
27th	QCYC	David Gillies	225	22	26	30 DNC	78	78
28th	NPCL	Tom Wooding	102	19	30 DNC	30 DNC	79	79
29th		Cathryn Bridges	307	24	25	30 DNC	79	79

2024 ZEPHYR NATIONALS

NPCL 2-4 Feb 2024

John Boraston

The 2024 Nationals were sailed out of Naval Point Club Lyttelton (NPCL) on Lyttelton Harbour over the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February, for the first time since last hosting 10 years ago in 2014. We had a great fleet of 59 boats with entries from across all the Zephyr centres in the North and South Islands.

The promised Lyttelton easterlies didn't occur until day three, to the cost of the Chair of the Organising Committee who suffered fines from the 'Sheriff' on each of the three days either for their failure to arrive or that they did, but two days late.

Day one we managed only one race of the scheduled three as we were sent home in a gale force northerly just after the starting signal for race two and didn't get back on the water again that day.

Day two we planned for four races but after waiting for a number of hours the forecast southerly finally arrived, we managed three races with the wind strengthening over each to 25 knots plus during race three. Most of us didn't complain about not having a fourth race, although the weather hadn't finished with us as we had to contend with a largish sea and tail wind to get back ashore via the club's slipway. Many thanks to the on-shore volunteers and sailors that returned early who all got into the water to assist and prevent carnage.

On the third day, the easterly was in by 10.00am and we got away a further three races in ideal conditions of 15-20 knots and sunshine. Seven out of the eight races scheduled achieved (phew).

Off the water we had a great social scene with good crowds in the Club house, with sponsor prizes for the days race winners and a 'sheriff' session preying on the misdemeanours, real or made up.

The township of Lyttelton also was popular with the craft bars and local eateries getting good custom. Overall, a very successful and enjoyable regatta, well run on and off the water and as usual heavily reliant upon a large team of volunteers and the outstanding support from the sponsors.

The championship places are listed below as well as the places for the non-championship trophies. Of note was the sharing of places in the top 10 by all the centres in each island. The class is in a great place.

Congratulations to Mark Orams who took the title with six wins and a second to drop.



▲ L-R Mike Drummond, Mark Orams and Greg Wright, the top three sailors at the 2024 Zephyr Nationals.

