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# Farr 1020 News

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## From the Chair

Spring has at last arrived in New Zealand after some really horrendous weather experienced here in July and August.

We see that South Australia and Victoria have also had more than their fair shares of very strong cold winds from the south or southwest together with rain.

Bad weather in Auckland has reduced the number of 1020s racing in various winter series run by local clubs. It has also led to postponements and cancellations for one of the region's premier winter yachting events the 2-handed race series by the Shorthanded Sailing Association of New Zealand. This event has attracted a large turnout of 1020s who have enjoyed racing this very tough series when weather has permitted events to take place. The series will include a last long distance race in early September. More details of Auckland racing are contained in Cameron Thorpe's report later in this newsletter.

We are keen to hear reports on racing in Wellington, Christchurch and Port Phillip Bay. Let us have your news so that we can publish it in subsequent reports.

The Association's AGM was held on 24th July at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

A resolution was put forward by John Foote, the owner of *Ambiance*, to the effect that forthcoming national championship regattas should be contested by owner drivers or by helmsmen who were regular members of each competing boat's crew and had competed in at least 8 races in the sailing season prior to each national championship. This resolution was fully debated and defeated by a narrow majority when put to the vote.

Subsequent debate resulted in a proposal being accepted that a new award be given in the national championships for the 1<sup>st</sup> owner driver helmsman winning on line in the series. Work is being undertaken to obtain a suitable trophy for this award.

The following were elected to the committee for the forthcoming year:

Trevor Dunn – Chairman – Choice Transport

Sheryl Lanigan – Treasurer – Share Delight

Committee members:

Mike Lanigan, Share Delight Sue and Warwick Jenness, - Watermark, Steve Barton, - Hard Labour Cameron Thorpe – Hard Labour , Alan Gwyer, Peter Strathdee – Azure, , John Foote – Ambiance and , Andrew McMurdie - The V Team.

Check out [www.farr1020.org.nz](http://www.farr1020.org.nz) for Committee's contact email addresses.



*Choice Transport in summer mode*

## Forthcoming Events

At the AGM the new committee agreed that special promotional prizes be awarded to members competing in the forthcoming Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Wednesday Evening Series starting in early October.

For the first race of the series it has been decided to present magnum sized bottles of local champagne to:

- The winner on line of the 1<sup>st</sup> race.
- The winner on handicap of the 1<sup>st</sup> race.
- A spot prize for any 1020 taking part in the 1<sup>st</sup> race.

The committee will extend this incentive to other clubs with six or more 1020's racing in a Farr 1020 class division in a specified series.

## MRX Cooperation

The MRX is a racing yacht specially designed by Bruce Farr for match racing competitions. There are eight MRXs based at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron here in Auckland and four based at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club in Wellington.

The MRX has the same hull as a 1020 with a different deck configuration and slightly different foils. Because of its design the MRX has similar handling and speed characteristics to those of a 1020.

## Comings and Goings

*Navaho* is one her way across the Tasman to Victoria – those Aussies – taking all our stuff.

*Exocet* has gone to Tauranga and is now owned by David & Joy Greer and Ken Stewart. They are interested in other Farr owners cruising plans for the summer.

*Drums of Time* has been sold to Logan & Heidi O'Callahan and is based berthed at Westhaven. Is their first keelboat. Previously sailed a Sunburst at Pt Chevalier and grew up cruising the Gulf on an old bridge deck launch.

*Charisma II* based in Aussie, is now owned by Rod and Sue Reddie.

In the last two years MRXs have raced in a separate series alongside 1020s in the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's Wednesday Evening Series. This practice will continue for the 2008/2009 series. The MRXs fleet association has also asked if they can participate in the Farr Regatta next autumn. This event is used for our national championships.

Racing alongside MRXs increases the number of boats competing and adds to the social bonhomie post-racing.

On the social side we are likely to be holding a cocktail party early in December coinciding with the Christmas Sail-Past which takes place in the Waitemata Harbour tentative date is Friday 12 December. More details of this event will be circulated in October/November.

We hope to hear from members in Christchurch, Wellington and Australia or further afield if you have any interesting news about your boat either cruising or racing. Please contact Sue Jenness via the Associations email address.

Fair winds and good sailing for the 2008/2009 season.

.Trevor Dunn - Choice Transport

*Strathspey* now owned by Ed & Helene Crook from Devonport. . They are looking forward to family cruising and short handed racing.

*Seaflyte* – based at Blairgowrie, Victoria. Have sailed trailer sailors and sport boats. Very happy with the 1020. Great performance for racing and very comfortable for cruising. Love the boat.

