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2023 –2024 SEASON END PRESIDENT’S REPORT Matt Mitchell

We’ve had a quiet year. Not a lot to report, apart from the ongoing good work of our volunteers. We’ve had a successful year selling masts, booms, sails and boats. We’ve managed to spread a few spars to the regions, so we have spares available. We’ve sold our last glass boat. Given the economic situation we’re not in a hurry to order four more hulls – we’ll wait for two firm orders. Hulls have been a roaring success – it’s gone better than anyone could have imagined, 17 built and sold.

SECRETARY’S REPORT Brian Peet

From an administrative perspective, this season was another stable year with great leadership by Matt Mitchell, professional financial management from Tony Miller and enthusiastic support by the Exec. Once again Chief Measurer Graeme Robinson provided high quality, invaluable and independent advice to the Exec. The six weekly Exec meetings featured constructive discussions followed by sensible fact-based decision making.

For many in the class, the season highlight was the Lyttelton nationals, which unfolded as a most interesting, enjoyable event at one of NZ’s premier sailing locations. John Boraston and his team of willing, cheerful volunteers created an organisational framework that enabled the event to run as close to clockwork as the weather would allow. Many thanks to the entire CZOA.

There has been a late change to the 2024 Nationals results with Steve Pyatt awarded average points after a YNZ appeals hearing. He’d been incorrectly informed by a pin end race official he was OCS and required to stand down from the race. This was despite the RO calling “All Clear”. The pin-end boat’s radio volume was set low, so the RO’s call wasn’t heard. Average points moved Steve from 11th to 8th.

TREASURER’S REPORT Tony Miller

Financial

Another good year for the class, with strong revenue from subs, sails, hulls and masts.

Mackay GRP hulls - three sold during the year, one sold after balance date. Total of 17 glass hulls sold since 2021. In the last season 16 sails, 15 masts and 9 booms were sold.

Spars & Rigging

We have used the first batch of our own extrusions. Quality of our masts continues to be excellent. 33 masts produced during the past year [54 since ZOA took over production]. We now have ZOA stock of masts in all the main centres with 18 stock masts spread around NZ. As this represents over one year of sales, so we plan to produce a further extrusion run in 2025.

Sails

Four in stock at Doyle’s with a batch of 10 due in September.

Subs

Subs – 146 members. The centralised system is working well. It is recommended that the current sub of \$55 (\$20 Regional, \$35 ZOA) remains for 2024/5.

Summary

The Zephyr class is now in a good financial position in part due to sales of masts and the Mackay glass hulls. Many of the glass hulls have been sold to sailors new to the class, thus ensuring the continued growth of the class. It is pleasing to see some full GRP Zephyrs have resold at firm prices. Wooden Zephyrs continue to sell - good ones are still hard to find.

ZEPHYR OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023
INCOME			
Sails & Battens		22,966	25,834
Spars & Rigging		23,872	28,359
Hulls		37,133	48,974
Beach Trolleys		2,340	2,340
Nationals Donations		60	-
Subscriptions		6,935	7,018
Sales- Miscellaneous		-	1,565
		<hr/> 93,306	<hr/> 114,090
COST OF SALES			
Opening Stock		10,368	14,551
Purchases Sails & Battens		17,062	17,003
Purchases Spars & Rigging		26,509	27,780
Purchases Hulls		46,391	47,214
Purchases Beach Trolleys		2,963	2,223
		<hr/> 103,293	<hr/> 108,770
Closing Stock		32,563	10,368
Cost of Sales		<hr/> 70,730	<hr/> 98,402
GROSS MARGIN		22,576	15,687
INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME			
Interest Received		454	53
TOTAL INCOME		<hr/> 23,030	<hr/> 15,740
EXPENSES			
Accountancy Fees		1,108	1,008
Advertising		110	110
Insurance		1,611	1,370
Nationals Costs		4,545	696
Subscriptions Regions		2,979	2,116
Sundry Expenses		-	1,412
TOTAL EXPENSES		<hr/> 10,354	<hr/> 6,712
NET SURPLUS		<hr/> \$12,676	<hr/> \$9,029