	Name	Sail No	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	Mark Orams	523	TSC	1	1	1	1	1	1	-2	8	6
2nd	Mike Drummond	606	WBBC	2	2	3	2	2	-5	1	17	12
3rd	Greg Wright	190	WBBC	-8	4	2	4	3	2	3	26	18
4th	Glen Sowry	602	MSC	-13	6	8	5	6	3	12	53	40
5th	Graeme Henry	160	NYC	6	9	9	11	-13	9	6	63	50
6th	Tim Willetts	309	PCSC	7	7	7	-18	18	6	7	70	52
7th	Hamish Atkinson	101	NPCL	12	11	10	10	-23	7	5	78	55
8th	Steve Pyatt	702	MSC	11	12	16	6	5	-25	9	84	59
9th	Mark Thomas	527	TYPBC	17	-28	5	7	16	16	4	93	65
10th	Glen McKenzie	19	NPCL	9	-21	17	14	7	10	8	86	65
11th	Andrew Knowles	704	TYPBC	4	18	14	8	8	14	60.0 BFD	126	66
12th	Matthew Hix	330	WSC	3	5	6	3	-12	4	60.0 DGM	93	81
13th	Amanda Hargreaves	313	WBBC	5	8	11	30	11	-33	21	119	86
14th	Keith Fraser	71	WBBC	22	-24	19	9	17	8	16	115	91
15th	Hannes Hille	185	NYC	10	-23	13	13	15	21	20	115	92
16th	Daniel Smith	331	WSC	14	20	-34	16	19	13	11	127	93
17th	Steve Edwards	152	NPCL	16	14	12	-23	21	18	15	119	96
18th	Polly Wright	31	WBBC	-24	16	15	17	14	20	19	125	101
19th	Tim Bird	29	CYC	-44	10	43	12	9	15	13	146	102
20th	Alastair Campbell	177	WBBC	28	15	-29	28	10	12	18	140	111
21st	Brian Peet	701	GBC	27	3	18	19	24	36	60.0 BFD	187	127
22nd	Robin Simpson	709	PCSC	-31	27	24	15	25	23	14	159	128
23rd	Craig Moss	508	MBSC	32	12	60.0 DNF	60.0 DNF	4	11	10	189	129
24th	Glenn Tassicker	89	WBBC	-30	30	22	25	27	17	22	173	143
25th	Dean Salthouse	703	MSC	18	17	21	60.0 DNF	20	19	60.0 BFD	215	155
26th	Don Le Page	256	CYC	20	60.0 DNF	20	20	32	32	31	215	155
27th	Chris Hargreaves	525	PBC	-42	29	31	21	26	22	28.5	199.5	157.5
28th	John Kliffen	609	WBBC	-40	33	23	33	29	24	17	199	159
29th	Dennis Conway	220	MSC	15	25	-45	31	28	34	27	205	160
30th	Greg Wagstaff	520	QCYC	21	13	32	-40	33	31	34	204	164
31st	John Boraston	74	NPCL	29	34	27	22	-35	26	30	203	168
32nd	Peter Metka	147	CBYC	23	26	26	60.0 DNS	36	27	32	230	170
33rd	Richard Ineson	254	CYC	19	35	28	-44	30	41	28.5	225.5	181.5
34th	Hansie Eichholz	172	TYPBC	34	37	30	34	-42	28	25	230	188
35th	Rob Ebert	304	HYC	33	39	25	29	38	29	60.0 BFD	253	193
36th	Cameron Jones	321	WSCN	39	36	-40	37	22	37	24	235	195
37th	Phil Quinn	713	WYC	38	19	35	35	31	-42	39	239	197
38th	Andrew Mikkelsen	216	CYA	25	22	4	27	60.0 DNF	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	258	198
39th	Patrick McDaniel	32	TYPBC	36	42	38.5	24	-46	38	33	257.5	211.5
40th	Richard Mackay	521	NPCL	26	-53	33	47	34	39	35	267	214
41st	Kieran McDonald	180	WSC	45	32	42	32	39	-46	26	262	216
42nd	Tom Wooding	102	PBC	50	-54	37	38	45	35	23	282	228
43rd	Gavin Bird	107	CYC	-55	45	53	26	37	47	36	299	244
44th	Peter Stokell	322	CYC	37	41	36	60.0 DNS	41	44	46	305	245
45th	Joanna Kempfers	92	WBBC	-49	46	44	42	49	30	43	303	254
46th	John Fletcher	182	WBBC	-51	48	47	36	40	50	37	309	258
47th	Russell Wenham	85	CYC	43	31	48	60.0 DNS	47	48	47	324	264
48th	Tony Walker	238	NYC	53	60.0 DNF	38.5	41	53	40	40	325.5	265.5
49th	Murray Hay	317	PPYC	48	38	41	60.0 DNS	51	49	41	328	268
50th	Chris Bridges	75	CYC	46	44	46	39	50	45	60.0 DNS	330	270
51st	Isabella Cawthorn	183	PBC	-52	40	50	43	44	51	45	325	273
52nd	Ian Watson	103	TYPBC	47	50	51	45	-52	52	38	335	283
53rd	Tony Park	90	NPCL	54	51	60.0 OCS	48	48	53	42	356	296
54th	Greg Fletcher	33	WSC	-56	49	49	46	54	55	44	353	297
55th	Julian Payne	98	CBYC	41	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	43	43	60.0 BFD	367	307
56th	Cathryn Bridges	307	PPYC	57	52	52	60.0 DNF	56	56	48	381	321
57th	James Mead	706	NYC	35	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	395	335
58th	Sandy Hammond	302	CYC	60.0 DNF	47	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	55	54	60.0 DNS	396	336
59th	Peter Dawson	519	MBSC	60.0 DNF	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	60.0 DNS	420	360

