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EDITORIAL

This is the Annual General Meeting issue of the West Wind. As you will see elsewhere in the issue, there are a number of issues on the go.

Sail Construction

There is not much to report since the last West Wind where we detailed the concerns about the bottom panels of the sail. As they are at present, the trial sails would not be a satisfactory replacement to our current ones. We will need to sort this out over the winter and early part of the next sailing season with more trials. We may need to queue orders for new sails or offer the old sails for a while longer, depending upon the eventual circumstances. If the solution requires a change in construction, (more time or material) then it may come at a slightly increased cost.

Hull Construction Report

We have received revised CAD drawings from Brett Bakewell-White which we are pretty happy with, bar a few minor changes. As a result, we will be talking to Robert Brooke of the Marine Industry Association when this issue goes to press about how best to get the boats built. Hopefully we will have some more to report at the AGM and via the web site.

We had thought the traditional diagonal construction, which the "Re-design" group prefers, would be of interest to the trade training environments and this may help to keep building costs down, but this remains to be seen. Robert Brooke has had considerable experience with the design and building of Sunbursts, so he should be well versed in the relevant issues.

As I have indicated, we are currently favouring a return to the traditional "look and feel" of the Zephyr, including the original method of construction, believing that this will best meet the needs of the "market place" but it remains to be seen if the skills and materials are still available or if our assumptions are valid. We have had expressions of interest in new boats already, some from owners who went to the trouble of restoring old boats, and found that the ultimate cost was much the same as the cost of purchasing a new one. We are hopeful that using the CAD drawings to produce the required shapes for bulkheads, side tanks, deck beams etc, hopefully aided by some "volume" production will reduce some of the labour costs. This is all being explored at the moment. Long term, if the class is to survive, we will need to replace many of the existing boats. Some are absolutely mint still, but many suffer from a multitude of problems that require constant attention. Maintaining an old wooden boat can be a labour of love and is not for everyone.

What about the weight?

There has been criticism of the current 57kg weight restriction, arguing that it penalises the "restorers" in the class. Glassing older hulls is a viable way of improving longevity, but a heavy cloth is usually needed with a resultant weight penalty. It may be in the long term interests of the existing boats in the class to increase the weight limit especially as most boats are in the low to mid 60 kg range, but modern construction techniques tend to be weight saving.

FROM THE PEN OF ALEX AITKEN PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This will be brief. The Annual General Meeting this year will be held at Christchurch Yacht Club on Tuesday, August 17th. Your Executive and sub-committees have had a full on year and it is set to continue by the look of the budget. Would you please study the financial report and notes and let Rob Ebert or myself know if you have any vibes. The suggested budget for the new year should enable your association to gear itself for the next decade. ZOA strength and its ability to attract new membership relies on our need to adopt new technology and at the same time retain the Zephyr as a classic boat.

Your association is aware that we need more member participation at meetings and we are advocating a move to shift the AGM to coincide with National contests. Russell Turner, Rob Ebert and Don Currie (as a sub committee) have almost completed the hull re-design and a detailed report to ZOA is expected shortly. There is a determination to explore all issues before investing funds.

As to the three test sails, indications are that the alterations made to the bottom panel require further investigation. Doyles have contracted to sort this out.

Turning to the AGM, subsidised travel to national contests, accounting packages and developing an effective web site are all on the menu.

Looking forward to the national contest at Akaroa 27th-30th January 2005 and the 50th anniversary in Auckland 2006. An announcement will be made at the Christchurch AGM. Retirement and basking in the sun on a Pacific Island (for some of us) will have to be put on the back burner.

Kind regards and best of sailing for the new season.

Rule Changes

The enclosed paper on rule changes will hopefully be self explanatory and not too difficult to follow. The first set tidy up the wording, with the exception of the rules that allow for "slimmer" wooden masts. There are those in the class that still like to use wood and back themselves and new technologies to build them reliably to the same dimensions as alloy spars.

There are those in the class too, that like the traditional look of coamings behind the mast - in fact it was a contentious move some years ago to allow them to go forward. The rule change moving the coamings further back will ease the limitations on the vang angle currently experienced and make this option more viable.

