



# The Woollacott Association NEWSLETTER

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## ***Mission Statement***

*To promote interest and encourage involvement in the preservation of Woollacott designed boats.*



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## ***From the Committee***

It has been a while since our last Newsletter and Committee meeting, but summer is coming and we would like to encourage you to diarise the dates in the sailing calendar and join other Woollacott boats on the water.

This Newsletter talks about the preservation of Woollacott boats and we would like to encourage you to voice your suggestions. We are hosting a gathering for Woollacott members at the Devonport Yacht Club on Thursday, 17 November (more details below), please come and join us for this event.

## ***Securing, protecting, and restoring Woollacott Boats***

A number of Woollacott boats come on the market from time to time, some find a home, others are not quite so lucky. Most boats we have seen are very solid and sound considering the age of them. However, we are also aware that the real cost lies with the storage and maintenance of these boats, and of course having people that will take care of them and actually use them. We have been kicking some thoughts around and would be interested in your views on this matter and how best we, as an Association, should address this issue.

We have a vision as to the end use of the saved and maintained boats which can be expanded and built on:

- Since Woollacott boats are generally smaller we feel they are well suited for taking senior high school children (or public groups) on trips (similar to the Sprit of New Zealand) with say 5 berths, one would be taken by a qualified skipper, one could be a parent/teacher, and three students.
- If we aim to have a fleet of say 5 to 10 serviceable boats for each trip, this would give a group size of between 25 and 50 people. Education would revolve around leadership, environment (ocean, coastline, sea creatures etc - tapping into existing organisations such as that running the marine centre at Goat Island), history, planning, and project management skills during a 5 day programme.
- At the end of each year we could have a race between participating schools (one school crew for each boat - and a competition to be the chosen school) - the race being one of the existing CYA or DYC races - staying overnight and mixing with all other crews.
- Part of the programme with the schools could involve a maintenance schedule throughout the year (hence developing project management and practical skills).

While Woollacott Boats are not fast racing machines, they are safe and dependable with whatever can be thrown at them, hence making them a safe classroom. Also on the work side, it would not matter so much that the workmanship was not totally a 100% (so long as the structural side was).

To achieve this we see that several steps would need to be taken:

- Set up some form of formal structure with which we can secure these boats, first thought is to create a Woollacott Charitable Trust, or maybe work closely with existing trusts such as the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust or Sprit of New Zealand in developing the above idea further. The aims and objectives would be very close to CYCT:
  - o The preservation and maintenance of Woollacott boats (may include providing some assistance to owners of Woollacott boats)
  - o Educate young people and develop their skills to preserve and maintain boats
- Locate suitable storage location(s) to enable the boats to be stored until we have enough funding and the right structure in place to get the work done, accepting this may take a number of years.
- Obtain funds - yes, the tough part
  - o Apply for funds through grants etc.
  - o Seek funds from businesses and anyone else.
- Manage the whole operation to ensure future generations see and use these old boats.

We have set quite a task if we go down this path and we are open to all suggestions on how we can save Woollacott boats from falling into more disrepair as time moves on.

### ***Woollacott Association Constitution***

This has been drafted and is currently in a holding pattern until we discuss and agree our direction as an association.

### ***Sailing Events***

This is always a tough one as there are many pressures on each of us with both personal and work activities, along with actually managing to line up an event with some spare time in the calendar. We have four races in the Woollacott Series plus the Duder Cup Regatta in conjunction with DYC and a low key cruising weekend away (Waitangi weekend) where we will nominate a place to meet and also a start time when passing DYC in the harbour, so we can sail in company to the location, or people can just meet us at the location as everyone could be coming from different directions. We have set out the sailing calendar below:

### ***Woollacott Sailing Calendar***

Thursday 13 October 2016	Skippers Brief at the DYC - 1900
Friday 27 January 2017	Mahurangi Night Race in conjunction with the CYA (Series 1)
Saturday 28 January 2017	Mahurangi Regatta (Lady Pat Trophy)
Friday 3 February 2017	Waitangi Weekend Gulf Cruise (Details TBC)
Sunday 19 February 2017	Owhanake to Devonport Race (Series 2)
Saturday 25 February 2017	DYC Duder Cup Regatta (Woollacott Cup)
Saturday 18 March 2017	Rocky Bay Race (Series 3)
Saturday 1 April 2017	Woody Bay Race (Series 4)
Saturday 17 June 2017	Prizegiving Night at the DYC - 1930
Date TBC	Woollacott Association AGM at the DYC

### ***Your Committee***

Chair and Treasurer - Mike Strong ([ladybird334@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ladybird334@xtra.co.nz))

Membership - Chris Leech ([dds@kcbbs.gen.nz](mailto:dds@kcbbs.gen.nz))

Secretary - Sally Teesdale ([sazoriginals@hotmail.com](mailto:sazoriginals@hotmail.com))

Patron and General Committee - Dot Woollacott ([dottynz@gmail.com](mailto:dottynz@gmail.com))

New Committee members always welcome

### ***Up coming Event***

Save the date - come and meet other Woollacott members on Thursday, 17 November at 1930 at the Devonport Yacht Club for a gathering, nibbles provided, cash bar.

Come and share your stories, meet other members and discuss any Woollacott matters.

## ***Boats for Sale***

Please follow this link to a selection of Woollacott boats for sale

<http://www.woollacott.org.nz/For%20Sale.htm>

## ***Merchandise***

The Woollacott House Flag order form is available on the website. Follow this link for details:

<http://www.woollacott.org.nz/Merchandise.htm>

## ***Newsletter***

If you have any stories, memories and photos to share please write them up and send them to Sally, [sazoriginals@hotmail.com](mailto:sazoriginals@hotmail.com) for inclusion in the next newsletter, thanks.

## ***Membership***

Application form. Follow this link:

<http://www.woollacott.org.nz/Documents/Blank%20Application.pdf>