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The Woollacott Association

From the chair

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Special Points of Interest

- ◆ Historical details required
- ◆ New Trophies
- ◆ Other owners stories
- ◆ Projects underway

Greeting's all, The time of year is now upon us we were we take off the covers, see if the winter has not blown away the sails and check if the motor still starts, some have been lucky enough to keep cruising and already know everything is still working, some will just require a lick of antifouling and back in for another season of cruising.

Some of us are out of the water, dodging the wind, rain and anything else that can be thrown at us (like going away on business!) in order to get some long overdue maintenance work completed, such as painting top sides, replacing the heads, sanding, painting, sanding, painting and a bit more scrapping, sanding and painting.

For me it is pleasing to see an increase of Woollacott's turning up out on the water and especially around Devonport Yacht Club. Big congratulations to Wayne for taking on Calm and getting her ready for sailing, just starting to look good with the blue topsides! We have some other yachts looking for a keen owner to get them back into tip top shape. Considering the age and treatment of some of the boats we have seen, it amazes me how well they have

been built and in most cases they need some TLC (ok heaps of scrapping and painting) and should be good to go for the next 30 to 40 years.

We recently had a committee meeting to get the plan out for the season; details are within this Newsletter and being posted onto the website. We have taken on board feedback received from the survey, thanks to those that responded.

We have continued to focus on the activities being around Auckland and Hauraki Gulf, simple reason is this is were we are based, however there is nothing stopping you forming a group in your area and having a get together, just let us know and then send some photo's and word through, after all this is your newsletter as well.

The constitution is going (gone) through it's final reading and is once again in this Newsletter, over the next few months will look at being registered. We have some interesting issues that we will need to deal with Yachting NZ as far as fee's and structure go, however if we past this hurdle will then have a bit more freedom to run races and activities. We are working closely with DYC

and CYA as we are all working towards a common goal.

In association with CYA we have the opportunity to show case good sample yachts in the new park downtown Auckland, these will be rotated around and give the public a good view about what these yachts mean and some history behind them.

We need more of your history and stories, we have an aim of printing a book in years to come and ideally we would like a brief history of each yacht.

So get out that pen and paper (or keyboard) and start writing, we could do with any stories, hints and tips that can be shared through this newsletter.

See you out on the water

Mike Strong

Woollacott Association
Chairperson

Prizegiving Night

Again it was a wonderful occasion for both the Devonport Yacht Club and

of course the Woollacott Association. This was our second prize giving, and this year was even more special in that we now have a full complement of

Trophies to present. The Trophy Cabinet has been supplemented this year

by the addition of four more Trophies which are awarded for the four individual races that make up our season, and of course the overall Trophy now has two winners shields affixed. I would like to thank all those involved

in the crafting of these magnificent trophies, especially the Wooden Trophy presented by Terry Willmer. It certainly is not one to be moved

easily, but it is none the less magnificent.

This year like last the Trophies were presented by Tony Armit (Builder / Owner / Skipper of Marco Polo) and winner

(Wooden Trophy) - Ladybird

5. Overall Series Winner (Marco Polo Trophy) - Ladybird

It has now been established that the Woollacott Association is here to

stay and that with each successive season the competition will get even

more earnest, as with now Traipser and Truant (sister ships) getting even

more eager to pit themselves against each other for supremacy.

So all that is required is for the other Woollacott owners to join us next

season and participate with the aim of getting your Boatname engraved on

one, or more of these magnificent trophies.



Overall Winner, Woody Bay & Mahurangi Night Race - Ladybird

of the coveted Voss Award,

and this season the recipients were varied, however Ladybird grabbed her

fair share. The winners are as follows;

1. Rocky Bay Race (Woollacott Logo Trophy) - Ebbside
2. Mahurangi Night Race (Moonlight Trophy) - Ladybird
3. Islington Bay Race (Rangitoto Trophy) - Traipser
4. Woody Bay Race



