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# Farr 1020 News

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## From the Chair

The summer cruising and racing season in the Hauraki Gulf has flown by. It was pleasing to see many boats cruising in both the Hauraki Gulf and further north in The Bay of Islands.

Further south in Wellington some members were able to utilize breaks in the weather to cross the Cook Strait and explore the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. Wellington boats also had a very busy racing summer season participating in the IRC points racing series held there.

## IRC Racing rules

The new IRC racing rules are likely to form the basis for keel boat racing worldwide. At least two 1020s have gained IRC registration to date. It is likely that more will follow. The committee is exploring how the class as a whole can get a blanket rating applicable to all boats. We will keep you informed regarding progress on this matter.

The two boats mentioned above Steve Barton's *Hard Labour* and Tapio Sorsa's *Resolve* took part in the recent Royal New Zealand Yachting IRC Regatta. Both their boats did extremely well beating much more modern yachts both on line and on handicap.

## Farr 1020 Nationals 2007

This event will be held over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's Annual Farr Regatta. We urge all members to consider joining in. If you need any assistance with regard to advice on equipping your boats or selecting crew please do not hesitate to contact any committee member. Entry forms can be downloaded on [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz)

## Class Evolvement

There is no doubt that the Farr 1020 is maturing very well. With nearly every boat in the class over 20 years old people still seem to be enjoying good quality cruising and racing.

In order to keep up with members' needs we are keen to hear from you regarding any improvements that can be made in the way the class is run to ensure that we remain a popular, viable organization for the next 20 years. Please let us have your views.

We are pleased to include in this newsletter a note from Jack and Nikki Keen who sailed their 1020 on Lake Eyrie in the US. Their article will be one of several that we hope to obtain from 1020 owners about their boats and the way they use them.

## Odds and Ends

At least three committee members, Sheryl & Mike Lanigan and I are off to Valencia to watch some of the racing in the America's Cup. Naturally we hope to be there when New Zealand regains the trophy.



## Auckland to Tauranga: Racing, the Chairman's way

Six 1020s competed recently in the Auckland to Tauranga Yacht race which started from Westhaven on the Thursday before Easter. Light winds prevailed during this event leading to many competitors retiring.



Steve Barton and Cameron Thorpe (*Hard Labour*) persevered however and won first place in the Two-Handed Division and a prize in the IRC Class. Well done!!

For those of you that are taking part in winter racing here in New Zealand we hope you have every success. To our members in Australia and North America we trust that you are looking forward to a busy summer season.

- Trevor Dunn – Chairman - Choice Transport 09 476 4605

## Notice of Farr 1020 Owners Association AGM

Time: 7p.m.

Date Tuesday 5 June 2007

Where: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron clubrooms, Westhaven, Auckland

All welcome, come along and meet the committee and other owners of our fabulous Farr.

## The Kismet Story

In April, 1991, after selling the 25' Seidelmann sailboat, *Nikki*, in the fall of 1990 and not finding the boat we wanted locally, my oldest son who was a radio DJ in Salisbury, MD, arranged for us to see some boats in Annapolis. One of the boats was *Safari*, Bruce Farr's 1985 Farr 1020. After several offers that were rejected by Farr International, we had to stop bidding. At the end of the negotiations, the Farr International salesman indicated that there may be another Farr 1020 in Bay City, Michigan, that the owner was considering selling. In early May, with the help of 3 crewmen, we sailed *Cool Running* from Saginaw Bay to Lake Huron, down the St. Clair River, across Lake St. Clair, down the Detroit River to Lake Erie and home to Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio.

*Cool Running* was renamed *Kismet* because we felt it was fate that we became Farr 1020 owners.

Almost all of our sailing is done on Lake Erie. Lake Erie is about 270 statute miles long with the 50-60 miles width dividing Ontario, Canada with the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The West End of Lake Erie has 4 larger islands that we cruise

to on *Kismet*. The East End of Lake Erie flows down the Niagara River to Niagara Falls and into Lake Ontario. Most summers we sail across Lake Erie and stay at ports on the southern shore of Canada. We also cruise (or race) to other yacht clubs along the north shores of the United States. Edgewater Yacht Club has Wednesday night and Sunday morning club races in which *Kismet* participates. We also participate in Cleveland Race Week and other regattas. Each year EWYC hosts one or more National and some World One-Design Regattas. Unfortunately, none are for Farr 1020's since *Kismet* is the only one I know of on the Great Lakes. One of my crew did take a photo of a Farr 1020, *Aspire* (on jack-stands), when he crewed at a regatta out of Annapolis.

We love our Farr 1020. It continues to be an excellent racer/cruiser.

Please tell Brenda that we often recall fondly your gracious hospitality. It doesn't seem almost a year since our visit. Both Nikki and I consider it our best holiday.

Smooth sailing, Jack

## Shorthanded Sailing Association Two Handed Division in Auckland to Tauranga

The magnificent new SSANZ Trophy for the Auckland Tauranga Race brought out seven crews each wanting to be the first ever to engrave their boats name on the cup.

*Zen* (Steve Newcombe) and the Farr 1020 *Hard Labour* (Steve Barton) battled hard most of the way boat for boat.

However in the closing stages *Hard Labour* got caught in a hole to let *Zen* slip away to take line honours ahead of *Expressway* (Russell Weston).

*Hard Labour* recovered to finish not too far behind and close enough to take the handicap win for the SSANZ Trophy. It was a very light race featuring many retirements. But perseverance



definitely paid off for the *Hard Labour* team with a most impressive prize haul.