2024 Zephyr Nationals Placegetters

Trophy	Skipper	Boat Name	Sail	Rank
1st place Champion	Mark Orams	Quandary	523	1
2nd place Runner Up	Mike Drummond	A-Z	606	2
3rd place	Greg Wright	Jelly Tip	190	3
Female Champion	Amanda Hargreaves	Tamati	313	13
<40 Years	Matt Hix	Kiwi Monograms	330	12
40-49 Years	Tim Bird	Wild Child	29	19
50-59 Years	Tim Willetts	Pilatus	309	6
60-64 Years	Mark Orams	Quandary	523	1
65-69 Years	Graeme Henry	Blue Rinse	160	5
70+ Years	Andy Knowles	White Cloud	704	10
First Townson	Greg Wright	Jelly Tip	190	3
Handicap Trophy	John Kliffen	Ngake	609	28
Fresh Breeze	Graeme Henry	Blue Rinse	160	5
Heavy Weight	Glen Mckenzie	Athena	19	9
Most Improved	Greg Fletcher	Rocket	33	54
Whanau Cup	Greg Wright	Jelly Tip	190	3
	Polly Wright	Sayonara	31	18



▲ Mark Orams wondering where everyone else got to.... A problem that continued to puzzle him through the entire 2024 Nationals.

Steve's Handicap System

Steve Pyatt

A few have wondered how the ZOA comes up with handicaps for each sailor so I thought it would be good to explain it to all through this article. By way of background, I became the class's default handicapper about ten years ago (maybe more!) when attending a North Island Champs and nobody had any handicaps to award the perpetual trophy there. We didn't have finish times for each sailor so we came up with a simple ranking system to compare where each sailor would normally finish in that fleet to where they actually finished. This was simple and effective but required new rankings for each event. It also varied on fleet size etc so I started recording everyone's results as a percentage of the fleet for each major event eg Nationals, North and South Island Champs and some bigger provincial championships. Some regions and clubs still have time based handicaps for their sailors, rather like a boat's handicap. I'm aware that Canterbury and Worser Bay do this.

The National system is now a major database of over 300 sailors who have raced in recent years. It records people's range of results (highest and lowest) but then has a 'median' score applied. This is not a strict statistical median and is varied to take into account of 'letter scores' and extreme results that distort the norm. By way of example, here is my own entry in the database (spreadsheet):

Name	Best %	Median	Worst %	Other results (evidence)
Steve Pyatt	10%	15%	50%	12.5, 13, 25, 26, 27, 29, 16, 16

Naturally my adjusted 'median' is biased to the lower end so that the handicapper never wins the handicap trophies! It only includes, or is biased towards, recent results as people slip or improve over time e.g. I was in the top three at Nationals five times and won the N Islands twice but not in recent times and the likes of Tim Willetts just get better every year (we have just crossed over in the system, well done Tim).

I maintain this record of performances but the process to compute the outcome at major events was devised by MS Excel wiz Paul Pearson. This is beyond my capabilities but uses 'concatenate' functions to create and match unique identifiers and then 'VLookup' functions to compare event results to the database norm. Over page is the outcome of the recent Nationals in Lyttleton: -



▲ Dan Smith providing a practical demonstration of one method available to increase a handicap ranking.

2024 Nationals Handicap Worksheet

Regatta Place	Regatta %	Rank	Delta
28th	47%	73%	-26%
14th	24%	49%	-25%
15th	25%	43%	-18%
45th	76%	90%	-14%
7th	12%	25%	-13%
19th	32%	45%	-13%
11th	19%	29%	-10%
18th	31%	37%	-6%
2nd	3%	8%	-5%
5th	8%	13%	-5%
24th	41%	45%	-4%
46th	78%	82%	-4%
13th	22%	26%	-4%
39th	66%	70%	-4%
4th	7%	10%	-3%
29th	49%	51%	-2%
1st	2%	3%	-1%
52nd	88%	89%	-1%
6th	10%	11%	-1%
31st	53%	52%	1%
50th	85%	84%	1%
36th	61%	60%	1%
3rd	5%	4%	1%
48th	81%	80%	1%
54th	92%	90%	2%
30th	51%	48%	3%
56th	95%	92%	3%
9th	15%	12%	3%
43rd	73%	69%	4%
51st	86%	82%	4%

