



THE WOOLLACOTT ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Newsletter: Issue 6 December 2011

Welcome to the Sixth Newsletter of the Woollacott Association.

Well what can I say? Only that we have been very slack in getting this Newsletters out and making a big mental note to do much better next year! We need your stories to share with everyone, especially now the summer months are here and able to get back out on the water.

Behind the scenes there has been a lot going on, you will see within this Newsletter our proposed draft of a constitution for the association. This is a big first step in moving forward and placing a bit more structure around what we are doing.

We are very lucky to be able to work so closely with the Devonport Yacht Club to work within their racing schedule and I encourage all Woollacott's in the Auckland region to enter these races. We have held the first of four series races for the year with four Woollacott's. The racing is low key and provides a bit of fun to get to a beach to have a BBQ. Even if you are not into racing then I would strongly encourage you to follow along and join us on the beach.

There are a few yachts up for sale so this is a good time to get some of your friends into the boating life with a safe and dependable yacht.

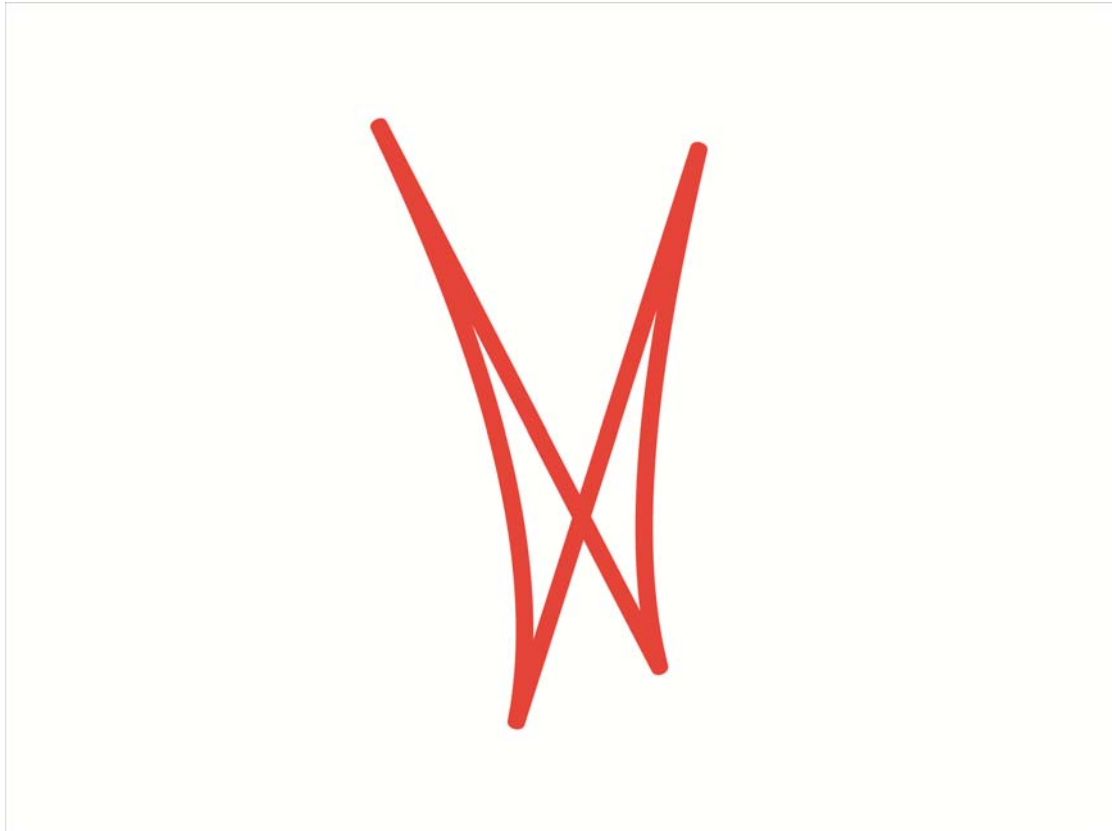
It is also with great sadness that 'Storm' is missing after the Tsunami in Onagawa, Japan last March. It was good to hear that Komei Mochida and family are all ok. Storm was last seen April 2011 floating and drifting around Goubuura Bay and possible heading for Hawaii. Some photos are in this Newsletter.