Adding IRC, ORC and PHRF prizes to their Two Handed win the loot included 2 wet weather jackets, a VHF radio, a life jacket and a Marine BBQ. So next year enter the Two Handed division and see what you can win !

## Comings and Goings

Steve Miller – *Hickey Burr*. Steve is an electrical contractor in the Bay of Islands and a member of Kerikeri Cruising Club.

*Te Ariki* as been traded on a Bavaria 44 and is currently with International Marine Brokers at Westhaven.

*Farr Out 2* is now owned by Malcolm and Elizabeth Macpherson from Te Awamutu.

Gary Corkin now owns *Consensus* is a member of Ponsonby CC. *Consensus* is moored at Westhaven Marina. Steve has raced dinghies, multihulls and keelboats; is also a sailing coach.

*Farrst Forward* is now based in Akaroa. New owner is Rob Berry.

*News* is now owned by John Tate.

For Sale: *Sensation*. Because she is in survey and MSA registered *Sensation* will be sold as a “going concern”. Contact John May Tel 021 980 770

## Aussie Movements

*Moonmist* is now based in Batemans Bay and is owned by Roger Whyte. Also based at Batemans Bay is *Ronacdor*.

*Tim Out* now based in Pittwater, NSW and is owned by Melissa Watson.

## Is Your Fabulous Farr Currently Registered?

### New Zealand FARRs

To check if your registration is correct, go to [www.yachtingnz.org.nz](http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz) and click on Keelboat – then Boat Registration. It is all there for you to get your boat details correct with New Zealand’s yachting authority

### Offshore FARRs

Our offshore boats just need to advise YNZ that their boat is now based overseas. YNZ have advised that they will not re-issue our offshore boats sail number, but that they need to know where the boats are. Send an email to: [Reception@yachtingnz.org.nz](mailto:Reception@yachtingnz.org.nz)

## So why register your boat with Yachting New Zealand?

### Racing

In order to be eligible for racing, boats must hold a current Certificate of Registration ensuring compliance with RRS 76.1 as outlined in the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules and Safety Regulations.

### Emergency

Registration is strongly encouraged for recreational and racing boats for safety and security reasons, enabling rapid tracing of a boat in the event of theft, mishap or more serious maritime emergencies. An alarming number of registered boats do not have current owner details, leaving Yachting New Zealand and rescue authorities helpless in the event of an emergency.

### Our Farr 1020 National Champions of 2006

Left pic is Steve and his Harbour crew – winner on Line and right pic is of Peter and his Azure crew - winner on handicap



## FARR Questions & Answers

### From Jack Keen *Kismet*

Thank you for your response to my inquiry about my rudder problem. The reason I asked for suggestions from someone who had removed the rudder is that when I started to drop the rudder after haul-out in October, I couldn't turn the top bolt that goes through the tiller head. Do you have any tips on removing the rudder? Is there any detail drawing available? If I lift or jack-up the rudder, will this relieve the pressure and allow the bolt to turn?

### Answer from Warwick Jenness - *Watermark*

On *Watermark* there is a collet bolt through the rudder head collet. It can be held stationary with a large flat-bladed screwdriver, while the nut can be removed with a socket via the access hole in the rear of the rudder cap assembly. I always block the rudder up before removing the head otherwise it will fall through. Sorry I don't have any drawings but once you get the head off you will find it is a straight forward assembly.

### Question from *Slowhand* regarding the Nationals

My family last year bought the Farr 1020 *Slowhand* and have been doing a bit of racing this summer in the boat and learning the ins and outs of it. Anyway, we are considering during the nationals this year (not 100% confirmed yet) but we are wondering with regards to class racing rules/measurements/weights stuff how does one go about complying?

I realise we can make sure the correct gear is on boat (anchors, sails and such) but for weighing of the boat for example, do we need to get this specially done? Or before the racing begins do we need to get a cert which says we comply with the class racing rules, or is it more of a trust thing?

If you could shed some light on this that would be much appreciated.

Regards - Michael Coup.

### Answer from Cameron Thorpe – *Hard Labour*

I know the requirements for the nationals can look daunting but really it is quite easy. If the boat hasn't been modified (and I'm sure *Slowhand* is all standard) there should be no real issues. A lot of complying to the class rules is a "trust" thing...but competitors can protest if they feel you are infringing. The boat does not need to be weighed, but could be subject to a random spot check to make sure various items are onboard (i.e. flares, spare anchor, table etc). The one item that does need measurement are sails. There is no cost involved. Please contact me on ph 5293363 to arrange measurement. Sooner is better than later. At the same time I can help you ensure you know exactly what equipment is required on board.

## Keeping in touch

Changed your postal address? Changed your email address? Sold your boat? Then, let us know. Just email the changes to [secretary@farr1020.org.nz](mailto:secretary@farr1020.org.nz) Check your details on our website [www.farr10.20.org.nz](http://www.farr10.20.org.nz).



# Calendar

## WINTER RACING - AUCKLAND

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron  
held fortnightly

First race Saturday 5 May –

Bucklands Beach Yacht Club  
held fortnightly

First race Sunday 13 May –

### **SSANZ SIMRAD Series 2007**

Race 1 7 July

Race 2 4 August

Race 3 8 September

Notice of Race will be available on the website [www.ssanz.co.nz](http://www.ssanz.co.nz)

### **SSANZ ROUND NORTH ISLAND TWO HANDED RACE**

Start Leg One Saturday 23 February 2008

