

# West Wind

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## EDITORIAL

Another sailing season is upon us. As an Association, we have not been totally idle over the winter. The main preoccupation has been the location and timing of the National Championship. A number of alternatives were examined and discarded before a decision was taken to hold them at Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club (TYPBC). The basis of holding the championships is also different from previously. TYPBC is one of New Zealand's largest clubs, with a considerable infrastructure. ZOA has accepted a daily charge for the use of patrol boats and club facilities, so a break even number of fifteen boats is needed to cover the running costs. This leaves little for prizes within the entry fee of \$50. Whilst we will be seeking out those with contacts able to solicit prizes, it does mean the emphasis will be on the sailing rather than the spoils! As an Association, we must assume responsibility for the financial success of the event, so please come and support it. A financial disaster would jeopardize options for future events. Race Officer Bill Witiskie is very experienced, having run the Tauranga and Tanner Cup events at TYBC last summer. We can be assured of a well run contest. If you have not competed in a national championship event before, consider giving it a go. We are a recreational class, and attempt to offer something for everyone at the "Nationals".

I think there are a number of issues for future contests. If we have to pay to have our contests hosted then we will need to review our entry fees and ensure the ZOA has sufficient reserves to cover the shortfall from any contests. If the preferred time to hold the event is in the January holiday period, then we need to recognize that it is a time when there is little sailing activity at most clubs and thus nobody home to run a championship! Club administrations also change over the winter, and are not always able to commit to an event well in advance. Modern events also have more races and need to be scheduled over three or four days for reliable completion. There are few other long holiday weekends until Easter, in which to hold a contest. Modern working conditions also mean that many folk need to organize holidays well in advance, so greater certainty and more notice about future events is desirable. Our goal is to have the dates and venues of the 2001 event decided and announced in Tauranga.

The AGM was held in Hamilton to a pleasing turnout. Alex Aitken made the trip from Christchurch, with Bob Allen travelling down from Auckland. The deckposts rule amendment was passed and will be incorporated in the next update of the class handbook.

Another activity over the winter has been the development of the publicity brochure. Bob Allen has produced an attractive pamphlet for use in promoting the class to potential skippers. I had hoped to include a copy in this newsletter, but the colour photos don't scan well, so it will have to be distributed some other way.

**BEST WISHES FOR AN ENJOYABLE SEASON!  
SUPPORT THE NATIONALS!**

## FROM THE PEN OF

**ALEX AITKEN**

**National President**

As your President resides in Christchurch and the Zephyr fleet numbers are on the increase in Canterbury it is sometimes a little difficult to believe that our Auckland fleet is struggling to maintain 8-10 Zephyrs on the water at French Bay. Just prior to the Annual General Meeting in Hamilton I had the opportunity to sit around the table at French Bay Boating Club with a group of Auckland Zephyr Owners. We talked about building and renovating Zephyrs and up in the loft we gazed at a new cedar hull that is waiting for an owner. Fred Elley from Whangaparaoa was there chatting away about a new hull he is in the throws of finishing. The asking price is around \$2500.00, painted, with foils, and road trailer. Fred is fitting the deck and you can haggle over that cost. Part of the reason for selling the hull is that he has caught the "keeler bug", aided and abetted by his friend Dennis Craig (President AZO) who gives him a hand to sail it. We are now getting down to the nitty gritty. The City of Sails seems to be into keelers and power boats rather than centreboard yachts. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy my visits to the warm sunny north, but the traffic, the pace of life, is unreal and I can't wait to get back to civilisation. Let's get back to the issue. Auckland needs a dedicated Zephyr owner who is good at administration and around whom we can build up the Zephyr fleet in the Auckland region. The boat register indicates that there are plenty of affordable boats for potential sailors. Owners may be reluctant to part with their classic Zephyr, but the catalyst to growth is boats on the water. The class is now forty years old and a number of owners, although keen, are reaching the stage where the competitive spirit may still be alive but the body is having a struggle to keep the feet in the hiking straps. I believe we are going through a cycle and there is strong evidence that with the right encouragement young sailors and families can be influenced to buy a Zephyr.