*Cosmic Thing* (was Ti Ariki) new owners Clive Ballett and Jane Levett based at Waikawa Marina, Picton in the Marlborough Sounds. Previously sailed J24's in UK and Europe, cruised a Benetau around the Med for 2 years, owned a Mull 9.5.

If you have recently bought a fabulous Farr, and have been missed from the Coming and Goings, please email [sjenness@ihug.co.nz](mailto:sjenness@ihug.co.nz) so I can add you to our database.

Check out Boat Owners Register on [www.farr1020.org.nz](http://www.farr1020.org.nz)



## Coastal Classic — Auckland to Russell – Bay of Islands

This iconic coastal race from Auckland's Devonport Wharf to Russell takes place on Friday 24th October.

.Last year 14 1020's enjoyed a fantastic race in their own division. This year two boats Max Headroom and V Team have already entered and thrown down the challenge to other 1020s to join them in this challenging race.

If you haven't taken part in this race you missed out on one of the most important racing events in the Kiwi Yachting Calendar which attracts entries from Wellington, Christchurch, Tauranga and New Caledonia as well as over 200 boats from Auckland.

Entries can be obtained from the Race website [www.coastalclassic.co.nz](http://www.coastalclassic.co.nz)

### Farr 1020 Prize giving

Remember the 1020s have their own prize giving and party at The Russell Game Fishing Club, Sea Front Russell at 5-30pm on Saturday 25th October.

## New Series Captures Imagination - Louis Vuitton Pacific Series



In conjunction with Emirates Team New Zealand and with the assistance of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Louis Vuitton has announced plans to host an international regatta here in Auckland utilising the two Emirates Team New Zealand race yachts, NZL84 and NZL92, built for the last America's Cup Challenge.

Racing will commence on Saturday 31st January with the finals set for Friday and Saturday 14th of February 2009.

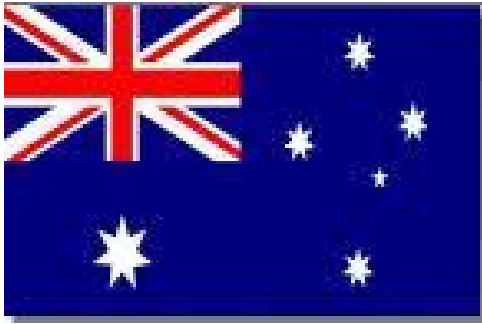
Rumours abound that five syndicates already have confirmed – MBW Oracle, Shosolozza (South Africa), K-Yacht (France), Mascalzone Latino (Italy), French Spirit - plus 16 expressions of interest. Shaping up to be a great series - bring it on! The Waitemata will come alive again – we are so missing the America's Cup

## 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](http://www.farr1020.org.nz/letters/letters.html)

**For Auckland owners:** Time to check that your fridge is freezing – need to keep the beer cold as New Zealand is for another good, hot, windy summer. Call Peter 021 713 666 for excellent service. Highly recommended by Warwick Jenness - *Watermark*



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

Winter is over, the stock market is

even worse than at my last report, and the drought hardens. "We'll all be rooned – said Hanrahan". Thank goodness for sailing!!

Not much to report. We have an interclub series here called the (Club Marine) Range series which involves five clubs around the bay. Fleets of 100+ are the norm. The new big boats (IRC above 1.18) now have their own division (Div.0) and the impact of boats with higher handicaps is filtering down the fleet. What that means is the Farr 1020 is now on the cusp of the break between Division 2 and 3. The Division you go into is set by your performance handicap. Regrettably it has seen two 1020s elect to sail Division 3, so we will not be able to compete in our class championship. The class championship is a result extracted from the actual range race, but requires five boats (in the same division) to enter the series before they can register as a class.

Last report I relayed that Anthony Micheletto and Kate Marchant had announced their engagement at Constitution dock, just after we finished the Melbourne Hobart on *Vapour Trail*. They are now married, and to keep the charm of their engagement – they've bought *Vapour Trail*!! If they decide to have kids then ..... Naghhh – I'm not going there.

They won't be racing *Vapour Trail* this season. Want to settle down for cruising.

## Crew wanted for Coastal Classic

"I'm looking for a spot on the Coastal Classic so if you know someone short of crew please contact me.

I've got quite a lot of sailing experiences from dinghies to 50' mostly in Europe. (Youth French championship, Cowes Week, Spi Ouest France...) I'm sailing since a few months in Auckland so done the winter series on Farr MRX (2nd), being well on a Piedy during the Simrads."