Regatta Place	Regatta %	Rank	Delta
12th	20%	15%	5%
47th	80%	74%	6%
16th	27%	21%	6%
44th	75%	68%	7%
37th	63%	56%	7%
22nd	37%	30%	7%
8th	14%	6%	8%
10th	17%	9%	8%
34th	58%	49%	9%
49th	83%	74%	9%
41st	69%	60%	9%
42nd	71%	60%	11%
25th	42%	31%	11%
53rd	90%	77%	13%
20th	34%	19%	15%
21st	36%	20%	16%
27th	46%	30%	16%
17th	29%	12%	17%
26th	44%	26%	18%
40th	68%	48%	20%
23rd	39%	18%	21%
33rd	56%	33%	23%
32nd	54%	30%	24%
58th	98%	73%	25%
35th	59%	32%	27%
55th	93%	63%	30%
57th	97%	66%	31%
38th	64%	24%	40%
59th	100%	36%	64%

It is good to see that the majority of the fleet perform near expectations (within 10%) so the data is reliable. This is particularly true at the top end but the bottom end includes lots of anomalies e.g. sailors who didn't complete the event or suffered multiple breakages etc.

By way of example and explanation of how it works, below shows this year's winner's entry in the database to show the marked improvement on previous Nationals in an 'evidence based' manner. That entry was (prior to/at the Nationals):

Name	Best %	Median	Worst %	Other results (evidence)
John Kliffen	61%	73%	92%	72, 78, 80, 84, 100 (last = small good fleet NI)

And has been modified to reflect the improved performance. The best result has been replaced, and the previous entry being added to the additional evidence.

Name	Best %	Median	Worst %	Other results (evidence)
John Kliffen	47%	60%	92%	61, 72, 78, 80, 84, 100 (last = small good fleet)

Note some results are disregarded if they aren't reflective e.g. the last place (100%) at NIs as it was a very small, high-quality fleet.

I can provide people's records if they are interested or publish the entire spreadsheet if members are okay with that? Note I omitted names in the Nationals calculations above but you can work out where you were from your finishing position.

The handicap trophies are all about encouragement and rewarding mid-fleet sailors who have an outstanding regatta but are not in the main prizes. The top guys will never win on handicap as it's impossible for the top 10% to improve >10% to win. The original system for the handicap (20 odd years ago) just took a sailor's time differential in the first race of the event to be their handicap for the remainder of the event. That always seemed odd to me as it is all about one race ie poor performance in the first race only. There is now a separate 'most improved' trophy that recognizes improvement over the event.

LIVE, SAIL, DIE

The 2024 Nationals was greatly enhanced by the presence of Live, Sail, Die's Suellen Hurling, a world-renowned sailing photographer. ZOA contracted her to attend and part of the payback are three free photos per entrant - for personal use only. Click on, <https://www.livesaildie.com/> > Photography Store > 2024 Galleries > 2024 Zephyr Nationals. Selecting and purchasing is straightforward - discount code: - **lsd_zephyr**

To acquire additional images, a \$25 fee per extra photo applies. Great value considering the quality.



Zephyr Nationals Sailors Forum

Naval Point Club

3rd Feb 2024

Chair – John Boraston

Meeting Secretary – Brian Peet

Discussion points:

Regatta Discards

Mike Drummond (606) tabled the idea that regattas should be scored with all races counted. He contended the current discard practice evolved from an era of unreliable equipment where failures were often not the fault of competitors. With the advent of 'off-the-shelf' high quality rigging, fittings and ancillary equipment, any failures are almost entirely due to poor maintenance. There was also a view that competitors take race-start risks knowing that they have discard backup. General recalls slow RO's ability to get through regatta schedules and penalise those not taking unnecessary risks. Mike advised that his analysis of a number of regattas showed very little difference in final placings with or without discards. Some classes have already abandoned discards, e.g. Farr 40 and TP52.

