

## 2002 47<sup>th</sup> Zephyr Class National Championships

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002

Christchurch Yacht Club Inc

The Organising Authority is the Christchurch Yacht Club, PO Box 19742, Christchurch

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### Notice of Race

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2005.
- 1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Zephyr Class.
- 2.2 Advance entries will be accepted until the normal closing date of 6 December 2002 by completing the attached entry form accompanied by a fee of \$50 and mailing it to Zephyr National Contest, Christchurch Yacht Club, PO Box 19742, Christchurch.
- 2.3 Late entries, accompanied by a late entry fee of an additional \$25 (Total fee \$75), may be accepted at the Race committee's discretion until 6 pm, Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2002.
- 2.4 Measurement is not required but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement or rating certificate at registration.
- 2.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognized by the competitor's national authority.
- 2.6 Each competitor shall be a financial member of the Zephyr Owners' Association.

#### 3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3.1 Registration:  
Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2002, from 17:00 to 19:30 hrs at The Christchurch Yacht Club
- 3.2 Briefing:  
Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2002, 19:30 at The Christchurch Yacht Club.
- 3.3 Racing Schedule:

Date	Time of First Warning Signal	No. of Races	Venue
Sat, 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 02	1000 hours	Up to 3	Sumner Bay
Sun, 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 02	1000 hours	Up to 3	Sumner Bay
Mon, 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 02	1400 hours	Up to 2	Estuary
Tue, 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 02	1450 hours	1	Estuary

- 3.3.1 Races schedule for Sumner Bay may be transferred to the Estuary if the sailing conditions on Sumner Bay are not suitable.
- 3.3.2 A total number of 9 races are scheduled.
- 3.3.3 No race shall start after 16:00 hours on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.

#### 4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2002.

#### 5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 The races will be held in the vicinity of Sumner Bay and The Christchurch Estuary.

#### 6. COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 6.1 The course will be either Triangular or Windward Leeward.

#### 7. SCORING

- 7.1 The Low-Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2 5 races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.3 No score will be excluded until 6 races have been completed.

#### 8. PRIZES

- 8.1 The following prizes will be awarded:
  - ◆ Zephyr Championship
  - ◆ Zephyr Championship Runner-Up
  - ◆ Zephyr Handicap Trophy
  - ◆ Zephyr Championship – Female
  - ◆ Zephyr Masters Champion – 60 years and over at commencement of this event

#### 9. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 9.1 Support boats must be registered with the organizing authority at registration (clause 3.1 above).

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### EDITORIAL

This is a rather full edition of West Wind, bulked up by the Notices of Race for the Premier Yachting events of the New Zealand yachting calendar - I refer of course, to the Freshwater Worlds, as the Hamilton Zephyr Weekend is colloquially known, and the National Champs in Christchurch. As a result, we don't have room for the minutes of the AGM held in Christchurch in August, so I will relate the main points here.

#### Officers for 2002-03

**Patron:** Noel May

**President:** Alex Aitken

**Secretary & West Wind:** Rob Ebert

**Treasurer:** Alex Aitken

**Auditor:** Richard Ineson

**Regional Representatives:** AZO: Russell Turner, HAZO: Rob Ebert, CZOA: Peter Stokell.

**Subscriptions:** Remain at \$15

**Rules Changes:** The rule changes notified through West Wind were passed. The revised rules are now with YNZ and a new rule book will be issued when YNZ have approved them.

**National Championship 2004:** Hamilton Yacht Club expressed strong interest in hosting this event. The meeting endorsed this proposal. Hamilton are interested in comments as to the timing of this event, with current thinking favouring Anniversary Weekend 2004.

**Zephyr Hulls:** The problems of hull construction were canvassed after dinner. Since 1976 there have been some 8 builders, each doing small numbers of hulls over about three jigs. Increasingly, commercial boat builders do not seem to have the time to devote to the sort of finish expected by fastidious owners. Also, what constitutes a Zephyr is embodied in whatever building jig exists at that time. It was resolved that Don Currie and Rob Ebert investigate using existing plans to produce a "digital Zephyr" from which a building jig could be derived.

Plans of the Zephyr do exist, with Des having lodged them with the Maritime Museum. Brian Peet in Auckland kindly obtained a set(s) for distribution to interested parties. We are exploring drafting these up in a CAD package. There may be some new comers to the class that have skill in this area, so if you would like to contribute, please contact Rob Ebert or Russell Turner.

There is still interest in the GRP hull, especially in the North Island, and there has been considerable comment on the "history" articles in the last West Wind, but without a formal rule change the ZOA cannot formally explore this. Those members that want this to happen need to do the required work.