We have been receiving steady numbers joining the Association, along with steady hits on our website. We do encourage you to contact other Woollacott owners and tell them about our great website (www.woollacott.org.nz) and have them sign up to the Association, after all this is history in the making! We'd also like to encourage you to be involved and send you thoughts and ideas to us as we are aiming of getting a book together.

So if you see a Woollacott floating around make yourself known, you are always welcome on Ladybird, don't worry about the kids as they don't bite!

Mike Strong - Woollacott Chairperson

House Flag



We have stocks so please fill in an order form (see last page) and send in.

(I have heard on one case where the house flag is so highly prized that an owner was seen to jump in the water and swimming fast downwind to chase a flag that was thought to have blown over board. Only to be called back by his wife who had great sense to look in the storage locker, oh well good day for a swim anyway)

Thanks to Sally we now have a new beach flag, which was put to some good use.



Report from 2010 first race

What a beaut day to wake up to. Anchored off Narrow Neck Beach under the shadow of the 'Giant' at the NZ Sculpture Show, after a fantastic sail down from the Mahurangi, during the evening and into the night. Back into Auckland for a cruising race with DYC, in the first of the Woollacott series.

We had a race - three Woollacott boats - Truant, Ebb Tide and newly acquired Traipser started, and finished in that order. Ebb Tide lead the Woollacotts for most of the race, until Bill edged forward enough to take the lead. There was a struggle with not enough wind at the start, and we were battling an incoming tide. Our destination was Rocky Bay, Waiheke, but the wind was blowing in, so with nowhere to shelter we headed off somewhere else. Following the leader we finally anchored at Matarahui Bay. We had made good time, so a late lunch and a relax in the sun was on the agenda. We had Dot Woollacott (tactician) on board Ebb Tide, she headed back with Truant, who took the line on the return race with Traipser, Steve Hinton and Calvin, one of the new owners of Calm. During the afternoon Liz on Gloaming also came to join the group.

The flag went up on the beach, dinghy's and their passengers rowed ashore for a bbq, yummy salads and socialising. The night ended for a number of us on Northerner for a sing song. Good times had by all.

The overall 2010/2011 series winner was Truant III and received the Marco Polo trophy.



Ebb-Tide

Report from 2011 first race

You could not ask for a better first race day, following winds, nice breeze and sunshine! All got off to a great start with Ladybird leading the pack down the harbor and heading for Oneroa Bay via Motukorea bouy and Islington Bay red bouy. Going up the channel each made their own choice whether to hung close to Motutapu Island, hung close to Waiheke or go straight up the middle with all coming together at the end and being very close. Ladybird was able to hold onto line honors with Ebb Tide taking out the first race on handicap.



Truant and Ebb-Tide heading past Bean Rock with Traipser following (taken from Ladybird)

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CONSTITUTION OF THE WOOLLACOTT ASSOCIATION

1. Name

The name of the Association is the Woollacott Association.

2. Objective

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

3. Administration

The affairs of the Woollacott Association shall be administered by a committee consisting of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and no less than two and no more than eight executive members.

The Committee shall meet at times and places as stipulated by the Chair. The Committee shall also exercise all powers and functions affecting the governance of the Association not specifically directed to by Annual or Special Meetings.

4. Election of Officers

The names of candidates for the positions as set out in point 3. above shall be nominated and seconded in writing either prior to or at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for all candidates are to be in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

5. Annual General Meeting

To be held on a date decided by the Committee, but to be no later than 31 July annually.

6. Special General Meetings

These may be called at the request of no less than five members. A notice of such meeting shall be sent out not less than seven days before such meeting and shall state the agenda.

