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To members of the Zephyr Owners' Association.

Hi All,

Welcome from your new 2018 ZOA Executive to what will be an exciting year for Zephyr sailors.

Firstly, thank you for your confidence in electing Tony Miller as Treasurer and myself as President at the recent Special General Meeting (SGM). Rob Ebert continues in his role as secretary and boy do we need him!

At the SGM on 17th January 2018 several significant events took place -the most memorable for me was that before I could finish my proposal of thanks to past President of eight years, Murray Sargisson, the room exploded into applause. And rightly so - I have since learnt that Murray has been spending up to 3 half days per week running the affairs of the association over the past few years along with the great back up of Tim Sneddon as Treasurer in the past and with continued services from secretary Rob. In addition, each major Zephyr region has its own committee and chairperson - who also are on the ZOA National Executive along with other regional representatives. Coupled with the awesome Des Townson designed Zephyr dinghy sailing yacht that we all enjoy sailing, the success of this growing class of 62 years is due to the past management provided by the many volunteers (and their wives/partners) keen to keep the legacy continuing.

So, a point I would like to make here - go easy on and support the people that are donating \$10,000s worth or much more of their time each year on committees, as measurers, design advisers, wood /composites build advisers and boat builders so we all can enjoy sailing the classic Zephyr. They do it for our sailing enjoyment-so a big thankyou to you the volunteers.

I am pleased to advise that the changes to our class rules adopted at the SGM (refer minutes attached) have today been approved by Yachting NZ and now are our class rules. Separately the SGM voted in favour of a slight change to our Incorporated Society Rules of the Association and these are being registered with the Companies Office. The fact that nearly all of these rule changes were passed by over 95% majority is a testament to the preparation work that Auckland Zephyr Assoc Chairman and ZOA executive member Brian Peet did with the assistant of past National champion and QC John Faire-thank you.

In regards to the class rule changes I bring your attention to the changes of rule 2.2.1 where the SGM voted to add the words after 'marine plywood' i.e. BS1088 or the European Equivalent EN 314-3 Class 3, Exterior. Our new chief measurer Graeme Robertson has brought to our and Yachting NZs attention that the European Equivalent EN314- 3 Class 3, Exterior standard or product does not exist (even though several plywood supplier's brochures quote this- probably a typo error from way back - we were equally sucked in and voted for a standard that does not officially exist).

In consultation with Yachting NZ, Yachting NZ have approved all our rule changes after deleting the reference to 2.2.1 European Equivalent EN314- 3 Class 3, Exterior

So 2.2.1 now reads after '--- marine plywood' i.e. BS 1088.

The intent of the SGM is maintained as the BS 1088 standard refers in its own description - marine plywood -meeting the European Equivalent EN 314-2 Class 3, Exterior.

The full description of BS1088 is attached for your information.

Our newly appointed Chief Measurer, Graeme Robinson, of Napier has also been busy working with Auckland measurer, Russell Turner, measuring some Auckland new f/glass boats and is next week in Wellington measuring several Wellington based new f/glass boats in conjunction with measurer Marty Lantz. Thanks to ZOA executive members Brian Peet and John Kliffen for co ordinating this.

We look forward to recommendations that our chief measurer, Graeme, has for our first ZOA full Executive meeting of 2018 in a couple of weeks' time -including the outcome of the current measuring of several f/glass boats and formalising the appointment of regional measurers' nationwide.

Carrying on the mantra of the Zephyr (we well out lived the Ford car model) your ZOA Executive and regions of Christchurch, Wellington, Tauranga, Hamilton and Auckland are dedicated to maintaining and growing enjoyable competitive on water racing and off the water camaraderie.

The 2018 nationals competition at Worsler Bay, Wellington is shaping up to be a great event with 63 entries received to date we are likely to get over 70 boats on the start line in three weeks time!!

Organising committee chairman, John Kliffen, asks that all 2017 trophy winners to bring their trophies to Worsler Bay Yacht Club or arrange for some else to do so.

NB. The new approved class rules now apply -so any underweight boats will need - 'corrector weights of equal amounts shall be fixed at the keelson adjacent to the aft bulkhead and aft section of the mast step cross member or in an equivalent position approved by the Chief measurer for those boats which do not have a conventional mast step cross member and/or an aft bulkhead'-refer the new rules attached.

Final:

With the new F/Glass boat production up and running from the highly respected composite boat builder, Salthouse Boatbuilders, and over 200 competitive classic wooden Zephyrs sailing in NZ we have exciting opportunities ahead of us.

Our Executive welcomes any new ideas or opportunities that you may have to assist us in our role of providing fair, competitive and enjoyable Zephyr sailing well into the future. Please feel free to contact any of the Executive or myself in this regard.

Good sailing and kind regards,

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