



Farr 1020 News

From the Chair

This summer has been particularly good in the Hauraki Gulf. Auckland folk have enjoyed really excellent cruising weather with lots of easterly and northerly winds and plenty of sunshine due to the La Nina effect in this part of the Pacific. The rest of the country has done well so the boats in Wellington and Christchurch have also had a very good cruising season.

Successful 1020s

The most momentous news for the last three months has been the fact that Zephyr, a Farr 1020, based in Melbourne won her division in the Sydney/Hobart race. Our heartiest congratulations to the Zephyr crew who worked hard to prepare the boat. When Zephyr's current owners purchased her in mid 2006 they had only one thing on their mind – the 2007 Rolex Sydney/Hobart. After extensive training and a fundamental refit of the boat including new sails and a new engine they lined up with all the other competitors on Boxing Day for the 628 mile race which is considered one of the toughest in the world.

They sailed extremely well keeping up an actual speed of 6.2 knots. This allowed them to gain 1st Place Handicap in the IRC Division E.

Our local heroes on *Hard Labour* have also done well in the IRC Regatta held in the Bay of Islands. They won Honours, both Line and Handicap in their class throughout the week.

All this goes to show how good the boat is after 25 years.

IRC Certificate

The committee are working very hard to get an IRC blanket certificate that will cover all boats that comply with our one design rules. This will mean that you can use a blanket IRC certificate for any races that you wish to enter providing you comply with the class regulations regarding sail and hull measurements and additional gear to be carried. We will keep you informed of progress in this important step for the class.

Farr 1020 Nationals

These are taking place on the weekend of the 19th and 20th April. Notice of Race will shortly be issued by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron who are organising the event.

There will be no entry fee for the first 15 boats that enter.

Send us your news

If you have anything interesting to include in future newsletters please email Sue Jenness so that we can include your stories in our next newsletter. Email in a Word document to sjenness@ihug.co.nz

Chairman's Trip up North

In November of last year I took Choice Transport up to the Bay of Islands for a look at all those anchorages which we generally rush past when either racing or passage-making. A good time was had in Whangaruru Harbour on the passage up the coast. A stiff easterly heaped great big rollers at the harbour entrance. However Whangaruru is an exceptional anchorage in nearly every wind direction. There are so many bays in which to drop the hook and the holding is good throughout. What was particularly interesting was to take Choice Transport right up the river amongst the mangroves at the top of the inlet. There are lots of pretty spots here where you can anchor for days without virtually seeing anyone.

We next moved on to Opuia in the Bay of Islands where we fell in with a lot of overseas yachties. There were lots of potluck dinners on various anchorages particularly when a westerly gale came through necessitating a couple of days sheltering behind an obliging headland on the eastern side of the bay.

The next step was Whangaroa. This is a stunning large harbour some 15 miles north of the Bay of Islands. To get to it you pass the Cavali Group and

then head in towards the well beacons entrance to Whangaroa.

On entering the harbour you are confronted by fiord-like cliffs that plunge vertically down to crystal clear water. The total effect is a cross between Queen Charlotte and Milford Sounds respectively. There are lots of anchorages and the fish life is particularly abundant. As one moves further into the harbour things flatten out and a small but efficient marina comes into view on the portside. This has a store and a good pub.



Whangaroa Harbour is now the home to *Future Road*, the 1020 that was well known in the Gulf before going north. It is now owned by Simon and Ruth Knight who have her moored in front of their marvellous home on the starboard side of the harbour half way between the seaward entrance and the marina. Simon and Ruth proved to be delightful hosts showing us around their eco-friendly home which is powered by solar energy.

If you are ever up in that part of the world please look out for *Future Road* and her hospitable owners.

- Trevor Dunn - Choice Transport

Technical Notes

In the past our newsletters have contained technical notes concerning many subjects including tuning and boat maintenance. These can be found on our website at

www.farr1020.org.nz/letters/letters.html

Comings and Goings

Email from Shane & Maryvonne Le Peyre – *Vapour Trail*

Just to let you know unfortunately we will be selling *Vapour Trail* (Farr 1020) at the end of our summer here in Melbourne. She will go on the market in May '08. We have owned her for 6 years now and it will be sad to part ways! We have taken her to the Whitsundays (in Queensland) and back twice from Melbourne, had two New Years Eve celebrations on Sydney Harbour, sailed many Sandringham Yacht Club Series, Ocean Racing Club Series, completed many bay and ocean races, and cruises, the last major was our Melbourne to Hobart Yacht '07 race and 12 day cruise home. The 1020 went very well with a 3rd overall IRC and 1st overall AMS out of 55 boats. We also caught up with the *Zephyr* crew briefly in Hobart after their great Sydney to Hobart Race.

