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This issue of West Wind is timely now the three major 2022 - 23 regattas are completed. First out of the blocks was an excellent North Island regatta run by Napier Sailing Club. Two weeks later, Nelson Yacht Club hosted a most successful, well attended South Island Champs. No sooner had the dust settled on these events than it was time to roll into the Christmas break.

For those of us up north, sailing became a bit of a challenge during December and January with a succession of tropical weather patterns that all decided the upper part of the country was just the place to spend summer. What ensued requires no further comment due to the extensively reported carnage in national media. For obvious reasons, it was a bit tricky getting much time on the water, but for those who did, it provided good training for the Wellington championship.

The Worsler Bay Boating Club team did a wonderful job of running the 66th nationals and the feedback was extremely positive. Glowing comments about the efficient and friendly way the club members ran the regatta have echoed around our sailing venues ever since.

Bruce Jones and Dion Mead need commending for the excellent photos taken at the Nationals. It makes producing WW so much easier when high quality imagery is available and their efforts ticked all the boxes.

Reports and results for these three events are detailed in the following pages.

All the Mackay hulls from the last production run have now been sold, with the next batch due in August. It's possible two of these may already be spoken for, so if any member is aware of potentially interested sailors, best get them to contact our esteemed Treasurer sooner rather than later.

All the above activity, combined with continuing hull rebuilding nationwide shows the strength of our class, a vigour many other sixty-year plus classes can only dream about.

Speaking of participation, the last event for northern sailors is the Auckland Champs at Manly on 29-30 April. Once again Manly Sailing Club are hosting us so expect a well run regatta at a very friendly club.

## NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS

**NSC - Nov 2022**

After a one year Covid induced break Napier Sailing Club held their Summer Regatta over the last weekend of November. In 2020 the ZOA made this the North Island Champs and was duly supported with 38 entries. It was hoped similar numbers would attend in 2022 but only 16 sailors managed the journey. Clashing social events or distance to travel for a weekend were reasons given for non-attendance.

Regardless, the weather played ball with predominantly onshore winds of between 5-20 knots and lovely swells making for some thrilling sailing conditions. To the chagrin of the bigger sailors, the stronger winds didn't kick in until toward the end of the contest.

Mike Drummond, then Steve Pyatt showed they weren't at Napier to muck around—each winning a race apiece. Not to be outdone, Hansie Eichholz won the third, throwing a cat amongst the pigeons leaving the contest open to any of the first four boats.

The following races saw Steve and Mike respectively wrap their hands around the trophy with 1,1,2 and 2,2,1 placings each. This put Mike in a narrow lead before applying a race discard. It came down to the last race with Murray Thom spotting a significant shift on the first beat to lead at the top mark, then win the race. Mike was second and by dint of better consistency, won the regatta. Steve was second and Murray third.

## Zephyr Class

Sailed: 7, Discards: 1, To count: 6, Entries: 18, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Sail Number	Helm Name	Yacht Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	606	Mike Drummond	Wakatere BC	1.0	2.0	(12.0)	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	22.0	10.0
2nd	702	Steve Pyatt	Manly SC	3.0	1.0	8.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(10.0)	26.0	16.0
3rd	711	Murray Thom	Manly SC	4.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	(7.0)	1.0	27.0	20.0
4th	701	Brian Peet	GBC	2.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	(11.0)	39.0	28.0
5th	172	Hansie Eichholz	TYPBC	8.0	(12.0)	1.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	45.0	33.0
6th	309	Tim Willetts	Pt Chev	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	8.0	(9.0)	42.0	33.0
7th	3	Paul Pearson	Manly SC	6.0	5.0	4.0	(12.0)	6.0	9.0	5.0	47.0	35.0
8th	704	Andy Knowles	TYPBC	(15.0)	7.0	7.0	3.0	10.0	3.0	13.0	58.0	43.0
9th	71	Keith Fraser	WBBC	9.0	(11.0)	9.0	6.0	9.0	6.0	6.0	56.0	45.0
10th	508	Craig Moss	Murrays Bay SC	(14.0)	13.0	6.0	13.0	7.0	14.0	4.0	71.0	57.0
11th	177	Alastair Campbell	WBBC	5.0	8.0	11.0	7.0	13.0	13.0	(16.0)	73.0	57.0
12th	519	Peter Dawson	Murrays Bay SC	12.0	9.0	10.0	(15.0)	14.0	10.0	7.0	77.0	62.0
13th	89	Glenn Tassicker	WBBC	(16.0)	10.0	13.0	16.0	12.0	11.0	8.0	86.0	70.0
14th	517	Simon Novak	WBBC	13.0	(14.0)	14.0	11.0	11.0	12.0	14.0	89.0	75.0
15th	235	Les Gallagher	Howick SC	11.0	(16.0)	15.0	8.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	95.0	79.0
16th	609	John Kliffen	WBBC	10.0	15.0	(16.0)	14.0	16.0	16.0	12.0	99.0	83.0



◀ Mike Drummond with trophy, wine and a well deserved smile after winning the 2023 North Island Champs at Napier.

## SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS

NYC 10 -11 Dec 2022

John Boraston

This year the South Island championships were held in Nelson for the first time. This was in recognition of the growing Zephyr fleet in the 'top of the south', especially the quite phenomenal growth occurring in Nelson.

This was a six race series, hosted by the Nelson Yacht Club with 30 boats racing, including one from Auckland and eight from Wellington.

This was a 'full on' and exciting contest with the racing about 2 kms offshore in the bay with an outgoing tide against the strengthening breeze. The club were well organised and we experienced good well laid courses, good control of the starts, especially considering the outgoing tide, and a variety of wind strengths and sea state over the two days, with the second day providing some hair raising and exciting rides down wind with the large and steep seas.

Even the return to shore through the infamous 'cut' into the harbour and home was something else and many of us are much greyer than we were when the contest started.

For the second year in a row the winners trophy was taken by a North Islander with Mike Drummond from Auckland sailing a good set of races to triumph. The South Islanders filled the next two placings with Steve Edwards from Canterbury 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tony Gable from Nelson 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Overall, a great, well run and exciting contest .



▲ Eleven of the 30 boat fleet racing off Nelson Yacht Club for the 2023 South Island Champs.

◀ Richard Ineson (254) and Tony Gable (61) enjoying an up-wind, sea-breeze tussle.

Photos: Jo Jones

## SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS

NYC 10 -11 Dec 2022

Boat	Sailor	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett	
606	Mike Drummond	Wakatere BC	1	1	1	1	2	8	6	1st
152	Steve Edwards	Naval Point CL	4	6	2	2	5	23	17	2nd
61	Tony Gable	Nelson YC	2	15	3	8	4	37	22	3rd
71	Keith Fraser	Worser Bay BC	9	12	7	7	3	41	29	4th
177	Alastair Campbell	Worser Bay BC	6	4	11	12	21	55	34	5th
525	Chris Hargreaves	Evans Bay YMC	7	2	4	11	14	52	38	6th
211	Paul Walker	Naval Point CL	18	11	5	9	1	59	41	7th
29	Tim Bird	Christchurch YC	12	16	8	4	6	66	46	8th
254	Richard Ineson	Nelson YC	5	10	18	13	12	64	46	9th
89	Glenn Tassicker	Worser Bay BC	13	9	14.5	5	7	60.5	46	10th
160	Graeme Henry	Nelson YC	10	31.0 UFD	14.5	6	11	79.5	48.5	11th
185	Hannes Hille	Nelson YC	16	14	10	3	8	73	51	12th
323	Shane Smith	Naval Point CL	11	8	9	23	10	74	51	13th
331	Daniel Smith	Naval Point CL	3	3	6	31.0 DNF	31.0 DNC	85	54	14th
506	Rob Bryant	Nelson YC	8	31.0 UFD	16	17	9	90	59	15th
74	John Boraston	Naval Point CL	20	7	17	19	15	86	66	16th
256	Don Le Page	Christchurch YC	14	13	12	10	31.0 DNC	101	70	17th
236	Brian Wislang	Nelson YC	21	17	19	16	19	102	81	18th
98	Gareth Sim	Nelson YC	19	5	20	22	31.0 DNC	113	82	19th
321	Cameron Jones	Waimakariri SC	15	31.0 RET	25	15	13	118	87	20th
521	Richard Mackay	Naval Point CL	31.0 RET	31.0 RET	13	14	17	124	93	21st
157	Julian Ballance	Nelson YC	24	19	22	18	16	125	99	22nd
75	Chris Bridges	Christchurch YC	22	21	24	21	20	131	107	23rd
15X	Tony Walker	Nelson YC	23	23	28	20	18	136	108	24th
107	Gavin Bird	Nelson YC	26	22	21	26	31.0 DNC	143	112	25th
92	Joanna Kempkers	Worser Bay BC	25	20	23	31.0 RET	22	146	115	26th
324	Robert King	Christchurch YC	17	18	26	31.0 DNC	31.0 DNC	154	123	27th
155	Andrew Paterson	Worser Bay BC	28	24	29	24	31.0 DNC	163	132	28th
307	Cathryn Bridges	Pleasant Point YC	27	25	27	25	31.0 DNC	164	133	29th
257	Greg Scott	Worser Bay BC	29	26	30	31.0 RET	31.0 DNC	175	144	30th