7. Notice of Meetings

Fourteen days notice of an Annual or Special General Meeting must be given to the members by circular, on the Association website or

otherwise, stating the object and business of such meeting. Should any member desire to bring a motion before an Annual or Special General Meeting such motion must be made in writing to the Secretary six days before the meeting. The Secretary must, as soon as possible after his or her receipt of the motion, post a copy of the motion on the Association web site.

8. Ordinary Meetings

These shall be held at such intervals as the Association shall consider necessary for the conduct of its affairs.

9. Quorum

Five members will form a quorum at all Annual and Special General Meetings and three at all General Committee meetings.

10. Voting

Each Ordinary member who has paid their current subscription fees in full, and each Life member will have one vote for each matter voted on at each Annual General or Special General Meeting at which that member is present; and

Each Family membership which has paid its current subscription fees in full will have two votes for each matter voted on at each Annual General or Special General Meeting at which the two members of that membership eligible to vote are present.

11. Ballot

When a ballot is not expressly provided for by these Rules, all questions must be decided by a show of hands, provided always that three members can demand a ballot.

12. Recount

Any candidate wishing to have a recount of any election can do so by giving notice in writing to the Secretary within forty eight hours after the election. The voting papers must be kept confidential and sealed by the Secretary for such purpose, after which they must be destroyed.

13. Membership

There shall be four categories of members.

(a) Family Members

A Family membership consists of one person and his or her partner both over 18 years of age together with all of their children under 18 years of age, together these individuals will constitute one Family membership. A Family membership entitles such members to full use of all the Association's facilities. Subject to Rule 10, this class of membership has two votes for any matter voted on at an Annual or Special General Meeting, such votes may only be exercised by those Family members who are over 18 years of age.

(b) Ordinary Members

These shall be one person whose interests lie within the objectives of the Association, and who are accepted to the Association upon payment of the current Annual Subscription.

(c) Life Membership

Any person may be proposed by the Committee for Life Membership in recognition of valuable services to the Association.

A Life Member shall be exempt from any payment of the annual subscription but shall otherwise be entitled to all the privileges of Ordinary Members.

A Life Membership consists of one person and his or her partner, together these individuals will constitute a Life Membership. A Life Member is exempt from paying Club subscription fees for the remainder of their lives and has full use of all the Club's facilities. This class of membership has one vote per person for any matter voted on at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

(d) Honorary Members

These shall comprise such other persons involved in yachting and related activities as shall be determined by the Association from time to time.

No subscription shall be payable during the period of such membership.

This class of membership has no voting rights at any Annual or Special General Meeting and is not eligible to hold office.

The Committee may revoke the grant of Honorary Membership to any person at any time.

14. Subscription

The amount of the annual subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

(a) Non-payment of Subscription Fees

Any member who has been struck off the membership roll for non-payment of subscription fees or dues will not be eligible for re-election until such subscription fees or dues have been paid in full.

15. Resignation

Notice of resignation shall be made in writing to the Association and subscription and dues to date shall be paid in full.

16. Suspension

A member may be suspended by the Committee of the Association for any gross violation of the Rules, or unsportsmanlike conduct, or after due warning, for wilful or persistent disregard of the Woollacott Association. A suspension shall be for a period not exceeding the current financial year (i.e. 1 July to 30 June following), but may be extended to the succeeding year at the discretion of the Committee.

17. Accounts

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer.

- (a) To receive all monies due to the Association and pay all bills contracted by it when passed for payment by the Committee, keeping a correct account in the books provided for the purpose.
- (b) To produce at each meeting a statement of Accounts and prior to the Annual General Meeting a balance sheet of the receipts and disbursements of the past year and a report generally on the finances of the Association.

- (c) To have the custody of the funds of the Association and to keep accounts of the same in such a manner as will at any time clearly show the true financial position of the Association.
- (d) All monies collected shall be paid as soon as practicable and without deduction into the account of the Association with a bank and no payments exceeding \$20.00 shall be made except by order of the Committee. Withdrawal slips or cheques shall be signed as decided by the Committee.

18. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Meetings and a signed copy by the Chair shall be pasted into a minute book. The Secretary shall also keep the membership records and attend to all correspondence, as required, as well as execute action in regard to calling meetings and other secretarial duties.