**Promotion of the class.** Could I say a big thank-you to Auckland Zephyr owner Bob Allen. Bob has come up with a colourful brochure that depicts Allan Retter in action-packed shots in Zephyr #1, with Dennis Craig rounding a mark in Petroucka #184. We have talked about something like this for some time and it's finally happened. Because of cost, we will be producing 100 copies which will be allocated to the five centres for distribution to prospective sailors. I am also looking at some A3 copies, laminated, for using at open days and any other promotional opportunities.

**AGM at Hamilton.** Rob will give you a report on proceedings. A good turn out and Bob Allen represented Auckland. Pleasing to see Hamilton in good spirits and there are one or two new members to liven up the interest.

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**THE HAMILTON YACHT CLUB  
ZEPHYR WEEKEND  
NOTICE OF RACE**

The 1999 Zephyr Weekend will be hosted by the Hamilton Yacht Club, on Hamilton Lake, on November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Rules:** The weekend series will be governed by the International Sailing Association (ISAF) rules, the prescription of Yachting New Zealand, the Zephyr Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions.

- **Eligibility:** All competitors must be financial members of a yacht club affiliated with YNZ and the Zephyr Owners Association. This latter requirement may be met at the venue. All competing yachts must comply with the Zephyr class rules.
- **Entries:** Entries and the \$15.00 entry fee will be accepted on the Saturday morning. Sailing Instructions will be issued as an acknowledgment of entry.

**PROGRAMME**

**Saturday, 20 November 1999** 1000 hrs Briefing

1030 Race 1  
1200 Race 2  
1430 Race 3

**Sunday, 21 November 1999** 1030 Race 4  
1200 Race 5

Times for races 2,3 & 5 are approximate, depending on prevailing weather conditions. It may only be possible to complete two races on Saturday, in which case it will be a four race series.

- **Courses:** Courses will be set within the confines of Hamilton Lake, as closely as possible to Olympic courses.
- **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for at least the first four places on line and handicap, depending on entries.
- **Social Functions:** The Hamilton Area Zephyr Owners and Hamilton Yacht Club will host a post race barbecue on Saturday evening. A small charge to cover costs is likely and local contestants should anticipate contributing a salad etc.
- **Attitude:** This is a good chance to experience challenging lake sailing conditions in a convivial atmosphere.
- **Accommodation:** If you let us know your needs, we will arrange something for you.

**CONTACTS**

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**Rob Ebert**

**Secretary**

**Hamilton Area Zephyr Owners**

**CANTERBURY AND OTAGO NEWS**

As I write, three clubs have opened, with a small number of Zephys venturing out in very pleasant weather. Three boats turned up as part of a fleet of 26 centreboard yachts at the opening of Stewarts Gully Sailing Club. The Waimakariri River was in typical light weather mode for this time of the year and we managed just two rounds of the course.

We had a good display of yachts at the recent Boatex' 99 show held at the Westpac Trust Centre, Addington, from August 27-29. Peter Crofts (#308, *Titan*) was part of the CYA display. A sub-committee of three including Alex Aitken put it all together and won an award for the Best Stand of the Show Club/Association.

Our new CZOA secretary, Louise Heathfield sends her greetings to all fellow Zephyr owners. Louise has just taken delivery of #320 *William Tell*. This is an ex-Canterbury boat that was shifted to Lake Rotoiti when the previous owner, Karen Whitehead moved to Wellington. Louise has purchased a new sail and a set of Blue Streak Battens and persuaded national champion Glen McKenzie to tune the boat, so watch out for Louise at the 2000 nationals in Tauranga!

Some local fund raising will be under way in order to subsidise the cost of the 40' container. The Canterbury fleet heading to Tauranga face an all up cost of around \$8000.00 and are keen to see an enthusiastic challenge from the North Island.