We are planning to buy a bigger boat next year to circumnavigate, probably starting our travels in America. So if there are any enquiries regarding 1020's for sale we have one here in Melbourne. They can email me for a full inventory.

It has been great being part of the association and I will encourage the new owner to also be part of the 1020 club. Thank you for all your efforts in running it.

Big Boys Toys is up for sale.

Drums of Time is now owned by Aaron and Kate Young. This is their fourth keeler from *Suspect Device* – a Piedy, an Elliot 770, and then a Young rocket 31 *Positive Touch*. Aaron is the grandson of Jim Young.

Gizzmo has been sold. New owner unknown

Gone with the Wind is now owned by Paul Huston

Nirvana (originally *Western Leader*) is now owned by Richard and Bronwyn Muggleton. Member of Bucklands Beach YC. Previously owned a Noelex 25 for 8 years.

Penury has been sold to the Walbridge Syndicate.

Sealife has been relocated to Melbourne.

Crazy Horse is now back in Auckland and is owned by Matthew & Deborah Cashmore



CRUISING RALLY TO WAIHEKE ISLAND – March 15

Back at popular request a Farr 1020 Cruising rally to a favourite cruising area, Rocky Bay, Waiheke Island. Alternative designation will be Little Oneroa.

- Drinks on board Choice Transport at 4 p.m. Choice Transport will be dressed overall for the occasion.
- BBQ ashore at the camping ground at Whakanewha Regional Park.
- Your hosts Trevor (Cookie) & Brenda Dunn from Choice Transport: Cell number for Trevor 0274 393 824
- Winds from Easterly quarter – Rocky Bay or winds from Westerly quarter – Oneroa Bay

Rocky Bay

The anchorage is sheltered in South East around to North East but develops a short chop in a brick breeze from other directions. The water adjacent to the Whakanewha Regional Park is shallow at low water and boats must anchor out more to the south of the bay. There are two gas BBQs and toilets provided ashore for visitors use.



The view from Share Delight in the Auckland's Anniversary Day Farr 1020 Cruising race.

From Rakino back to Auckland Harbour.

In front Azure and Ambiance

News from the large (and small) islands to the west



Here's an occasional news bulletin from Aus. The share market has tumbled, the world faces ruin but the FARRS couldn't care less.

Al Doggett and Shane and Maryvonne La Peyre *Vapour Trail* continue to dominate in the Port Phillip Bay competition, although this scribe picked his arse up in the Sandringham Yacht club one design regatta and plucked the cup from *Vapour Trail*, *Wavelength* and *Forzado* in the weekend of 6 races in our venerable *Bali Dance*".

Brendan Kruger in *Wavelength* continues to refine his form and really threatens VT, and Bruce Dobbie in *Forzado* has patiently put together a good crew and is starting to see the benefits.

Perhaps the best demonstration of this was in the Cock of the Bay. The Cock of the Bay is the first of three races that form the Sovereign Series. The second being the Melbourne to Hobart (worth double points) and the third being the King of the Dewent sailed after all the boats are in Hobart, on the 2nd January.

This race gets the fleet down to the bottom of Port Phillip bay in preparation for the two trans Bass Strait ocean races – the Melbourne to Hobart and the Melbourne to "Launceston". Actually it's to Low Head at the mouth of the Tamar River. Launceston is 20 miles plus up the Tamar River. A delightful trip but not a venue for a yacht race.

I had been privileged to be asked to join the campaign on *Vapour Trail* by Shane La Peyre who wanted a second watch helm without disturbing the crew dynamics so carefully set up.

Back to the Cock of the Bay. *Vapour Trail*, *Wavelength* and *Forzado* (sailing double handed) took 1, 2, and 4 in both AMS (Australian Measurement System, an alternative to IRC) B division, and combined. And 1, 2, 3 (same order) in IRC B and combined. And that's out of a fleet of 90+ boats!

Greg Raynor in *Island Trader* has not yet come to grips with the vagaries of the 1020s (taking 11th

and 12th in the measurement divisions) and has decided to move on to a Beneteau 34 7. *Island Trader* looks like it will be staying in the locality.