Please contact Emilie Petibon, [emiliepetitbon@hotmail.com](mailto:emiliepetitbon@hotmail.com)

So that leaves *Wavelength*, *Bali Dancer*, *Forzado* and *Island Trader* in the competitive circles. Haven't caught up with the new owners of *Island Trader* yet – they are at Brighton, just a couple of miles up from Sandringham. I don't think *Island Trader* removed their pulpit this year. I noticed that *Forzado* and *Wavelength* both had their pulpits off so we immediately removed ours. Must make the boat faster we thought. Well not really – one of the welds had busted and we needed to cut out a section.

Removing it was hell. The retaining screws were seized solid. Managed to get all but two out, but the last ones put up a hell of a fight. (We actually had to rerig for two separate weekends so we could race). Dan Stevanov worked on it with impact drills, and an impact hammer. No joy. Then he hammered his finger. We all walked away. No point watching someone in pain. His face darkened. He returned to the job, and a couple of moments later he announced that they were free. Determined lot those central Europeans!! But the lesson learned is obvious. Don't waste time with penetrene, and heat and impact drills. Hammer your finger early. Get it over and done with because the god of seized nuts and screws will not allow the offending piece to move until due sacrifice is made.

We could have saved ourselves weeks if he had smashed his finger straight away.

Till next time...- Christ Waters – *Bali Dance*.

Shock and horror from *Rough Justice* – Doug Murchison from Sydney.

## Famous yacht "Zephyr", accused of being a terrorist from Melbourn (I think that's how they spell it)

Indignant group of disgusted sailors from the Historically Significant Balmain Sailing Club based in Sydney (The most beautiful Harbour in the world) are outraged by the low extremes that Victorians will go to.

They now have our cousins across the Tasman believing our Champion of Champions *Zephyr* the magnificent winner of the 2007 Sydney to Hobart Yacht race (Div E) to be a Victorian, as stated in the normally highly reliable journal of the Farr 1020 Owners Association's Summer 2008 edition.

Next they will be saying that Phar Lap and Russell Crowe were Kiwis.

Great read anyway Sue. (Never turn your back on a Victorian)

- Best Regards *Rough Justice* Reference



## Share Delight has a heart transplant

After 22 faithful years and 4500 hours on the hour meter it came time to either recondition the original Yanmar 3GM 30 HP or fit a new Yanmar 3YM30. After much debate it was decided to replace the salt water cooled 3GM with a quieter freshwater modern motor. The engine beds and fitting to the Sail drive did not need to be altered and this made for a very efficient and quick change over. We took the boat up at Orams Hard Stand and were placed just outside Whiting Power Systems workshop which was a real bonus as they have all the gear at hand to do the work. They are the agents for Yanmar marine.

The old motor was out of the boat in three hours and the new one ready to go in later the same day. It took about the same time to have the new motor in position. Minor modifications to the exhaust system and it was just a matter of fitting and connecting the new Instrument Panel and the motor was ready to go. Whiting's put a big bucket under the Stern Leg for the water intake

and the motor was given a test run. It sounded just great and all that was left was for me to get on with polishing the top sides before going back in the water. The commissioning of the motor went well and we are very pleased with the results. Not only do we have a brand new motor in the boat but it is also 10kg's lighter than the old one.

The only issue was the repositioning of the compressor for the freezer.

We had the new mounting brackets made before the change over and had to make a small cut out in the cupboard by the galley. This work was done with the boat back in the water. We took the opportunity to replace the freezer condenser and lines so we will have cold beer for the summer.

Looks like Gulfwind Sailing Academy will need to keep working – from Mike and Sheryl Lanigan.





A smile of a happy owner - engine all in place

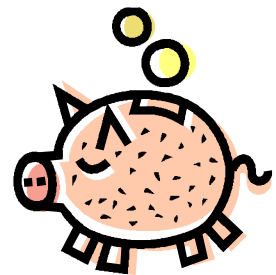
## Keeping in touch

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](mailto:mail@farr1020.org.nz)

## .Subs are Due - only \$45

Yes it's that time of the year, again! Thank you for those who have already paid their 2008-2009 subs.

2008-2009 Membership invoices will be posted by snail-mail shortly. For some members we only have an email address, so we are unable to invoice you for your subs. If this is the case please email [secretary@farr1020.org.nz](mailto:secretary@farr1020.org.nz) and let us know your address. Or if you are receiving this by email and are not a member, please join to help keep our one-design class strong. Membership forms are available on [www.farr1020.org.nz](http://www.farr1020.org.nz)



Please pay by return, early payment saves your Membership Secretary (Sue) getting grumpy and spending hours printing and folding reminder invoices for those late payers.

Payment can be made using internet banking.

Account Number is .03 – 0155-0161466-00. Please show your name when doing this payment, as our Treasurer (Sheryl) is not ESP trained.