Met up Bren Nelson (#311 *Tui*) from Macandrew Bay Club, Dunedin. Bren has the Commodore of the club lined up for a Zephyr, so this could be the start of an Otago Zephyr Owners' Association. The Masters Games are being held in Dunedin over Waitangi weekend in February 2000 in Dunedin. A large fleet of Zephys, Sunbursts and Lasers will be at the Otago Yacht Club for this event.

**Alex Aitken**

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**National contest, Tauranga 5th-8th January 2000.** It is the turn of the North Island owners to host the South Island owners. On a quick count, Auckland is looking at six, Waiuku around three and Hamilton six to eight. Christchurch is looking at eight to nine boats in a 40' container. So it looks like at least 20 Zephys will be there for a great contest. The South Island fleet is keen to see a good competitive fleet from the North so plan to be there. For the novice sailor it is a lot of fun and a great learning experience. A notice of race is enclosed. Would someone please give Rob a hand with the organization and be prepared to stand in. An addition to the Ebert family is expected around the time of the contest and Rob may have to exit the scene.

That's enough from me. Best Wishes for another season on the water.

**TRADING CORNER**

***The trading section of ZOA has taken off on a positive note!***

Sales to date include:-

Six sails (one coloured) for alloy mast, one sail for a wooden mast, three sets of Blue Streak sail battens, one alloy mast and one alloy boom. There is one new sail in stock and when that is sold I will order another batch. Please keep in mind that if you want a coloured sail at the price of \$585.00 this has to be ordered with a batch.

**Alex Aitken**

# ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1999 & CLASS REGISTER

**Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Hamilton Yacht Club**  
**2030hrs Tuesday August 10th 1999**

### Present

A Aitken (Chair), R Ebert, B Hutchinson, J Brokenshire, A Gough, K Paine, R Skinner, F Ward, R Walker, C Townshend, H Gratton, M Hunwick, C Peebles, B Allen (Ak)

### Apologies

A Ebert, D Craig, N Wood, B Saunders, A & P Fisher.

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held at the Christchurch Yacht Club on 12th August 1998 were circulated. They were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.  
(Allen/Ebert)

### Matters Arising

A Aitken provided a brief explanation of the discussion of the insurance on Zephyrs under construction.

### President's Report

A Aitken read his President's Report, it having been previously published in West Wind, and moved its acceptance. (Aitken/Peebles)

### Treasurer's Report

A Aitken presented an audited set of accounts for the previous financial year for acceptance by the meeting. (Aitken/Peebles). He commented on the favourable surplus generated by closer control of admin costs, and increased activity in the trading section.

**Budget:** A Aitken presented the proposed budget, as outlined in the most recent West Wind, for acceptance by the meeting. (Paine/Hunwick)

### Subscriptions

Recommended to remain at \$15.00. A further recommendation for a newsletter only sub of \$6.00 was felt to be unnecessary.

### Honorarium

A Aitken drew the meeting's attention to a proposal from Canterbury that the ZOA President receive an honorarium of \$100. After expressing concern that any decision should not be binding upon future meetings, the meeting accepted the motion that: *A Aitken accept an honorarium of \$100 in respect of his contribution to the ZOA for the 1998-99 season. (Ebert/Ward).*

### Election of Officers

In the absence of other nominees, the following were elected:

**Patron:** Noel May

**President:** Alex Aitken

**Treasurer:** Alex Aitken

**Secretary:** Rob Ebert

**Auditor:** R Ineson (from last year)

**Regional Representatives:** A Aitken (Canty), Dennis Craig, Bob Allen (Ak), Rob Ebert, Craig Peebles (Hamilton). Mike O'Connell to be approached for Waiuku.

### General Business:

**National Contest:** This was tentatively planned for Tauranga in Jan 2000 (5-8). Concern was expressed at the ability of Tauranga to host a contest at that time of year, with most of its junior fleet away. The timing and location also excluded those with children in the P and Starling contests.

**North Island Champs:** A Aitken outlined a proposal for a North Island Champ, perhaps to be sailed at several venues. Members commented that this sort of activity had happened years ago, but there was a reluctance for sailors to travel at present. Sailing calendars for the contributing clubs would also have to be co-ordinated.