Vapour Trail and *Island Trader* were the 1020s competing for the series. *Wavelength* and *Forzado* staying in the relative comfort of the bay. Unusually, the trip across Bass Strait was benign with a little less wind than needed, but *Vapour Trail* hunted it out and arrived first in division and third overall at Hobart in IRC and first, and first, in AMS.

The King of the Dewent saw a drop of breeze towards the end of the race and plucked the Sovereign Cup from our clutches. 2/3 of the way through the race we were 25 seconds ahead of *Archie* (Archambault 35), the winner, (skipped by a talented and charming Sally Rattle from Tasmania). We were doing the handicap sums at each mark!!

It was a great campaign. Sailing through Banks Strait at the north east corner of Tasmania and down the east coast, inside Maria Island, through magnificent scenery and some challenging water, (Is 0.6 of a metre under the keel really OK??) was a fantastic experience. The warm, trusting and honest hospitality of Tasmanians ("would you like a crayfish??" said a rough and charming fisherman who pulled along side us in his tinny) takes me back to the way Australia was 30 years ago. And the hugs and bravely blinked back tears when we crossed the finish line, knowing we'd really given it as much as we could, are what ocean racing is all about. Getting a great result – surprisingly – is secondary. The reward of working as a team, and working bloody well, is what Ocean racing is really about. Get that right and the results follow.

We coasted in to Constitution dock a little before 7 in the morning, past *Zephyr*, who had done a great race in the Sydney Hobart, finishing first in IRC E division.

And to cap of a great campaign, bowman Anthony Micheletto and trimmer Kate Marchant disappeared below briefly after we'd tied up in Constitution dock to resurface flashing bling and announcing their engagement!! Congratulations to you both!! It's going to be difficult to cap that!!

- By Chris Water – *Bali Dance*



Zephyr wins IRC in Sydney Hobart

Zephyr's crew being presented with their prize in the 2008 Sydney to Hobart Race.

News from Cleveland, Ohio, USA

In 2007, due to family commitments, Kismet spent more time at the dock than in any other year since 1990 when we bought her.

In July, the middle of our summer, we took our first ocean cruise for seven-days on the Holland America Line from Vancouver, B.C. along the coast of Alaska. This was followed by another week in the northwest touring British Columbia, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Utah. We returned home a day before my grandson called to tell us he would arrive the next day to stay with us on his military leave for two weeks before going back to Iraq for 15 months. We did some sailing while Justin was with us. My youngest son Dan and his wife Laura and the four boys came from Raleigh, NC for a long holiday weekend (Labor Day) the end of August. They enjoyed sailing on Kismet, swimming off Kismet and watching the annual Cleveland Air Show while sailing.

On March 12, we leave on a two week holiday in Spain and Portugal. We hope the weather will be much warmer. We had our coldest (7 degrees F.) night today and Nikki has been cold all day. I plan on going downhill skiing locally tomorrow.

- By Jack and Nikki - Kismet



Keeping in touch

Changed your postal address? Changed your email address? Sold your boat? Selling your boat? Let us know, as we often get inquiries from potential buyers. Contact us by emailing to mail@farr1020.org.nz



Diary these dates

March 3 , Auckland to Tauranga Race Preview

Presenters are Ray Findlay (TYPBC) and Mike Lanigan (Gulfwind Sailing Academy) at Ponsonby Cruising Club, 6.30 pm (bar opens earlier), \$20 at the door (\$5 more

for pizza).

Saturday 15 March – Far 1020 “Strictly Cruising” Rally to Waiheke

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April - Farr 1020 Nationals at Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron



Some of the Farr team at Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf.

Motuihe Island is part of the Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park and is maintained by the Department of Conservation as a recreation reserve. It has two superb beaches and a choice of walks. Motuihe has had a varied history. It has been a site of Maori settlement, a farm, a quarantine station and a prisoner of war camp. Count von Luckner was interred there during WWI, but made his escape by the Camp Commander's launch *Pearl*, but was recaptured after making his way to the Kermadec Islands, some 470 miles north

The Island has been replanted with native trees, so that it can become a sanctuary for rare wildlife. Has some of the best sandy beaches of the inner Gulf islands - clear waters, sheltered anchorages, and what is most important they sell ice-creams there!

World Champions (again).....New Zealand

After the excitement of winning the World Scrabble Cup, NZ topped it off with a win to Tom Ashley in the RS:X Windsurfing Worlds held recently at Takapuna Boating Club