In the set of rules on construction, we are seeking to allow the use of plywood for centrecases and the transom. Many cases and transoms have split over time and the timbers they were made of are less available, so ply emerges as a sensible move. We have also made a move to "allowable timbers" in order to better inform future builders.

ZEPHYR OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

Financial report for the period 1 June 2003 to 31 May 2004

TRADING INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Income	2004	2003
Sails	11326	9775
Spars & Rigging	14619	12859
Cedar Hull #260	3300	Nil
	<u>29245</u>	<u>22634</u>
Less Expenditure		
Opening Stock 1/6/03	9615	7698
Sails	8028	10154
Spars & Rigging	11693	10642
Cedar Hull	Nil	Nil
Write off building mould	1562	
Administration costs/Sundry	400	239
	31298	28733
Less closing stock 31/5/2004	1469	9615
	29829	19118
Net surplus/loss from trading	-584	3516

ADMINISTRATION INCOME

Donations	25	45
Subscriptions	2180	1705
Interest	252	179
Sundry/ reimbursement trading account	400	239
Sundry	50	54
	2907	2222
Less Expenditure		
Bank Charges	7	3
Engraving	49	151
Newsletter	513	623
Postage & Stationary	143	111
Tolls & General	211	198
Meeting Expenses	76	56
Promotion & Development	2276	267
Sundry travel	930	489
Honorarium President	250	150
Prizes	nil	162
	4454	2210
Net surplus/loss- admin	-1547	12
Add		
Net surplus from trading	-584	3516
Total Surplus/loss for year	-2131	3528

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2004

	2004	2003
CURRENT ASSETS		
ASB Bank Account no 50	14746	5994
ASB Cheque Account 00	505	1580
less unrepresented cheque 5228	100 405	
Stock on Hand 31/5/2004	1469	9615
	16620	17189
Fixed Assets		
Building moulds and pattens	1562	1562
Written off	-1562	
	16620	18751
Represented by :-		
Accumulated funds 1 June 2003	18751	15223
Net surplus/ loss for the year	-2131	3528
Accumulated funds 31 May 2004	\$16620	\$18751

An Audited set of accounts will be presented at the AGM

FINANCIAL REPORT

2003-2004 Financial Year.

The statement of accounts show that both the trading and administration accounts shows deficits, but the overall picture is one of significant investment in the future of the Zephyr class. In order that you, the owners, are better informed I will detail various items.

Trading account: The cedar hull #260 was advertised and a tender of \$3300 was accepted by ZOA executive. If you look at the opening stock figure of \$9615 this included the cost of the hull at \$5063.

The closing stock figure represents a clean out of stock from Doyle Sails and a minimum holding of Spars and Rigging. This has translated into a large cash asset in the ASB 50 accelerator account.

Administration costs of the trading section are in line with the increased activity.

Administration account: It is pleasing to see that we achieved budget for subscriptions. The \$2180 includes \$80 collected on behalf of the Auckland and Canterbury Associations. The figure of \$2276 for Promotion and Development is made up of hull design by Bakewell-White \$1237.50, three trial sails \$869.63, \$100 to Russell Turner, AZO Auckland to reimburse costs associated with development. Sundry promotion came to \$69.00.

Sundry travel includes \$95.63 for subscription to Yachting New Zealand and a one off payment of \$450.00 to Canterbury Zephyr Owners to subsidise travel to the Hamilton national contest in January 2004. I have included comment on this subsidy in my annual report. Honorarium for the President is voted on each year at the AGM.

One administrative item I have managed to sort out — after many letters and follow up phone calls the Association has an IRD number and we are now exempt from tax on interest received

Financial position: Our auditor, Richard Ineson, has suggested that we write off the existing building mould. ZOA Executive have approved this move. The budget for 2004/05 sets aside funds for a new jig etc.

ZOA CLOSING STOCK AS AT 31 MAY 2004.

1 Alloy mast - (Chch)	594.00
1 Track only for alloy mast (Chch)	96.00
1 Zephyr sail (Doyles)	571.00
1 Alloy boom (Hamilton)	218.00
Total	\$1469.00

Alex Aitken
ZOA Treasurer.

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AGM Change

The Contest Forum in Hamilton suggested that the AGM be held in conjunction with the National Champs. This is the subject of a Notice of Motion at the AGM. Alex and I have suggested this in the past without success, so it will interesting to see if the attitude of the class has changed. Sorry about the cramped nature of this issue, but nothing seemed to fit!