## NATIONAL CHAMPS

WBBC 2-6 Feb 2023

It seemed like it was a long time coming, but after two years of planning (and re-planning), the 66<sup>th</sup> Zephyr National Championships were finally held at Worser Bay Boating Club over Waitangi Weekend, 2-6 February 2023.

It was great to see the growing level of diversity amongst the 62 sailors who competed at this year's national championship, which could be one of the reasons why the Zephyr fleet continues to still be gaining in popularity. There were eight skippers competing in the under 40 years age group (4 were younger than 25 years old) and seven skippers in the 70+ years age group. Possibly for the first time ever at a Zephyr National Contest, we had seven female skippers exceeding more than 10% of the fleet!

The WBBC organising committee, the WBBC volunteers, and Race Officer Shayne Priddle all did a fantastic job running eight championship races over the three days of racing in the typically fresh Wellington 15-25 knot northerly breezes.



It was also great to see an increase in the number of skippers wearing helmets, but with two broken masts plus some broken rudders, anyone could have been given the impression that conditions might have been a bit rough, however judging by all of the happy smiles and the hugely positive feedback, then it seemed that the conditions were generally quite manageable and actually ideal for producing the exciting competitive racing, including some spectacular reaches and gybes!

The top five sailors seemed to have their own battle going on, with Mark Orams (#523) convincingly taking out the overall championship title from runner up Rod Dawson (#708) and Wellington local Greg Wright (#190) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Mike Drummond (#606) in 4<sup>th</sup> place, as well as Murray Thom in 5<sup>th</sup> place, were also very close in the action. Amanda Hargreaves (#313) again won the female championship (placing 21<sup>st</sup> Overall) but was pushed hard by Polly Wright (#31) who placed 23<sup>rd</sup> overall. Twenty year-old Harvey Linton (#87) won the under 40 age group (placing 9<sup>th</sup> overall) and also helped his father Brett Linton (#303) and sister Penny Linton (#504) to win the Whanau Cup, which was awarded for the first time to the fastest Zephyr family entry.

The dinner on Saturday was also a highlight, with auctions (amid much laughter) of items from event sponsors Zephyr Wines, XPL Composites, C-Tech and Linton Sails being sold to raise money for new club rescue boats.

For those who could not make it to the regatta, or who might want to relive the excitement, YouTube videos of most races can be seen at on the [WBBC YouTube Channel](#) via the WBBC website.

Regatta photos are available to view at: [WBBC photos at 2023 Zephyr Nationals](#) and also on the WBBC facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WorserBayBoatingClub> and [https://www.facebook.com/WorserBayBoatingClub/photos\\_albums](https://www.facebook.com/WorserBayBoatingClub/photos_albums)

John Kliffen  
WBBC Organising Committee Chairperson



▲ Race three start at the 2023 Wellington Nationals.





▲ Rod Dawson #708, Mark Orams #523 and Greg Wright #190 leading the fleet, displaying mastery of race seven's fresh conditions.



▲ Richard Dreverman #516, about to stumble upon a maritime judder bar during a brisk downwind run.





▲ Chris Bridges getting a quick up-wind rinse — Neil Diamond would have to be impressed.

▼ Days like this make Zephyr splashboards look a bit inconsequential. Brett Linton #303 Warau.







▲ A crowded top mark rounding could be alternately titled, *'Fashion police give chase to miscreant wearing red polka-dot trousers!'*



▲ Dennis Conway #220 pondering whether the 'low windage, less freeboard' technique may just be a little too slow.