There has been unprecedented activity in the second hand Zephyr market over the last few months. Some 10 or so boats have ended up with new North Shore owners, with some having acquired more than one boat! The boats acquired have been around for a while and in need of refurbishment and re-rigging. It is good to see them being taken up and hopefully restored to further usefulness. The condition of some of them means it will be a while before some of them are sailing, but the intentions of the owners have already been felt in increased trading activity. The benchmark for restoration has been set by Bob de Fluiter in Tauranga who has made an immaculate job of restoring #6.

To those new members, we offer a warm welcome to the class and we hope to see you on the water soon.

### FROM THE PEN OF ALEX AITKEN National President

In my recent visit to America's Cup city (mainly family business) I had the opportunity to catch up with Bob Allen and Russell Turner. Russell has been fielding a number of enquiries for Zephyr components which has kept the trading corner busy. It is very encouraging to note the number of boats that have changed hands, in fact two have migrated from Canterbury to the North Shore. A big welcome to all the new owners in Auckland who value the classic design of the Zephyr. Talking of design, the association is looking at detailing the Zephyr hull on a CAD application so that we can take some of the guess work out of measuring a completed hull.

The question of GRP construction requires a change to the present ZOA rules. I believe that some northern owners could be interested but we need a piece of paper with six signatures to formally initiate a rule change.

The Cedar hull #260 complete with mahogany deck has been on display at Sailors Corner show room (details and price in this issue). Demand for new sails is high, and the recently placed bulk order is almost sold out. If you want a new sail before Christmas get your order into Russell or Alex now.

Rob has enclosed a Subscription form for the new season. Make sure you send it to your local association with a cheque for \$25.00.

The Zephyrs supported the South Island Masters Games in Timaru. Ron Mackie has filed a "sermon". Thanks Ron. I'm not certain what happened but this is the first contest that I've stayed upright!! John Blunden a new owner from Timaru came in fifth and won a Gold medal. John was the only Zephyr contestant under sixty. Canterbury Zephyr Owners produced the "spring edition" of Estuary Capers. Thanks Russell & Brenda for putting together another interesting bulletin.

Richard Ineson and his team are busy organising the National Championship, 28-31 December 2002. The host club, Christchurch Yacht Club, promises a good contest and a social event. Plan to be there. Fill in your entry form now and get it in the post!

Kind regards to all

Alex Aitken



**Zephyr Weekend**  
**Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd November 2002**  
**Hamilton Yacht Club Inc**

*The Organising Authority is the Hamilton Yacht Club, PO Box 649, Hamilton*  
*www.hyc.org.nz Ph:839 4284*

**Notice of Race**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2005.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Boats less than 6 metres intending to protest must display a protest flag. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Zephyr Class. All competing yachts must comply with the Zephyr class rules.
- 2.2 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. Entries and the \$15.00 entry fee will be accepted on the entry form available at Hamilton Yacht Club on Saturday morning.

**3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 3.1 Registration:  
Saturday November 22nd from 0900 at Hamilton Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Briefing:  
Saturday November 22nd 2002 at approximately 1000 hrs at Hamilton Yacht Club
- 3.3 Racing Schedule:

<b>Saturday</b> , 22nd November 2002	1000 hrs Briefing
	1030 Race 1
	1200 Race 2
	1430 Race 3
<b>Sunday</b> , 23rd November 2002	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.

**4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration, Saturday 22nd November 2002.

**5. RACING AREA**

- 5.1 Lake Rotoroa, Hamilton.

**6. COURSES TO BE SAILED**

- 6.1 Courses will be set within the confines of Hamilton Lake and explained at the briefing.

**7. SCORING**

- 7.1 The Low-Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2 4 races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.3 No score will be excluded until 5 races have been completed.

**8. PRIZES**

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded for at least the first four places on line and handicap, depending on entries. Spot prizes may also be awarded. Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race.

**9. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS**

- 9.1 Team support boats are not permitted.

**10. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS & ATTITUDE**

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. This is a good chance to experience challenging lake sailing conditions in a convivial atmosphere.

For further details contact: Rob Ebert, 15 Gilbass Ave, Hamilton, ph 07 838 9375 or  
Craig Peebles, 9 Morrison Cres, Hamilton, ph 07 843 7746

**Unto the South Island Games of the Masters  
(and Mistresses)**

And so it came to pass that the multitudes from regions near and far, assembled to participate in tests of skill and endurance at the distant pleasure town of Timaru. Many of their heads were grey or shining while those of the fairer sex had hair of many colours.

Representing those who enjoy sailing in winds of the lighter variety, known as Zephyrs, were a small select band - Alexander, the son of Aitken - thereby hangs a tail; William, the son of Beere, not of the alcoholic variety; Jonathon, the son of Blunden, a local and made welcome to his first Zephyr regatta; Graham, the son of Hore but not of the frost variety & Ronald, the son of Mackie of mechanical knees fame.