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MAY 2024**

	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023
CURRENT ASSETS			
ASB Cheque Account		18,435	22,109
ASB Fast Saver		20,521	20,066
Accounts Receivable		-	7,830
GST Refund Due		-	174
Inventories		32,563	10,368
		<u>71,519</u>	<u>60,547</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
As per Schedule (at Book Value)		36,138	36,138
		<u>107,657</u>	<u>96,685</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		500	2,626
GST Payable		422	-
		<u>922</u>	<u>2,626</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
		<u>922</u>	<u>2,626</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>\$106,735</u>	<u>\$94,059</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated Surplus		104,135	91,459
Capital Reserve	2	2,600	2,600
		<u>\$106,735</u>	<u>\$94,059</u>

**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023
Net Surplus for the Period		<u>12,676</u>	<u>9,029</u>
Total Recognised Revenue and Expenses		<u>12,676</u>	<u>9,029</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT START OF PERIOD			
		<u>94,059</u>	<u>85,030</u>
		<u>106,735</u>	<u>94,059</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF PERIOD			
		<u>\$106,735</u>	<u>\$94,059</u>

REGIONAL REPORTS

CANTERBURY—John Boraston

The title of our association is starting to become a bit misleading with boat and sailor membership now spanning across the South Island. During the season we gained a new member from Wanaka and Phil Quinn has been seen plenty of times further north in the South Island joining in on our events. Welcome Phil, we hope to get a crowd of us down your way this coming season. The other fleets based in Canterbury, Nelson and Picton have also shown steady growth during the year bringing our total membership close to 50.

Our efforts in holding a 'Traveller' series and ensuring the sharing of our major South Island events across the wider region has obviously paid off in raising the profile of the Zephyr and giving us keen devotees of this great little boat some great experiences and fun.

Looking forward, the team organising the 24-25 Traveller Series have some great ideas to improve further on this model and while still finalising some details this will be able to be shared soon together with our local S.I. sailing calendar of events.

The 23-24 season was a busy one for us, as well as organising the Traveller Series and running the region's main championship events we also, as an association, hosted the Zephyr Nationals down at Naval Point Club Lyttelton early February 24. This was well supported with 60 boats from across New Zealand entered and while the 'normal' easterly sailing breezes took some time to eventuate, we got some great racing in with a variety of conditions, all with their particular challenges. It was great to see the South Island entries performing well, with a number of us featuring in the top 10 placings. Other main events were: -

Canterbury Champs.

A series of nine races held during the season and spread across three local Christchurch clubs.

Winner of this for 23-24 was Hamish Wilcox. #101.

South Island Champs.

With the growth of boats in the top of the south, we are now sharing this event between Canterbury, Nelson and Marlborough. The 23-24 series was hosted by Queen Charlotte Yacht Club early December and was another well-run event, although unfortunately day two was blown out, so three races only. Graeme Henry #160 was the winner of this series.

Traveller Series.

This trophy is managed to ensure both those who regularly attend as well as those who place well can be rewarded and this year Don LePage in #256 won through both great placings and very regular attendance.

Finally, I must recognise the strong camaraderie that has been a feature in this past season amongst our sailors and supporters. The willingness of so many to pitch in assist with events, organising coaching and tuning events and assisting each other with boat maintenance, both minor and significant, has been a standout for me and something that makes our fleet so special.

NELSON / PICTON—Graeme Henry

The local Nelson Zephyr fleet of six boats had a very sporadic Nelson YC attendance with some regular sailors out of NZ or in the North Island.

Tony Walker purchased Jetstream from David Gilles at the end of the season, so Nelson now has seven Zephyrs and we're expecting more regular attendance at Nelson YC this season. Nelson has the ILCA Nationals in January 2025 so there is some focus on this event with Hannes training up in an ILCA.

There is interest for Nelson YC to host the Nationals in 2028 so this future possibility will be good for the class development.

The Picton fleet of five Zephyrs with Nikki Rolton owning two and her husband Dave sailing one of the boats in the coming season.

We're looking forward to the South Island Champs early November being held out of Pigeon Bay, Banks Peninsula.

WELLINGTON – John Kliffen

Overall, the 23/24 season was a mixed bag with some typically windy or blown out spring race days mixed with tranquil light weather to test sailor's skills across a full spread of conditions.

The 23/24 WBBC Zephyr Championship Series at WBBC was comfortably won again by Greg Wright #190, with Brett Linton #303 in 2nd, Glenn Tassicker #89 3rd, Nigel Lloyd #6 4th and John Kliffen #609 in 5th place. The 23/24 WBBC Zephyr Handicap Championship was won by Heather Garside #312, with Nigel Lloyd #6 in 2nd and Greg Wright #190 in 3rd place.

in the overall season handicap results.