Trophy	Skipper	Boat Name	Sail	Gender	Rank
1st place Champi-	Mark Orams	Quandary	523	Male	1 <sup>st</sup>
2nd place Runner	Rod Dawson	Bucket	708	Male	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Female Champion	Amanda Har-	Tamati	313	Female	21 <sup>st</sup>
<40 Years	Harvey Linton	Red Baron	87	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>
40-49 Years	James Macrae	Jet	529	Male	8 <sup>th</sup>
50-59 Years	Rod Dawson	Bucket	708	Male	2 <sup>nd</sup>
60-64 Years	Mark Orams	Quandary	523	Male	1 <sup>st</sup>
65-69 Years	Murray Thom	Wai	711	Male	5 <sup>th</sup>
70+ Years	Andy Knowles	White Cloud	704	Male	13 <sup>th</sup>
First Townson	Greg Wright	Jelly Tip	190	Male	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Handicap Trophy	Nick Lantz	Hauraki	126	Male	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Fresh Breeze	James Macrae	Jet	529	Male	8 <sup>th</sup>
Heavy Weight	Andy Knowles	White Cloud	704	Male	13 <sup>th</sup>
Most Improved	Dean Stanley	Titan	308	Male	20 <sup>th</sup>
Whanau Cup	Harvey Linton	Red Baron	87	Male	9 <sup>th</sup>
	Brett Linton	Warau	303	Male	15 <sup>th</sup>
	Penny Linton	Boysterous	504	Female	48 <sup>th</sup>



▲ Trophy winners at the 2023 Nationals: -

**Back Row L-R;** Andy Knowles, Brett Linton, Nick Lantz, Dean Stanley, Greg Wright, Murray Thom, James Macrae, Rod Dawson.

**Front Row L-R;** Penny Linton, Harvey Linton, Amanda Hargreaves, Mark Orams

# 2023 Zephyr Nationals

## Worser Bay Sailing Club

Rank	Sail	Skipper	Age Group	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Nett
1st	523	Mark Orams	60-64	1	1	-3	1	1	1	2	1	11	8
2nd	708	Rod Dawson	50-59	-2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	14	12
3rd	190	Greg Wright	50-59	3	-10	2	4	4	4	5	4	36	26
4th	606	Mike Drummond	60-64	4	4	-5	5	3	3	4	3	31	26
5th	711	Murray Thom	65-69	7	3	(63.0 DNF)	3	5	5	3	6	95	32
6th	508	Craig Moss	50-59	8	7	12	9	6	7	10	-14	73	59
7th	112	Matt Mitchell	50-59	10	-13	6	12	9	9	7	10	76	63
8th	529	James Macrae	40-49	12	-24	8	7	11	8	8	13	91	67
9th	87	Harvey Linton	<40	16	5	23	6	-37	6	11	9	113	76
10th	702	Steve Pyatt	60-64	11	15	11	-31	8	18	17	7	118	87
11th	506	Owen Anderson	50-59	26	-30	7	21	7	11	6	11	119	89
12th	309	Tim Willetts	50-59	-22	19	13	13	13	17	12	8	117	95
13th	704	Andy Knowles	70+	6	20	4	19	-49	14	20	19	151	102
14th	177	Alastair Campbell	60-64	(63.0 DNS)	14	14	10	28	12	19	12	172	109
15th	303	Brett Linton	50-59	14	12	15	15	16	-40	23	16	151	111
16th	524	Rob Woodward	50-59	5	6	10	16	(63.0 DNF)	63.0 DNC	9	5	177	114
17th	519	Peter Dawson	50-59	9	-28	19	24	10	19	22	26	157	129
18th	11	Dean Salthouse	50-59	-33	31	21	11	20	13	16	17	162	129
19th	211	Paul Walker	40-49	25	-37	24	14	14	23	14	20	171	134
20th	308	Dean Stanley	50-59	24	8	22	25	21	20	-33	15	168	135
21st	313	Amanda Hargreaves	<40	17	25	17	-29	18	16	18	24	164	135
22nd	126	Nick Lantz	<40	-27	21	16	26	17	25	13	23	168	141
23rd	31	Polly Wright	<40	18	18	18	-44	22	22	21	22	185	141
24th	160	Graeme Henry	60-64	-35	11	27	20	19	10	27	31	180	145
25th	152	Steve Edwards	40-49	23	16	25	18	-31	28	15	25	181	150
26th	525	Chris Hargreaves	70+	15	9	34	35	15	24	29	-43	204	161
27th	71	Keith Fraser	60-64	19	17	-42	37	12	21	25	30	203	161
28th	509	Guy Taylor-Smith	50-59	13	26	9	8	32	38	(63.0 DNC)	41	230	167
29th	220	Dennis Conway	60-64	21	-34	31	30	29	15	32	33	225	191
30th	89	Glenn Tassicker	40-49	(63.0 DNF)	22	20	17	26	42	28	36	254	191
31st	709	Robin Simpson	50-59	28	32	30	39	25	32	-40	18	244	204
32nd	510	Errol Smith	40-49	32	27	-40	23	30	26	34	37	249	209
33rd	74	John Boraston	70+	(63.0 DNC)	33	32	27	27	33	35	32	282	219