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date	Event Details
Friday 25th January 2013	Mahurangi Night Race (Race 2 in Woollacott Series - Moonlight Trophy)
Saturday 26th January 2013	Mahurangi Regatta (Lady Pat Trophy)
Saturday 10th February 2013	Islington Bay Race (Race 3 in Woollacott Series - Rangitoto Trophy) and Beach BBQ (DYC also has a race that starts at 1000hrs to the same location which I would encourage you to join)
Saturday 24th February 2013	DYC Duder Cup Regatta (Woollacott Cup)
Saturday 23rd March 2013	Rocky Bay Race (Race 4 in Woollacott Series - Wooden Trophy) and Beach BBQ (DYC also has a race that starts at 1000hrs to the same location which I would encourage you to join)
Saturday 29th June 2013	Prizegiving Night at the Devonport Yacht Club

Meet on the Beach

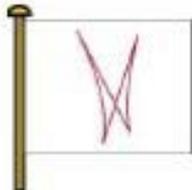
Even though we call this a race, this is just for a bit of fun to get to the beach. Even if you are not able to make the race then make your own way to the beach and join us for a BBQ and a chat, you will see the Flag flying which is pretty hard to miss.



**Come along and
join the chat (hear
all the big stories!)**



WOOLLACOTT ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Merchandise Description	Item Price	Image	Qty	Total Cost
Woollacott House Flag	\$40.00			

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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HOW I BECAME A WOOLLACOTT OWNER

It was Friday night ferry ride from Auckland across the harbour to Devonport. Robyn and I bumped into a long time friend of mine Steve Hinton. Steve was on his way home from a days sailing with sail NZ. We had been to the city for dinner.

Steve and I were in business at Belmont during the 80's and 90's. Steve was the local butcher I had the shop next door a fruit shop which it still is today. Both shops complimented each other and Steve and I got on well. At this stage Steve owned a 25ft Bilge keeler I had a 12ft ply Heron which I mainly used at our local Narrow Neck beach to take my young family for a sail.

I was always keen to look at something bigger and after quite a long time I eventually bought a trailer-sailor. 'Hello Dolly' which was a Sabre 20.

I struggled erecting the mast and received a lot of pressure from my family to get a mooring. Now this is where Steve came in.

On that ferry ride

Robyn asked Steve if he knew of any moorings around the Devonport location. He questioned us a bit as to our sailing requirements. By the time the ferry berthed at Devonport he had convinced me that a larger vessel needed to be looked at. He had a lot to say of a boat that was on her cradle at the NYC. He outlined the great history of this boat and I became very



interested. We arranged to meet the next day and this is when I first meet Truant a delightful 28 ft Woollacott. Steve continued his talk of Truant and with his enthusiasm I became even more interested. By the time he had finished I was convinced that I wanted to be part of this little beauty. For me this seemed a huge step but it was

made a lot easier when Steve said he would enter into a 50/50 partnership. This was great for me but I'm not so sure it was all that great for Steve. A few mishaps were about to happen. Nothing too drastic the worst when I didn't put the bung back in Steve's inflatable after



I used it to check on Truant one day. I believe it wasn't a pretty sight next time it was used by Steve. Balancing a computer on his knee with large amounts of the Waitemata coming in and in full view of the clubhouse, I'm sure my name would have been mud. Eventually I purchased Steve's share of Truant. A lot less stressful for me and I'm pretty sure for Steve too.



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HOW I BECAME A WOOLLACOTT OWNER Cont

Truant was designed and built by John Woollacott (Pat John's wife was a customer at our shops) on the front lawn of the family home at 18 Wairoa rd.

Wairoa rd is where we live and immediately I felt a bond with this boat. As a 10 year old I would have biked past Truant's construction on my way to soccer practice from my family home at Belmont. Little would I have then that one day I would be the owner. (in life you never know what is around the corner in this case 49 years of corners) With the purchase of Truant I joined the DYC and then the newly formed Woollacott association. I have really enjoyed the friendships and light hearted rivalry during cruising races that we have. Nothing too seri-



ous except for the Woollacott cup (no not even this) just lots of

fun. At the end of the day we meet and drink as friends.

Now back to Steve. I think that he must have regretted selling his share in Truant because one day he rang me to tell me about a another Truant design boat that he found on tradeMe. Along with Martin Foster the three of us went up to Warkworth to have a look at Traipser.