Greg Wright #190 also won the Line championship for the WBBC Autumn series, and Andrew Mackay #168 won the Handicap championship for the WBBC Autumn series.

Although the weather didn't help the schedule, Phil Williams ran another great coaching clinic at WBBC for up to eight sailors in preparation for the 2024 Zephyr Nationals in Lyttelton.

2023/24 Plimmerton BC Zephyr Season Summary

Approximately seven Zephyrs are sailing at PBC

PBC hosted the 2024 Wellington Centreboard Championships on 16-17 March 24, which was also attended by several WBBC Zephyrs.

Wellington Sailors at 2024 Zephyr Nationals

A keen group of 11 Wellington sailors travelled to Lyttelton to compete at the 2024 Zephyr National Championships. Everyone really enjoyed the relaxed Lyttelton vibe and Naval Point's friendly club atmosphere. John Fletcher particularly enjoyed returning to Naval Point as it was 50 years since he competed in his last Zephyr nationals at this same location!! Congratulations to Greg Wright on achieving 3rd place overall in a very competitive fleet of 59 entries, and Amanda Hargreaves who again won the Women's trophy (13th place overall). Polly Wright and Joanna Kempers were 2nd and 3rd women respectively. Greg Wright also won the Townson Trophy (1st Townson built Zephyr). Greg teamed up with daughter Polly Wright to win the Whanau Trophy. John Kliffen won the Handicap Trophy and Keith Fraser also raced very well, achieving 14th place overall and was a very close 2nd on handicap.

HAMILTON / TAURANGA –Hansie

The Tauranga fleet have been a bit smaller than normal during the past year. We welcomed Phil Rogers to the fleet with #212. For the summer series we had between four to ten boats on any race day. We have a few kiwi fruit and dairy farmers and often sailing comes second during busy farming times. Patrick McDaniel is forever working on his boat, apparently making it a rocket ship. Mark Thomas sometimes comes for a beer after sailing with weird excuses why he didn't sail. Bob Smyth says it's cold. For the winter series we had between four and seven boats on race days. There were a few cancelled race days with either too much or too little wind, but also some perfect days for sailing. The races were generally won by Andy on heavier days and Hansie on lighter days. Ian Watson had a run in with a circular saw and fingertips were the losers. He missed a lot of the races but lent his boat to Jess Smyth who proved the boat is not slow. She 'chicked' the boys in some of the races. There is a rumour that Bob might lend her his boat for the 2025 nationals to be held in Tauranga.

Tauranga sailors attended the North Island regatta - four boats, nationals - five boats and Auckland champs - four boats. For the Tauranga regatta we had 17 entries with the help from the Auckland fleet who support our regatta every year. The regatta was won by Steve Pyatt.

Tauranga entries in ZOA regattas are very high if you consider the total number of sailors in our fleet.

The Tauranga sailors would love to send you a warm invite to the next nationals to be held by us. We guarantee great club facilities, good launching area, race area close to launching, high tide, cold beer, fair wind and sunny days.

AUCKLAND – Tim Willets

After a few difficult Covid seasons, it now appears we're coming back to more normal Zephyr sailing and can look forward to a great season ahead.

The AZO has around 50 members, which is about the same as the past few years. In our regular AZO club racing we're seeing around 30-40 members sailing on a regular or semi-regular basis. Our Summer Series attracted 31 competitors sailing in the 48 races from September to April. This was a close series with results decided on the last two races. Summer Series: Tim Willets, Grant Beck, Robin Simpson

Manly Sailing Club hosted this year's Auckland Champs which was well attended with 31 boats including 4 from Tauranga and 1 from Nelson. The result came down to a match race in the last race between Mark Orams and Rod Dawson. Good to see Rod give Mark a real hurry up. It was also really great to see Sara Winther borrow Andrew Brown's new #328 for a very solid third overall.

Auckland Champs: Mark Orams, Rod Dawson, Sara Winther

Ten Auckland boats sailed in the Tauranga Regatta. Moving forward to 2024/25, it has been decided to run both the Auckland Champs and Tauranga Regatta within a few weeks of each other to encourage participation by out-of-town boats in both regattas.