34th	118	Maximus Hawkes	40-49	36	23	26	28	23	50	43	(63.0 DNF)	292	229
35th	168	Andrew Mackay	50-59	30	40	39	-41	33	34	26	28	271	230
36th	513	Jason Parkin	40-49	34	29	28	22	(63.0 UFD)	36	63.0 DNS	21	296	233
37th	185	Hannes Hille	<40	31	(63.0 DNF)	41	33	38	30	31	29	296	233
38th	609	John Kliffen	60-64	(63.0 UFD)	47	29	38	36	27	30	27	297	234
39th	172	Hansie Eichholz	60-64	20	36	35	32	34	-43	41	40	281	238
40th	117	Nathan McSkimming	50-59	(63.0 UFD)	41	37	34	46	29	37	34	321	258
41st	27	Mark Andresen	50-59	39	-50	36	46	42	35	24	42	314	264
42nd	603	Peter Sutton	70+	41	39	-45	42	35	31	38	39	310	265
43rd	321	Cameron Jones	<40	37	43	38	-45	39	41	36	35	314	269
44th	516	Richard Dreverman	65-69	40	-44	43	36	40	37	42	44	326	282
45th	111	Daniel Middleton	50-59	38	42	33	40	24	48	(63.0 DNC)	63.0 DNC	351	288
46th	6	Nigel Lloyd	65-69	29	38	44	47	41	39	(63.0 DNC)	63.0 DNC	364	301
47th	329	David Tildesley	60-64	44	-49	46	43	44	45	44	38	353	304
48th	504	Penny Linton	<40	(63.0 DNS)	35	48	63.0 DNC	50	44	39	45	387	324
49th	182	John Fletcher	70+	45	46	51	(63.0 DNC)	43	47	48	48	391	328
50th	92	Joanna Kempkers	50-59	49	-52	50	50	47	46	47	47	388	336
51st	183	Isabella Cawthorn	40-49	(63.0 UFD)	51	49	48	48	63.0 DNF	50	46	418	355
52nd	328	Cathryn Bridges	<40	47	54	(63.0 UFD)	51	55	54	46	50	420	357
53rd	312	Heather Garside	60-64	50	53	(63.0 UFD)	49	54	53	49	49	420	357
54th	200	Nick Sceats	60-64	46	45	47	(63.0 DNF)	45	51	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	423	360
55th	75	Chris Bridges	60-64	42	(63.0 DNF)	63.0 UFD	63.0 DNC	51	49	45	51	427	364
56th	131	Mike Cathie	65-69	43	48	(63.0 DNF)	63.0 DNC	52	55	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	450	387
57th	50	Robert Lomas	70+	48	55	(63.0 DNC)	63.0 DNF	53	52	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	460	397
58th	221	Simon Comeskey	60-64	(63.0 DNF)	63.0 DNC	52	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNF	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	493	430
59th	257	Greg Scott	50-59	(63.0 DNS)	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	504	441
59th	155	Andrew Paterson	70+	(63.0 DNC)	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	504	441
59th	502	Mike Hood	50-59	(63.0 DNC)	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	504	441
59th	520	Nik Burfoot	50-59	(63.0 DNF)	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	63.0 DNC	504	441

# Zephyr Nationals Sailors Forum

Worser Bay Boating Club - 3rd Feb 2023

Chair – Matt Mitchell

Meeting Secretary – John Kliffen

## Discussion points:

Brett Linton (303) raised the point that the measurement checks form does not align with the detail included in the Zephyr Class rules, which leads to confusion on what are the requirements to meet (or fail) in the class measurement certificate. Examples are Doyle logo on sail and centrecase position, which are not defined in class rules. Matt explained the measurement form gets changed from time to time based on what is measured. It was agreed that if a Zephyr fails a measurement issue, then it should be clear in class rules or measurement interpretations doc. Both examples need to be looked into for clarification in the Measurement Interpretations doc.

Hennes Hille (185) requested clarification on where the corrector weights should be located near the mast. Steve Pyatt confirmed the lead weights should be mounted on the mast step and not on the forward bulkhead.