19. Alterations to Constitution and Rules

Any suggested alterations in the Constitution shall be made in the form of a remit to a General Meeting. Such a remit shall be signed by no less than five Ordinary Members of the Association and shall be in the hands of the Secretary not less than fourteen days before a General Meeting and may call for a Special General Meeting if necessary. Such a remit shall be decided by the majority vote of Ordinary Members, Postal votes from Ordinary Members shall be counted.

20. No private Pecuniary Profit for any Individual

No part of the Association's income or other funds is to be used or be available for the personal use of any member or an associated person of any member.

21. Winding Up of the Association

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the organisation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the organisation but shall be given or transferred to the Devonport Yacht Club.

22. General

The decision of the General Committee on the interpretation or construction of any Rule, By-Law or Regulation is final. These Rules will come into force on the 31st day of December 2011, and will revoke and supersede all Rules previously made by the Woollacott Association.

NOTICES:

Up Coming Events:

Event Date	Event Details
Friday 27th January 2012	Mahurangi Night Race (Race 2 in Series)
Saturday 11th February 2012	Islington Bay Race (Race 3 in Series) and Beach BBQ (DYC also has a race that starts at 1000hrs to the same location which I would encourage you to join)
Saturday 26th February 2012	Duder Cup Regatta (Woollacott Cup)
Friday 2 nd March 2012	Woollacott Association Dinner at the DYC - 1900hrs (RSVP Mike Strong by 24th February 2012)
Saturday 31st March 2012	Woody Bay Race (Race 4 in Series) and Beach BBQ (DYC also has a race that starts at 1000hrs to the same location which I would encourage you to join)
Saturday 9th June 2012	Pricegiving with DYC

Letters/Emails:

Subject: Storm has been missing

Date: Thu, 8 Dec 2011 14:49:24 +0900

From: mochida komei <yachtstorm@hotmail.com>

To: <dds@kcbbs.gen.nz>

Hi there.

This is very sad news.

That tsunami hit my town named Onagawa last March.

Me and my wife luckily survived.

The tsunami washed away my house and cars and cats and my beloved Storm.

2 weeks later, friend of mine saw Storm at Gobuura bay, and told me, she was floating and drifting but no one can do anything for it.

So I believe she is drifting toward to Hawaii alone.

I 've been keeping eyes on a list of "missing ships " on the web everyday issues by Japanese coast guard.

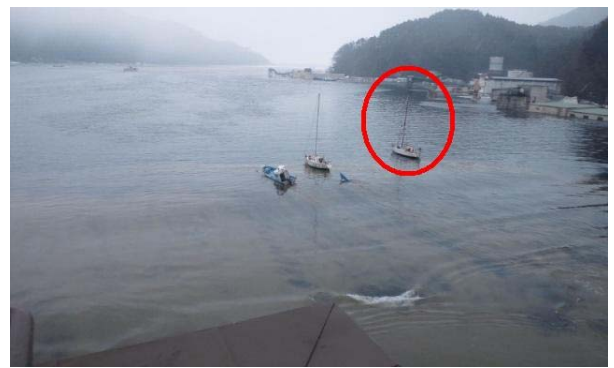
But no good news from this by now.

We are now living in a temp house and struggling to get back the life.

This could take heaps of time it seems.

Cheers

Komei Mochida



For Sale:

Woollacott 28ft 'Janace Anne'

1956 beautifully built traditional kauri carvel yacht
'Ghost' design by Bert Woollacott
Built by Ray Lodge, Campbells Bay, Auckland
4 berth, 6 tons, LOA 28ft
15hp Ford motor
Major restoration completed 2009-2010
Completely rewired 2009
New mainsail and head sail 2010
New 2 burner meths stove 2010

'Janace Anne' has been a part of the Devonport Yacht Club's history for most of her life. Built and owned for 5 years by Ray and Janace Anne Lodge of Campbells Bay and then by Stan Dickens and family for over 40 years. She has sailed extensively throughout the Waitemata, Hauraki Gulf and beyond. We have owned her for the past 5 years and immensely enjoyed sailing this safe, seaworthy yacht as well as restoring her to her original beauty.