Lake Taupo North Islands attracted 30 entries with 19 from Auckland. Fabulous turnout after a couple of years at Napier. Bit of a light wind affair. Placings: Grant Beck, Greg Wright, Andrew Mikkelsen

The Zephyr Nationals at Lyttelton were totally dominated by Mark Orams and it was a great delight as AZO President

to have a very strong showing of 12 Auckland Boats with four of the first six.

This was a massive effort by Team Auckland with seven Zephyrs transported to the event thanks to a rental truck arranged by Robin Simpson of Hydraulink. The AZO did offset the cost of the truck and I believe it was AZO money well spent. For my part I took great delight in driving both ways over 32 hours in total but it was well worth it. I'm really hoping the Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch boats will all reciprocate when Auckland hosts the 70th Nationals Jubilee Year in 2026.

The AZO are looking forward to a bumper Zephyr season in which we hope to see all 50 of our members race their boats at least three race events. We are also looking forward to good numbers attending all out-of-town regattas.

Special thanks must go to Fiona Rist for compiling all our race results and also to the Auckland team for keeping the AZO Zephyr racing competitive and fun.

2024 AGM Minutes

Date: 16 September 2024 - 7:30 pm.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting.

Attendees:

Matt Mitchell, Brian Peet, Tony Miller, Keith Phillips, Mike Renner, Murray Sargisson, Steve Pyatt, John Kliffen, Hansie Eichholz, John Boraston, Paul Pearson, Glenn Tassicker, Robin Simpson, Jo Jones, Bruce Craies, Tony Taine, Graeme Henry, Hamish Atkinson, Rob Ebert, Ian Watson, Peter Busfield, Gary Newland and Russell Salmon.

Apologies:

John Faire, Tony Gable, Rod Dawson and Rob Dunne.

Opening Meeting:

ZOA president and meeting chairman, Matt Mitchell, welcomed members to the Zoom ZOA AGM.

Minutes from 2023 AGM:

Circulated by email prior to meeting – taken as read. No questions from the floor. Adoption moved Tony Miller / John Boraston - approved.

Matters Arising from 2023 AGM

No matters from the 2023 AGM were raised for discussion.

2024 AGM Reports:

President's Report - verbal

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Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read - no questions from floor.

Tony Miller recommended subs remain at \$55 - \$20 of this sum is returned to the sailor's region.

Election of Executive

President Matt Mitchell, Secretary Brian Peet, Treasurer Tony Miller. No other nominations received - incumbents remain.

Executive Committee – five positions

Of the current committee Steve Pyatt, Glenn Tassicker, Hansie Eichholz and Graeme Henry were available for re-election. One vacancy existed and Bruce Craies was the sole nomination: - Brian Peet / Matt Mitchell. No other nominations. Positions confirmed.

Regional Chairpersons.

Following regional AGMs, the respective chairpersons became an ex-officio member of the Executive. HZO - Mark Thomas, WZO - John Kliffen and CZO – John Boraston.

AZO – Tim Willets unavailable for coming season, replacement sought at the upcoming AZO 2024 AGM.

Chief Measurer

Graeme Robinson available for re-election. No nominations – position confirmed.

General Business

2025 Nationals

Hansie Eichholz advised planning for the Tauranga nationals was on track, 4-8 March 2025.

Yachting NZ Survey

YNZ are surveying classes to gauge support for various tweaks to national championship requirements. Triggered by the ZOA seeking a reduction to a minimum four races, which was declined - YNZ policy is to not give individual class dispensations. The ZOA case was based on climate change weather variability and potential no-result nationals. Consequently, YNZ are reviewing their entire section covering nationals. ZOA's application came from the Sailors Forum at our recent Lyttelton champs and was endorsed by the Exec. YNZ will advise classes of their policy decision.

Female National Champion

In YNZ's comms to ZOA, it was noted the 2024 nationals had five female entrants, one less than the required six to permit awarding title of Female National Champion. The class was invited to apply, with justifying reasons, for a dispensation. Secretary supplied compelling reasons why Amanda Hargreaves should be recognised by YNZ as the 2024 Zephyr Female National Champion. Awaiting reply.

Halyard Locks

Currently the majority of Zephyrs sail with YNZ safety regs non-compliant halyard locks. Sailors Forum previously requested posting compliant option descriptions/imagery on class website. Secretary to action.