See you at the AGM

Rob Ebert

ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Christchurch Yacht Club

Tuesday 17th August, 2004

Meeting at 2000 hrs, preceded by a CZOA meeting at 1930hrs.

Light Refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting



ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Budget and Subscriptions
7. Election of Officers
 - *Patron:* Noel May has agreed to stand for another term.
 - *President:* Alex Aitken has agreed to stand for another term.
 - *Secretary:* Rob Ebert has agreed to stand for another term.
 - *Treasurer:* Alex Aitken has agreed to carry on with this role.
 - *Auditor:* Richard Ineson (Richard is a ZOA member, but is not a signatory for ZOA accounts and has no financial input other than general accounting advice).
 - *Regional Representatives.* AZO, HAZO, CZOA.
8. General
 - "Re-design" Sub-Committee Report
 - Rule Changes
 - President's Honorarium.
 - Notice of Motion "The next AGM be held at the Akaroa National Championships" R Ebert/A Aitken.
 - National Contest 2005
 - Travel Grant
 - Other Items

NOTES ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET

1. Development for new hull would be treated as a one off expense. Need to build new jig and associated templates etc aided by the CAD process.
2. Sails. Allowance for extra material costs with ongoing development in association with Doyle Sails. It is envisaged that the three trial sails will ultimately be sold to reimburse costs.
3. Travel. Subject to members approval a grant to be established annually to subsidise members travelling between islands for national contests. Suggest dollar for dollar between local associations and ZOA.
4. Accounting package. To ensure that ZOA accounting practices can be transferred to future administration it is deemed necessary to find an accounting package (eg MYOB) that is adaptable with our boat register, members subscription, trading and raising invoices. Such a package would be operable for the 2004/2005 year. We have owners within the association to assist with this exercise. The Association would have to accept any costs for upgrading a system as required.
5. Web site. Most yacht clubs and classes have adopted this method of publicity. Rob Ebert is operating the ZOA site in association with the Hamilton Yacht Club and it can be picked up through YNZ. The benefit to members is associated with the number of hits and the need to update information on a regular basis. It is inevitable that costs to maintain and upgrade the site must be factored in to the annual budget.

Alex Aitken

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR ZOA 1 June 04– 31 May 2005

Income		Expenses	
100 members @ \$20	2000	Engraving	50
Donations and Interest	250	Newsletters	600
		Post & Stationary	120
		Tolls & General	200
		Meetings	80
		Promotion & Develop	400
Funding from surplus in 50 account and trading (Notes 1-5)	5050	Development/hull	3300 note 1
		Development/sails	250 note 2
		Travel/President	300
		Travel/subsidy contests	800 note 3
		Honorarium	250
		Accounting package	500 note 4
		Web site upgrade	450 note5
	7300		7300

Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)

Annual General Meeting

Point Chevalier Yacht Club, Auckland

1500hrs Sunday, August 17th 2003

Present: A Aitken (Chair) R Ebert, R Still, N May, D Craig, R Turner, R Allen, C Maddren, R Dew, K Smith, R Waterer, S Macky, B Peet, R Martin, R Slater, B Heathwaite, M Hempleman, D Purdy

Apologies: M Sargisson, A Geddes, G Mathias, D Mason, M & B O'Connell, R Barker, D Currie, *Accepted Waterer/Smith*

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minute of the previous AGM held at the The Sand Bar, Christchurch had been previously circulated in July 2003 West Wind and were available to the meeting. They were therefore taken as read. Accepted as a true and correct record. *Ebert/Aitken*

Matters Arising: Nil

President's Report: Previously circulated in West Wind. Alex Aitken read this at the meeting, *Accepted Aitken/Still*

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer commented on a very active trading year and presented an audited set of accounts to the meeting. Administration of the ZOA ran at a small loss. This was reimbursed from the Trading Account surplus. *Accepted Aitken/Maddren*

Subscriptions: A Aitken confirmed that administrative costs were now exceeding subscription income and recommended an increase to \$20. *Accepted Aitken/Smith*