Alexander (Alex for short) epitomised the apex of mechanical perseverance when his horse of much power developed serious stomach rumblings as he migrated South. It was in fact at Hornby that he found a certain rubber band had spread itself around the stomach cavity - this at 3.30 pm NZ daylight saving time on the day of many Fries.! One doesn't expect or get high levels of service at that hour & so having parked Zero he bravely returned to Chch & with dogged determination located the necessary rubber band (\$33) & contrived to replace the shattered one. A mere 1½ hours later he emerged from the horse's stomach triumphant and optimistically headed South again. But, on approaching a certain encampment where numerous warriors have been trained (Burnt Ham) he experienced more cause for concern. The chariot started to vibrate with considerable noise of high pitch; but all was not lost - in fact nothing was lost except several of the few remaining grey hairs. Alex had merely moved a little too far to the left and encountered a berm of special warning construction. Enough of the tales of Alex at this stage.

And so the dawn of the games broke with steady rain somewhat dulling general enthusiasm. But it was not to last & after a brief talk where a tribal elder pontificated on the perils of transgressing on to the "water of waves" this intrepid gathering launched their sailing coracles to do battle.

The first battle provided a steep learning curve for the elder in charge - some of the warriors suggested he might be colour blind, dyslexic and numerically illiterate. However in the fleet of the Zephyrs, William prevailed in a close contest with Graham in light northerly conditions. By this stage the sun had reached its zenith & the chief elder decreed that sustenance was required so all returned to the cave of tranquillity. But not for long - the Gods of the Winds decided that battles of a different character should occur after the noon but again the skills of William & Graham dominated our fleet & so they finished in two more contests.

On the second day the weather gods endeavoured to force the warriors into submission with winds that blew strongly from the Antarctic. It was weather more suited to the monkeys of brass kind & so there was much girding of loins with protective armour! Some regretfully viewed the scene from beneath the briny while others sped with the likeness of petrels! Much was the chattering of teeth when a certain son of Mackie had to don wet combat armour after midday sustenance. But it served him well as he drove his sailing coracle to great speed & found himself following William to the finishing line with Alex third. Graham had the misfortune to break his arm extension and hence had great trouble & evil thoughts as he returned to the cave of tranquillity. Jonathan, in his wisdom, had decided to

study the technique of the other gladiators at a distance.

Day 3 cheered the mariners considerably. The previous ferocity of the wind subsided. William, despite his numerous conquests still managed to launch his coracle without his arm extension so Ronald, at times up to his waist in the briny, held the coracle while the requisite limb was found and attached. Wind Bag II found conditions to its liking & led the first triangle of the course. However the son of Beere using all his accumulated guile & cunning sneaked through on the second beat but he elected to pass the finish boat on the starboard rather than the port side. There was dramatic silence from Ronald until he duly received the welcome beep. All were pleased to return to the cave of tranquillity & tell stories in accuracy only exceeded by fishers of men!

Final results. Williams, son of Beere, 6 pts (1), Graham, son of Hore, 9 pts (2), Ronald, son of Mackie, 10 pts (3), Alexander, son of Aitken, 19 pts (4), Jonathan, son of Blunden, 21 pts (5). Hopefully the coldest combat of the season!!

**Ron Mackie**  
**Windbag II #39**

**Zephyr Components Price List**

*Effective 1 August 2002*  
*Confidential to ZOA and its members*  
*Prices include freight and GST.*

<b>Mast</b> anodised with riveted track and halyard cap	\$645
<b>Boom</b> 2.69m x mast section (tapered one end)	\$300
<b>Sails</b> 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
<b>Sail Tube bag with Zephyr Logo</b> sold separately	\$45
<b>Sail</b> coloured one off order (subject to availability of cloth)	\$678
<b>Battens</b> Blue Streak per set	\$170
<b>Gearbag</b> - medium with Zephyr Logo.	\$75

**Hull #260** Cedar plank glassed, built to the following specification (available now).

- Complete with bulkheads, cockpit sides, deck beams, centre case.
- Mahogany deck fitted and sealed
- Beltings
- Wave break and mast collar
- Cockpit cappings
- High build applied to hull and sanded
- Perfection undercoat applied to hull and cockpit
- Ready for final sanding and top coat.

Price (ex Auckland includes GST and royalty) \$ 5313.00

Terms & conditions apply to this hull. Discuss with Alex Aitken or Russell Turner

**Note:** Mast, Boom, Sail and Hull are all subject to Zephyr class rules and must be purchased through your association. \* Battens are not subject to class rules, however, they have been selected by the sail maker as suitable for the Zephyr sail.

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**SUBSCRIPTIONS 2002-2003**

Subscriptions for 2002-3 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!**