Nationals Travel Subsidy

It was re-affirmed that the ZOA individual subsidy of \$100 per boat will apply to South Island entrants attending the 2025 Tauranga nationals.

Meeting Closed 7.51 pm.

2024 AUCKLAND CHAMPS

Tim Willetts

The calibre in the top four at the 2024 Auckland Champs were absolutely second to none in terms of recent Zephyr contests we've run. We got very tricky conditions and for the contest to come down to the last race with both boats tied for first equal after five races really speaks volumes for the high standard.

It was great to see Mark Orams get some real competition and Rod Dawson back out sailing. Down the last run on the last race, these two were absolutely neck and neck and sailed all over the harbour to try to decide the winner. It was an epic end to an epic Auckland Championships.

Also, the fantastic third place performance put up by Sara Winther in a borrowed boat was truly awesome. I cannot believe how fast Sara is off the wind, it was obvious she was a top Laser sailor by the seamless way she got the best out of the Zephyr downwind - she had a fantastic series. I couldn't believe how in race one she was last boat off the start line and went down the two reaches passing at least 12 boats and ended up 6th. It was a comeback Lazarus would be proud of. She also had a couple of great races where she was right in the mix at the very front.

We were also very lucky to have Giles Grigg out in Brian's 701 coming in 6th in very fine style, also showing downwind prowess from the Lasers. Throw Grant and Steve in the mix in a wide variety of conditions and it made for a very competitive contest where conditions were so very tricky there was no-one spared from at least one or two shockers.. Hansie Eichholz was the winner of the Handicap trophy.

I need to thank a lot of sponsors who made for a very full prize table - Harken NZ, Mainstay Marine (Ronstan), Fineline Marine, Adhesive Tech, Akzo Nobel and C-Tech. Also, Race Officer Guy Pilkington, along with and the team from Manly Sailing Club.



◀ Mark Orams demonstrating the sailing technique that won him the 2024 Nationals and Auckland Champs.
Photo courtesy : Live Sail Die

Rank	Sail No.	Helm	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1st	523	Mark Orams	Manly SC & Torbay SC	1	1	(5)	3	1	2	13	8
2nd	708	Rod Dawson	Manly Sailing Club	2	(6)	1	1	2	3	15	9
3rd	328	Sara Winther	Takapuna BC	6	3	(32 DNF)	2	3	5	51	19
4th	715	Grant Beck	Wakatere Boating Club	4	4	3	6	(32 UFD)	8	57	25
5th	702	Steve Pyatt	Manly Sailing Club	10	5	(11)	7	5	1	39	28
6th	701	Giles Grigg	Tamaki Yacht Club	9	2	(10)	5	7	6	39	29
7th	3	Paul Pearson	Manly Sailing Club	8	(13)	8	10	6	9	54	41
8th	216	Andrew Mikkelsen	CYA	14	7	9	8	(19)	4	61	42
9th	160	Graeme Henry	Nelson	17	9	6	(18)	4	7	61	43
10th	711	Murray Thom	Manly Sailing Club	16	10	7	4	8	(32 DNF)	77	45
11th	522	Tim Holgate	Weiti Boating Club	7	(23)	4	11	22	10	77	54
12th	172	Hansie Eichholz	Tauranga YPBC	12	8	(21)	13	10	11	75	54
13th	704	Andy Knowles	Tauranga YPBC	3	19	(27)	14	9	15	87	60
14th	309	Tim Willetts	Manly Sailing Club	(21)	18	16	9	11	14	89	68
15th	527	Mark Thomas	Tauranga YPBC	13	12	15	19	(27)	12	98	71
16th	519	Peter Dawson	Murrays Bay	19	(25)	2	15	15	23	99	74
17th	205	Peter Busfield	Manly Sailing Club	11	15	14	23	(26)	19	108	82
18th	709	Robin Simpson	Point Chevalier Sailing Club	15	20	19	12	(24)	18	108	84
19th	703	Dean Salthouse	Manly Sailing Club	(27)	22	13	20	16	16	114	87
20th	605	Brian Baker	Pt Chev	5	16	25	22	25	(32 UFD)	125	93
21st	118	Max Hawkes	Bucklands Beach Yacht Club	20	(28)	18	16	14	25	121	93
22nd	705	Michael Renner	Pt Chevalier Sailing Club	(29)	17	17	26	12	24	125	96
23rd	220	Dennis Conway	Manly Sailing Club	18	27	12	(28)	18	21	124	96
24th	32	Patrick McDaniel	Tauranga YPBC	26	26	20	(27)	13	13	125	98
25th	259	Michael Davies	Weiti Boating Club	25	14	23	17	23	(26)	128	102
26th	192	Rob Dunne	Bucklands Beach Yacht Club	23	(30)	22	24	21	17	137	107
27th	144	Bruce Craies	Point Chevalier	(32 DNS)	24	26	21	17	22	142	110
28th	14	Mark Tillett	Manly Sailing Club	24	21	24	25	(32 DNS)	20	146	114
29th	156	Scott Elliott	Wakatere Boating Club	22	11	(32 DNS)	32 DNS	20	32 RET	149	117
30th	66	Ben Freedman	Point Chev Sailing Club	28	29	28	(32 DNS)	32 DNC	32 DNC	181	149