General discussion, then a show of hands supported the proposal that this concept be placed before the Exec for possible trial at local contests. 10 for, 3 against.

Minimum Number of Races to Constitute a Regatta.

This regatta started with only one race completed on day 1 and the forecast made completing a minimum five race series appear in jeopardy. It was suggested that climate change issues might begin to affect regattas, so the minimum number of races could be dropped to three. This would be preferable to having a no series outcome. Also, getting volunteers to run regattas is becoming increasingly difficult, so more flexibility around what constituted a series might be necessary. It was suggested this should be tabled at an Exec meeting for support, then YNZ class approval. 13 for, 2 against.

Quick Release Halyards

The day one return to the Naval Point concrete ramp was particularly problematic, with a strong onshore breeze. An ability to lower the sail from the cockpit would've been advantageous. The commonly used Zephyr halyard locks prevent other than dry-land sail lowering, probably breaching the YNZ safety regulations. There is nothing in the class rules preventing quick release halyards. After discussion, it was suggested a paper with various halyard options be circulated to the members via regional chairs. Secretary to action.

CROSSING THE BAR

ZOA Life Member, Austin Ebert

ZOA Life Member Austin Ebert passed on 7th December, aged 98, after a brief final illness. Long standing ZOA members will recall him as the tireless Beachmaster at various Christchurch Nationals.

Fewer will recall that along with Ken Maynard, Maurice Hines and Bill Bain, he built Zephyrs 301-304 in Maurice Hine's garage in the mid 1970s, beginning the rebuilding of Zephyrs via a range of builders and moulds. I am still sailing #304 and Sandy Hines is out and about in #302.

My Dad lived his whole life in the same street in Redcliffs, sailing a series of home-built boats over many years and giving generously to Christchurch Yacht Club. Both he and his father were Life Members of CYC. He's an example of the many members who solve(d) a myriad of production problems to keep the class alive and thriving.

RIP Austin Ebert

Rob Ebert

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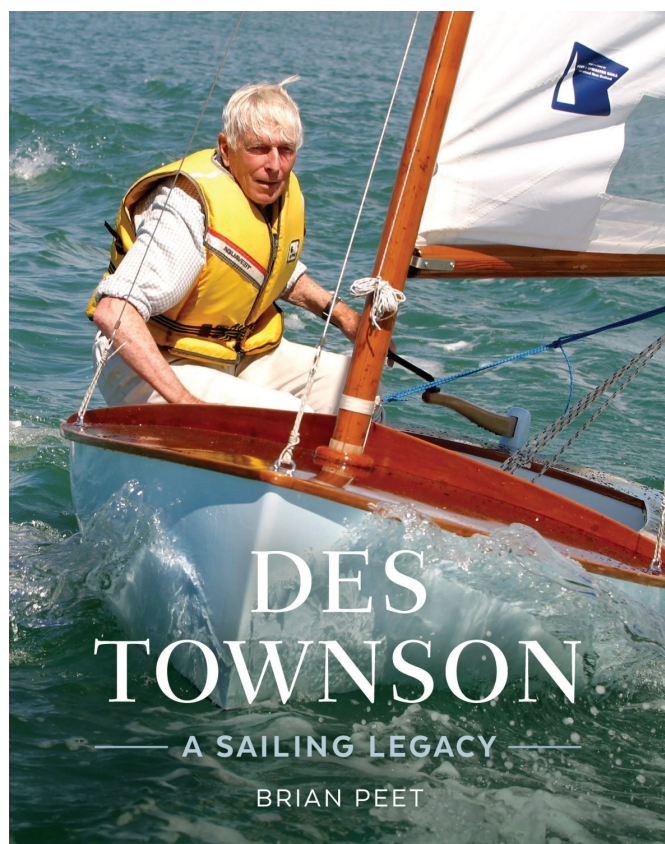
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