John Boraston (74) presented that the next Zephyr nationals will be at Naval Point (Lyttelton, Christchurch) and the target dates are Friday 2nd Feb to Tuesday 6th Feb 2024.

Auckland anniversary weekend is Monday 29th January and there was some discussion if this could link with proposed dates, but its not yet clear how this would work.

Action Point: CZOA to review options if the regatta is planned around Waitangi weekend and/or the weekend earlier on Auckland Anniversary weekend. (JK note: Possibly difficult to see how the regatta could efficiently span both long weekends and also minimise annual leave to attend the regatta??)

Discussion on venue for next North Island Champs? Lake Taupo is more central and smaller venue so can possibly be more focused on Zephyrs. But wedding events have blocked access to the main club rooms as wedding events seem to have higher priority than sailing events at the LTYC.

Action: ZOA to clarify with LTYC if Zephyr NI champs can also have priority access to the main club rooms for duration of the NI champs event if ZOA schedules the regatta at LTYC.

Hennes Hille (185) raised the point that Nelson now has 6 Zephyrs and this has been facilitated by a great South Island champs and also a great online presence to explain what Zephyrs are all about.

A question was raised about the forward schedule for hosting national regattas.

2024 Christchurch

2025 Tauranga

2026 Auckland

2027 Wellington

Nelson was also mentioned as a future option for South Island based nationals.



## NEW BOAT UPDATE

### *Tinker* #709



▲ Robin Simpson only took up yachting in his mid 40s after enviously observing his daughter enjoying junior sailing at Torbay SC. After ten years in the local Laser fleet followed by a five year hiatus, the Zephyr class beckoned as a kinder race-boat option. His first regatta was the AKL Champs in #22 *Gae*, but he quickly decided low maintenance would be his best option. His new Mackay hull was named *Tinker* because he hadn't realised how much tinkering was needed to assemble all the component parts. His third sail in the boat was Wellington where he finished a very creditable 31st - capsize free.

### *Esoteric* #712



▲ Paul Mason opening champagne prior to launching #712 *Esoteric*. The name is defined as, “*Intended for, or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialised knowledge or interest.*” A crisp summation of Zephyr sailors’ reason for being. Paul spent most of his life messing around in boats, starting in P class at Kohi YC in the late 1960s. R class, windsurfing, club keeler racing and power boating followed. Post-children, Paul wanted to get back into centreboard racing. After reading Des Townson’s biography, Zephyrs looked like a good option. Two seasons in #160 *Blue Rinse* confirmed he’d rather spend his spare time on the water than ashore maintaining a 60 year old boat. The natural solution was a Mackay replacement. The smiles we now see from Paul prove the wisdom of his choice.

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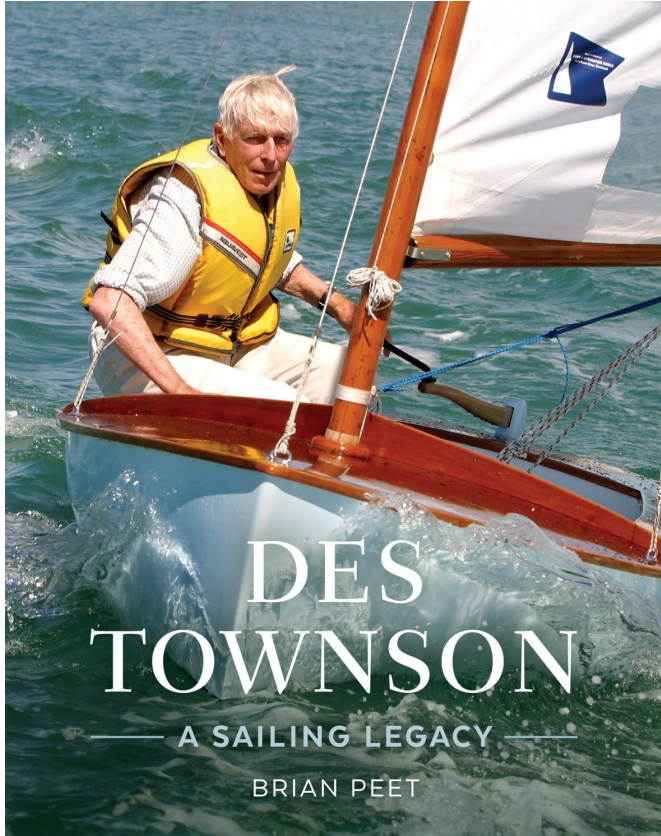
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