CROSSING THE BAR

Paul Mason, an active member of the Auckland fleet passed away suddenly in May 2024. He joined our class in 2019 after reading about Zephyrs in the Townson biography and decided this would be the ideal boat to get back into sailing. His introduction to yachting began as a teenager in P Class at Kohi Yacht in the 1970s. He raced a variety of centre boarders and keelers before work and family commitments made power boating a more practical option. Paul returned to centre-board sailing in Zephyr #160, then #712, with mid-week and weekend racing. He was known to all in the Auckland fleet as an enthusiastic participant and cheerful, friendly presence at Zephyr events. He is sorely missed.



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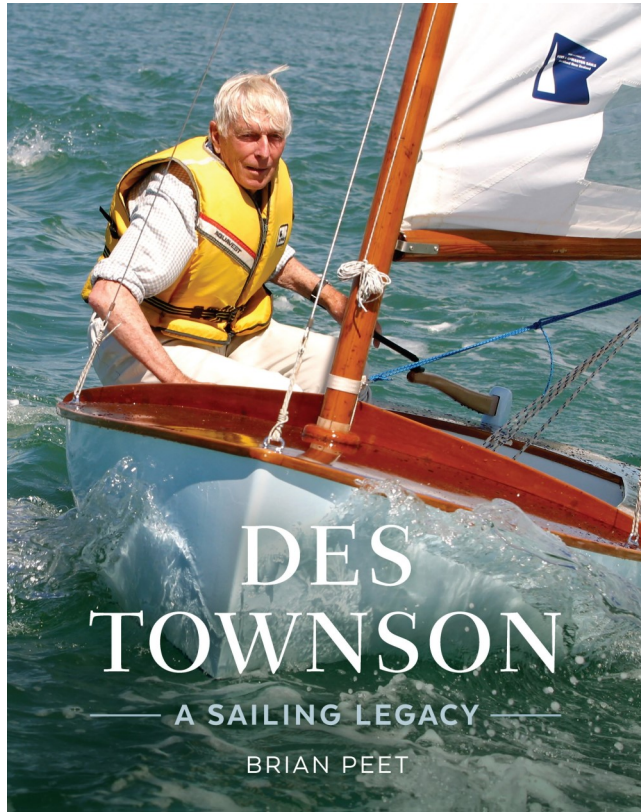
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Des Townson was a yacht designer and boatbuilder responsible for a unique body of work which filled a special niche in New Zealand's rich boating history. This book chronicles his life and design work through his own recollections and those of his family, close friends and associates. Within the 334 pages are 116,000 words interspersed with 400 photos and boat plans providing rich context to a remarkable story from a bygone era.

Lawrence Schaffler, Editor, Boating NZ: -

"Townson – the man, the sailor, the designer, the builder – is wonderfully presented in Peet's biography. He writes with an easy, conversational style and includes plenty of warm, colourful anecdotes which I'm sure will be news to even the most seasoned of Townson scholars."

Roger McMillan, Editor, www.mysailing.com.au

"This is a book that every Kiwi sailor should buy. It's magnificently illustrated with photos and drawings of many of the designs and it chronicles the life of an interesting and significant contributor to the sport of sailing. Peet is an excellent storyteller. The book is well-written, with a good balance of anecdotes and technical detail."

Roy Dickson, International Yachtsman: -

"An absolutely fabulous book. I've read many yachting design books and none of them gets close to what Brian Peet has created."