**Rules Amendment - Deck Posts:** Seventeen postal amendments had been received supporting the change to rule 2.1.1. This change was endorsed by the meeting. Rule 2.1.1 will now read "*Hulls shall be supplied with deck beams, gunwales, carlins, deckposts, centrethwart, centrecase and mast step permanently fitted. Deckposts are optional. No alteration to the hull as supplied shall be permitted except as provided for herein*".

This amendment will be incorporated in the class rules once Yachting New Zealand has approved it.

**Sail Supplier:** M Hunwick queried the position of Boyd & McMaster as the sail supplier, when most other classes provided for choice in this area. Explanation is that it is still ZOA policy to restrict the hull form and sail plan, while allowing a certain freedom of finish, so as to ensure that all boats have the same potential speed. This rule is open to change via the rule change processes available in the class rules, but it remains an essential feature of Zephyr Class sailing.

**Tactical Compasses:** Bob Allen drew the meeting's attention to the increasing availability of digital compasses. It was felt that the tactical advantage they provided was contrary to the spirit of the class rules, and that other classes had banned them. The meeting noted these comments, but saw no need to rule on them at present.

Meeting closed 2153hrs.

Rob Ebert

**Secretary**

## CONTACTING THE ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

### SUBSCRIPTIONS 1999-2000

Subscriptions for 1998 are \$15.00 for the NZZOA, and \$10.00 for local associations in Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch. If you are an "orphan" outside these areas, the \$15.00 NZZOA sub can be forwarded to Alex Aitken, President, or Rob Ebert, Secretary. Please include your boat name and number, so we can update the Zephyr Register.

We need your support for all sorts of reasons!

### National President

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## ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

### *Class Register*

Throughout the 1980s, the Class Register was published in West Wind on a regular basis. The register is maintained on a MS Access database, so it can be reported in a number of ways. This listing here is in hull number order for the main Zephyr regions. Let me know of any inaccuracies.