Reluctantly for sale.

Ph: 09 4458248 or 021 224 7121
Trademe listing: 429072223



Please send your stories and feedback to Mike Strong (ladybird334@xtra.co.nz)



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MARCO POLO - FEATURE BOAT

Designer: Bert Woolacott

Design: Marco Polo

With a couple of 10 to 11 year old mates I roam the side streets of Takapuna looking for a suitable sheet of corrugated iron to make a tin canoe. The state of the fruit on the local fruit trees is also noted. A tin canoe is born, sealed with melted tar from the edge of one of the few tar sealed roads, and I have my first boat. Two years later I'm on the lookout for a 12' 6 Z Class yacht. A boatbuilder acquaintance of my father says, *Get him to build one, it will do him good.* I struggle through this project but get great pleasure from its completion. By the time I start the 3 year job of creating Marco Polo, I have crewed on a couple of Woollacott yachts and my desire is to follow in the wake of those who sail and race across the Tasman Sea. I am just 21 when Marco Polo is launched; the year is 1953. She is on a borrowed mooring just off the Devonport Yacht Club and I get a phone call late one night from Devonport members that she is pounding alongside the retaining wall to the west of the Club. My nice new squabs have been put between her and the stone wall and the Club members have made a great effort in the gale force conditions to protect her. My gratitude cannot be expressed. She is hauled out, the topsides repaired, a new deadwood fitted aft of the lead keel and new timber scarfed into the damaged rudder. Now it's time to make her masts, booms and bowsprit. Fully rigged she is back on another mooring in the Devonport area, this time almost directly out from the Masonic Hotel. With Tig Loe, who has decided that being a farm cadet is not really what he wants to do, we think a couple of days away will help us get to know Marco Polo better. The usual south westerly is squalling down the harbour.



Most boats are hauled out for the winter and the mooring area is virtually empty. Now this ketch rig which I had requested in the design is new to us. Hoist the mizzen then the working jib, hurl the mooring buoy over the side and Marco Polo, guided by the sheeted mizzen, tears away on the wrong tack. Our only choice is to bear away, gathering more speed and gybe, BUT, now directly in front of us is the large wooden slab-sided motor-sailer Sundowner. She has a row of neat round portholes just below her rail and, as disaster is about to happen, I aim to try and pierce one of these with the projecting tip of Marco's bowsprit. No, of course this doesn't happen; we make a nice new porthole, slightly lower, and proceed to shunt Sundowner around her mooring. We can hear the cheers from the Masonic Hotel patrons who are now standing outside. What, waiting for more drama? Free of Sundowner, we get a glimpse into her main cabin as the wind and the tide bear us away. All does end well. We anchor in the slight shelter behind North Head, walk to the Club, find out the address of the owner of Sundowner and walk to his home in Devonport.

We feel very silly and incompetent and we have not really treated this man's boat very well.No, that's okay, don't worry about it. She has rot along those topsides and now I'll have to do something about it. Can we help, can we pay? No, I guess you have done me a service 'cos now I really will have to get onto it.What a lovely man, that Pud Dixon; what a relief. And so on 18th July 1954 Marco Polo set sail across the Tasman and around the world, to return in October 1957.Tony Armit