Budget: As circulated in July 2003 West Wind, *Accepted Still/Waterer*

Election of Officers

In the absence of other nominations, the following Officers were elected unopposed. *Ebert/Aitken*

Patron: Noel May

President: Alex Aitken

Secretary: Rob Ebert

Treasurer: Alex Aitken

Auditor: Richard Ineson

Regional Representatives:

AZO: Russell Turner

HAZO: Rob Ebert

CZOA: Peter Stokell

Waiuku: Keith Smith

General Business:

- President's Honorarium:** "That the President be allocated an honorarium of \$150 for service rendered." This was amended to \$250 (*Allen/Ebert*) and accepted by meeting.
- National Championship 2003-04:** Rob Ebert reported on Hamilton Yacht Club's progress in organising the coming season's championship. There is strong local interest and a good turn-out is expected.
- Jubilee Regatta 2006:** AZO reported little further progress, other than confirming Tamaki as the venue. They sought feedback on potential timing of the event, either late January (possibly Anniversary Weekend) or Easter. The issue will be canvassed in West Wind.
- Zephyr "Redesign":** Russell Turner outlined the activities of the Zephyr "Redesign" group over the past year. A survey of the sectional profile and rocker line of some boats had been conducted, showing a surprising degree of consistency between them and the original plans. Brett Bakewell-White has been engaged on behalf of the ZOA to produce an up to date plans and building specifications. This will involve a reassessment of some of our current building materials and the current jig. This work is ongoing and will be reported on periodically. Further consultation with the membership may be needed. This prompted a wide ranging discussion about the merits of cedar glass versus triple skin construction and the contribution of the finishing timber to the final weight. It was noted that most older boats are around 65kgs, mak-

ing the current class minimum of 57kg unrealistic. The contribution of the sheer line to the classic look of the Zephyr was confirmed and needed to be retained.

King and Queen Post Fillers: The existence of King and Queen post fillers for the centrecase was noted on most boats, but the meeting had no view on whether they should be mandatory. They did not contribute to the strength of the centrecase assembly. It was suggested that this be addressed as part of the redesign

Original Zephyr Trophy: In the course of the discussion, Noel May undertook to reproduce the original Zephyr trophy (a half size transom) for the 50th championship.

Buoyancy: The issues from the July West Wind article by Don Currie were discussed, with recognition that some Zephyrs may have compartments that are not adequately partitioned or sealed. Owners will be asked to check this important safety aspect and to check it complies with YNZ safety standards.

Locating Old Boats: Rod Slater related good success with adverts in Trade and Exchange seeking boats for new homes. It was suggested that the ZOA place an ad periodically. The success of the web site in selling older boats was noted.

- Marketing #260:** After discussion on the issues of promoting the class and selling complete or partially complete hulls it was agreed that the ZOA look at a promotional package including a complete rig (including sail) to prospective buyers.

Meeting closed 1705hrs.

Zephyr Components Price List

Effective 30th June 2004

Confidential to ZOA and its members

Prices include freight and GST.

Mast; anodised with riveted track and halyard cap	\$698
Mast; assembled complete with halyard lock, sliding goose neck, T cleat, kicker hanger, halyard stop and tail, 2 1/2 " 2 pin plug	\$1160*
Boom; 2.69m x mast section (tapered one end)	\$300
Boom; assembled complete with boom plug, block hangers (main and vang), x 3, adjustable outhaul complete	\$725*
Rigging. 10m x 2.5mm 1x19 stainless, 2.5mm hook swages x 3, 3x backing plates. (slotted into mast at heights listed in class rules, included in mast assembly)	\$103*
Sails complete with window, number, insignia (black, blue, red or green) wind indicators and tube bag. <i>Note; Coloured sails can be supplied at this price if included in a bulk order</i>	\$615
Sail Tube bag with Zephyr Logo sold separately	\$45
Sail coloured one off order (subject to availability of cloth)	\$678
Battens; Blue Streak per set	\$170
Gear bag; medium with Zephyr Logo.	\$75

Notes.

- Freight costs have caused minor adjustments in the price of masts.
- Items marked with an * are ordered on request and prices quoted are subject to specification.
- New sails supplied by Doyles will be of the current design.

Enquires and orders:

Alex Aitken 03 3584 600

Russell Turner 09 534 7747