#### Auckland Region

- 1 Zephyr: Allan Retter, 70 Nigel Road, Browns Bay, Auckland 7. Ph: 094793631  
5 Ariel: Arthur Buckland-Pinnock, 24 Constables Rd, Waiuku  
10 Jillian: Des Pittams, 36 Montrose St, Pt Chevalier, Auckland. Ph: 098462485  
11 Rewa: Graham Wilson, 28 Beresford St, Pukekohe 1800, Auckland. Ph: 092388176  
15 Challenge: H & I Smeeton, 16A Westbourne Road, Remuera, Ak Ph: 095249448  
20 Zeehaen: Graham Main, Mill Road, Bombay, South Auckland. Ph: 092360803  
22 Gae: Rod Thomas, 35 Rotomahana Tce, Remuera, Auckland. Ph: 095222035  
23 Contessa: Phillip Welham, 9 Lynch Street, Pt Chevalier, Auckland.  
24 Yankee: Clark George, West Park Ship Chandlery, PO Box 85, Hobsonville.  
25 B-P II: Arthur Buckland-Pinnock, 24 Constables Rd, Waiuku.  
31 Sayonara: Dave Gribble, 18 Meachen Terrace, Waiuku.  
32 Dee Dee: N.L. Riley, 5 Dell Way, Howick, Auckland 1705. Ph: 095343753  
38 Sea Fever: Bob Foster, 274 Scenic Drive, Titirangi, Auckland 7. Ph: 098176743  
40 Aroha: Kevin McGee, RD 4, Waiuku. Ph: 092350873  
43 Pinocchio: David Brown, 27 Motuora Rd, Manley, Auckland 1463.  
49 Iolanthe: Andrew Geddes, 15 Rangiwai Rd, Titirangi, Auckland 7. Ph: 098178904  
52 Can Can: Dennis Craig, 24 Grendon Rd, Titirangi, Auckland. Ph: 098173150  
56 Obsession: Barbara O'Connell, 5 Cherry Place, Waiuku. Ph: 092357023  
61 Elite: Brett Bakewell-White, P O Box 34569, Birkenhead, Auckland. Ph: 094820342  
65 Winsome: Bubbles Bourke, 70 Brighton Road, Parnell, Auckland.  
68 Calypso: Fred McNeil, PO Box 5, Orewa 1461, Auckland. Ph: 094266757  
73 Witchpark: Bruce Pullan, 36 Miller Rd, Mangere Bridge, Auckland.  
77 Raphael: Russell Cullen, 5 Rivendell Pl, Warkworth.  
81 Scoundrel: Ron Grimmer, 19 Opou Rd, Titirangi, Auckland 7.  
82 Gazelle: Murray Sargison, 11 Okewa Rd, Titirangi, Auckland.  
89 Nimbus: Murray Greenmand, Coombe Down, Sims Road, RD1, Papakura.  
91 Zest: John Badger, 60 Karaka St, Takapuna, Auckland. Ph: 094894131  
98 Bluestreak: Robbie Webber, 4 Valley Rd, French Bay, Auckland 7.  
99 Vendetta: Keith Smith, 14 Balmore Place, Manuera 1702, Auckland. Ph: 092677828  
112 Skitten: Russell Durrant, 8 Hinckohu St, New Lynn, Auckland. Ph: 098275166  
113 Firebird: Simon Carryer, 235 Golf Rd, Titirangi, Auckland 7.  
115 Calprett: Colin Carter, Rd2, Waiuku.  
119 Mayfair II: Dennis Mayos, Glenbrook Beach Road, RD1 Waiuku. Ph: 092353672  
120 Resort: Hugh Davison, 2/19 Waller Ave, Bucklands Beach, Auckland.  
121 Runaway: Russell Black, 65 Kauri Road, Whenuapai, Auckland. Ph: 094168330  
122 Kouto: Ross McClew, 4 Henslowe Place, Glenn Innes, Auckland. Ph: 095289927  
123 Zenith: Mike Hughes, 325 Titirangi Rd, Titirangi, Auckland 7. Ph: 098436746