MARCO POLO - CIRCUMNAVIGATES THE WORLD

In 1958 the Devonport Yacht Club hosted the presentation of the Slocum Society's internationally acclaimed Vos Award to Club member Tony Armit for his epic voyage around the world in the 28ft Woollacott ketch Marco Polo. The Vos Award, named in honour of Captain T.C. Vos, the first man to sail around the world without a crew member, is made for the most notable two man trans-oceanic passage made during the past year. In 1957 Tony Armit and Tig Loe successfully completed a three year circumnavigation and so became the first New Zealanders in a wholly New Zealand designed and built yacht to complete this formidable undertaking and receive this prestigious award. Considering that this voyage commenced fifty years ago in 1954, without all the benefits of modern gear and equipment and to-day's navigational aids, it was a remarkable achievement of seamanship, determination and endurance. Tony Armit was only 18 when he approached Devonport's Bert Woollacott to design a 28 footer capable of sailing around the world. The result was the ketch Marco Polo which Tony built over a three year period with assistance from a wide range of helpful yachting enthusiasts. After leaving Auckland in July 1954 Marco Polo encountered a series of gales in the Tasman and eventually made Norfolk Island. Here they took on Australian artist Trevor Nixon before leaving for Lord Howe Island and Australia. The route then followed a time-honoured one for a small sailing vessel, up through the inside of the Great Barrier Reef, through the Torres Strait and on across the top of Australia. Using the trade winds to cross the Indian Ocean, they eventually reached Durban where an extensive refit was undertaken. In passage from Durban to Port Elizabeth, Marco Polo was overtaken by a severe storm, not uncommon in this area, and was capsized but, miraculously, was not dismasted. In a somewhat distressed condition, Marco Polo and her crew were able to reach Port Elizabeth for urgent repairs. After this ordeal, Marco Polo eventually set off again to round Cape of Good Hope and sailed across the South Atlantic and on up to Florida. In the United States, Tony and Tig were able to find work and saved enough to refit their vessel for the return voyage to New Zealand via the Panama Canal and the Pacific Ocean. This short treatment of a remarkable voyage of adventure fifty years ago by a Devonport Yacht Club member is totally inadequate to do justice to the magnitude and achievement of the undertaking. It does however say much also for the sturdy designs emanating from Bert Woollacott. Some twenty years later, in February 1977, Tony Armit in his new steel sloop Donata Polo [named after Marco Polo's wife], faced the starter's gun fired by Prince Philip in the inaugural Two Man Round the North Island Race and successfully completed the race. Subsequently Tony and crew mate Anna Barlow wandered the world's oceans for four and a half years in Donata Polo, returning to these shores in 1989. This voyage did produce some hair-raising moments too, a typhoon in the Cook Islands and a near shipwreck on a reef in Tonga which they struck at midnight. In the event the crew managed to summon help from the Nuku'alofa police and marine departments, whose members walked barefooted across the coral to their aid. They dragged forty fathoms of anchor chain across the reef and subsequently spent four days winching the vessel free, sustaining surprisingly very little damage. A mysterious fire aboard threatened to ruin the crew's plans while in Jamaica and, on a humorous note, an infestation of South African weevils emerging from a packet of spaghetti almost overwhelmed the yacht in the Amazon.



The Woollacott Association now has as its overall Series Trophy the "Marco Polo Trophy". This is a wonderful Half Model of Marco Polo crafted by Jeff Cook. This season saw it awarded for the first time to Truant, owned and skippered by Bill Rimmer.





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BOAT'S FOR SALE

This page Lists those Woollacott Boats that are for Sale.

If you are interested in any of the boats pictured below, then please contact [Chris Leech](#)



Boatname: Patsy Jean - Design: Marco Polo



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Boatname: Janace Anne - Design: Ghost



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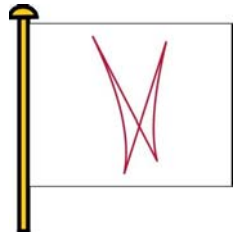


Boatname: Janace Anne - Design: Ghost



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OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Merchandise Description	Item Price	Image	Qty	Total Cost
Woollacott House Flag	\$50.00			

Total Cost of Purchase:\$

Postage and Packaging:\$3.50/\$5.00

Total:

Please complete your Delivery Details:

Name:

Address:

Suburb: Postal Code:

City: Country:

Payable by Cheque, Cash or Direct Credit. Cheque can be made out to "Woollacott Association", or by Direct Credit to 02-0136-0030719-000 "Please include your Name, and Item Details" in the Details. There will be a Postage and Packaging Charge of \$3.50 within NZ, and \$5.00 for overseas.

Please attach your payment to your Order Form and post directly to the Secretary at:

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