127 Ghost: Gill McGee, RD4, Waiuku. Ph: 092350837

132 Checkmate: Roy Hughes, 506 Huia Rd, Laingholm, Auckland 7.

140 Gloria: Mick Harper, Rd 4, Waiuku.

142 Capri: Steve Mitchell, 48 George St, Waiuku.

144 Gwene: Max Morris, 20 Ngapapi Rd, Orakei, Auckland.

148 Renee: M.M. Langley, 147c St Heliers Bay Rd, St Heliers, Auckland.

160 Angelique: Bill Dove, Mile Road, Bombay, South Auckland. Ph: 092360667

161 Gem: M Bullock, 18 Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 3.

168 Baloo: Ron Webber, 82 Tanekaha Road, Titirangi, Auckland. Ph: 098176653

171 Tania: Ted Frankham, 242 Scenic Drive, Titirangi, Auckland. Ph: 098176862

172 Alma: Mike O'Connell, 5 Cherry Place, Waiuku. Ph: 092357023

175 Flippant: Don Waterer, 69 Tanekaha Road, Titirangi, Auckland.

183 Kerry: D Cowperthwaite, 17 Poronui St, Mt Eden, Auckland 3.

184 Petrouchka: Dennis Craig, 24 Grendon Rd, Titirangi, Auckland. Ph: 098173150

188 Wizard: Bob Allen, 1/11 Liam Place, Bucklands Beach, Auckland. Ph: 095353011

193 Hauiti: Barbara White, 33 Tiri Tiri Rd, Birkenhead, Auckland. Ph: 094837773

195 Slipstream: Robert Still, 1/7 Oystergrove Rd, West Auckland. Ph: 094164700

197 Mystic: Denys Colby, 2 Wells Rd, Bucklands Beach, Auckland. Ph: 095288696

202 Marietta: John Faire, 53 The Parade, Bucklands Beach, Auckland. Ph: 095358330

206 Arahi: Barry French, 9 Sunnyside Rd, Henderson, Auckland. Ph: 098271607

220 Goldfinger: Russell Durrant, 8 Hinckohu St, New Lynn, Auckland.

Ph: 098275166

233 Lark: Trevor Pollard, 1 Opou Rd, Titirangi, Auckland.

234 Unknown4: Kay Clapperton, 31a Matai Rd, Greenlane, Auckland 5.

255 Unknown6: Fred Elley, 10 Farnell Place, Gulf Harbour, Auckland. Ph: 094242269

325 Bad News: Daniel Jamieson, 13 Paewae Road, Glen Eden.

#### Christchurch Region

2 Aquarius: Murray Hodgson, 49 Torquay Place, Christchurch 5.

3 Anitra: Glenn Fraser, 3 Ballarat Rd, Rangiora, Christchurch. Ph: 033134563

4 Why: Ron Cameron, 54 Scarborough Rd, Scarborough, Christchurch 8. Ph: 033265241

8 Radiant: Paul Stemmer, 6 Bay View Road, Christchurch 8.

#### ZEPHYRS FOR SALE.

##### # 3 Anitra

Wooden rig, launching trolley and road trailer.  
Hull has been stripped, refurbished and a new deck painted.

Contact: Glen Fraser, Rangiora Phone 03 3130209 home 03 3790190 work.

##### # 315 Seaview

Wooden rig with launcher trolley. Hull Blue with White trim.

This was purchased by the present owner in 1982 and used for social sailing.

Good all round condition.

Contact: Richard Evans Phone 03 337 1171. #59 Escapade

Wooden rig, refurbished hull and deck.

Contact: Roger Walker 07 849 2145 #105 Pandora

Wooden rig, new launching trolley

Contact: Geoff Moore 07 843 8682 #255

New decked hull painted, with foils, and road trailer.

Contact: Fred Elley, 09 4242269

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2000 NATIONAL ZEPHYR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**TAURANGA YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB**  
**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY TO SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club, Sulphur Point, Tauranga. Email: typbc@xtra.co.nz, Phone: (07) 578 5512 Fax: (07) 578 5595

**RULES**

The contest will be governed by the 1997-2001 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Yachting New Zealand (YNZ), the YNZ Safety Regulations Part 1, the rules of the Zephyr Class, the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.

**ENTRIES**

Entries will be accepted up to 0930hrs on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December, on the attached entry form with an entry fee of \$50. Late Entries will be accepted up until 0930hrs on Wednesday 5th January 2000 with an entry fee of \$65. All skippers shall be current financial members of the Zephyr Owners' Association and a yacht club affiliated to YNZ.

**EVENT CLASSIFICATION**

For the purpose of RRS Appendix G, this contest is designated Category B.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

**COURSES**

The courses shall be Triangular or Windward/Leeward course sailed in the Tauranga harbour. Tide and Weather conditions will determine which courses will be used.

**SCORING SYSTEM**

The Low Point system of rule A2 will apply, except that 9 races are scheduled, of which five races must be completed to constitute a series. If only five races are completed, then all races count towards a yacht's total points. If six to nine races are completed a yacht may discard her worst score. All races score equal points. The lowest total score wins. When a boat has two or more worst race scores which are the same, the worst score or scores referred to in RRS A2.1, shall be discarded in race order of occurrence

**REGISTRATION**

All competitors shall complete registration before racing. Registration includes the logging of support boats. Registration will be available from 0800hrs on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2000 at TYPBC, Sulphur Point Tauranga.

**DIVISIONS**

Open Division for the National Zephyr Championship, Handicap, Ladies Division and such other groupings as the Race Committee may decide.

**2000 NATIONAL ZEPHYR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**ENTRY FORM**

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE: .....

YACHT NAME: ..... SAIL NUMBER:.....

FINANCIAL MEMBER OF: .....

Entry Fee of \$50.00 enclosed made payable to the TYPBC.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

SIGNED: .....

**HELP WANTED**

Bill Witiskie, Race Officer for the National Champs, needs two assistants for the Committee Boat and Patrol boats.

If you can help, please let Bill or the ZOA know. Bill is a very experienced race manager, so it offers the prospect of some useful experience.

Bill can be reached via TPYBC or at 07 5754402(H) or email william.w@clear.net.nz

PROGRAMME		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Registration	0800-0930hrs
	Meeting of Competitors	1000hrs
	Invitation Race	Warning 1054hrs
	Race 1	Warning 1354hrs
	Race 2	Back to Back
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Race 3	Warning 1024hrs
	Race 4	Warning 1324hrs
	Race 5	Back to Back
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Race 6	Warning 1024hrs
	Race 7	Warning 1324hrs
	Race 8	Back to Back
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Race 9	Warning 1024hrs
	Prize Giving	1400hrs (Approx)

*Send to:*  
*Zephyr Nationals*  
*TPYBC*  
*PO Box 252*  
*TAURANGA*

## Tactical Tips

*Adapted from Speed and Smarts #50*

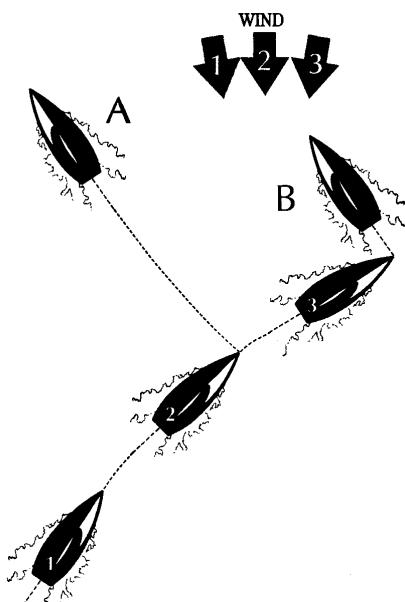
### In an oscillating breeze, tack when you are headed in relation to the median wind.

When the wind is shifty, most sailors know they should be tacking on the headers. But exactly when and where is the best place to tack?

In many cases, the biggest mistake is sailing too far into the header before tacking. Of course, there are certain wind conditions where you have to sail a little farther into the puff, or when you tack, you will sail back out of it!

However, the idea in an oscillating breeze is that you can sail on lifts all the way to the top mark. If you start to get headed (2) and you don't tack (3) until the wind shifts past its median direction, you will be sailing part of the way on headers instead of lifts.

Therefore, you want to tack roughly when the wind reaches its median.(2)



## Technical Issues

### Finishing Plans Amendment

The finishing plan in the centrefold of the class handbook shows a deck beam immediately above the mast step on the keelson. This beam also the usual location of an optional bulkhead position. The correct position for the deck beam is just ahead of the mast step. In its current location, the mast hole at deck level would have to pass through the deck beam.

### Measuring

There was some comment at the Waiuku contest about apparent differences in the boats, especially mast step heights and rudder blade areas. Under the new measuring arrangements, individual measurements are recorded in a database enabling comparison across the fleet. So far there is little measurable departure from the rules. Mast step heights can be a little confusing. A mast step may exceed the stated tolerance, provided the difference is taken off the length of the mast. Inspecting boats on the beach may be an enjoyable past time, but objective comparison between boats requires a tape measure!

### Renovation Tip — Mahogany Deck

Fred Elley suggested using 3mm gaboon ply for the deck, overlaid with 1.5mm mahogany or other veneer. This gives the finished deck a mahogany look without the associated (usually) weight.

### Rules Amendment

Please amend Rule 2.1.1 in your class handbooks to read "*Hulls shall be supplied with deck beams, gunwales, carlins, deckposts, centrehwart, centrecase and mast step permanently fitted. Deckposts are optional. No alteration to the hull as supplied shall be permitted except as provided for herein*".

## National Championship details on the Web

Any items of interest about accommodation etc in Tauranga over the New Year period I will place on the ZOA web site, so keep an eye on [www.zoa.cjb.net](http://www.zoa.cjb.net)