Both boats now moor at Torpedo Bay a great sight if you are a Wool-lacotter. One day I would like to set up a match racing series with the two boats. They are very even now that Steve has made some very technical modifications to Traipser. Removing the fridge and sharpening the front of the keel to

name a couple. Steve says "wait there is more."

Truant has had some very capable sailors as owners over the years. She was the Woollacott family boat for the first 7 years and then Martin Foster owned her for 31 years. Martin circumnavigating NZ in 1972/73. I am amazed at how well know Truant is. Often when I'm asked what boat I own I get the reply yes they know of her. Truant is a lovely boat to sail. She is beautifully balanced and is very forgiving. Well suited to the experienced and not so experienced sailor. At the moment she is on the cradle for winter maintenance which this year includes an interior spruce-up.

The usual exterior touch-ups and then she will be ready to slip back into the Waitemata for another season of cruising the Hauraki Gulf and racing out of the DYC.

Bill Rimmer.
Truant Owner.



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Results of On-line Survey

1	Would you be interested in regular meetings/dinner get together's at the Devon-	65%
2	For what reason do you belong to the Woollacott Association ? - Racing - Cruising - Keeping in touch with others/sharing information - other	Cruising and sharing information
3	Part 1 What would you consider to be your favourite location/s for a cruise destination? Part 2	Ponui Kawau
4	What would you consider to be your favourite location/s for a race destination? Part 3 What would you consider to be your favourite location/s for an overnight venue?	Rakino Ow- hanake Maha- rangi Harbour Pacific Ocean Akl-Suv Great Barrier Bay of
5	Would you be interested in participating in a Cake Day / Picnic?	88%
6	Would you consider inviting non boat owners away with you for an activity ?	100%
7	Would you be interested in events that were accessible by car/ferry to cater for non-boat	90%
8	Would you be interested in participating in races using Extra's?	50%
9	Would you be interested in participating in a long duration rally. (e.g. to the Barrier with the	50%
10	Would you be interested participating in a CYA (Classic Yacht Association) event nominated by	100%

Looking for a good home

Gerard owns a 30 ft Woollacott yacht named Selena, built by Lanes in Auckland in 1959 of Kauri carvel. I purchased it a few years ago as a restoration project but have actually had very little spare time to devote to working on it.

Around 9 months ago I was diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma and subsequently spent 4 months away from home in Auckland receiving chemotherapy. To come to the point I no longer have the inclination (or health) to complete the project. It has rather

attractive lines and would respond well to restoration. I live in Tutukaka and it is on a berth at the marina here.

I thought I would just send you an email to let you know and ask if you may know of anyone looking for such a project.

If you could offer any suggestions I would be most grateful.

Regards
Gerard Skerten
Phone: (09)4344060

Has spinnaker and pole, mainsail is OK, will need holding tank fitted. Does have a inboard engine fitted, which has not been run for a while.



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Restoration Project

Brendon here, my partners father (Norm) has a Bert Woollacott "sheryl" design boat that has been out of the water for a good 10 years or more. Norm has recently passed away and asked before his passing if I could find anyone that would be keen to purchase the boat and ideally restore it to its former glory.

Here are few details, the hull was built by Alan Wright up to the point of the first deck layer having been laid. I believe that was done in the Thames area and the boat was then purchased by Norm and transported to 3 Kings in Auckland before heading to Taupo

The construction is of Thames sourced Kauri which was milled from a full log in Ngatea. Australian Spotted gum was used for the ribs.

It has a 2800 LWT Lead Keel (cast in Taupo in Norms backyard way back

when you could do that sort of thing.

She has a 3.6 bow sprit
30ft hoist main sail

Powered by a Ford 10 Engine with a variable pitch prop

What needs to done (as far as I am aware)

The boat does need a new cabin roof

Mast needs straightening (mast was made by Ray Wilcox in Auckland?)

Sails are cotton so not sure of their state of repair although they have been stored in Norms garage all this time.

General repaint and restore.

The hull etc are as good as the day it was built I am told. Oh and it has only ever been in Lake Taupo.

I can provide further details if you think you can help find a good home for this magnificent boat.

If a good home cant be found I will probably look at restoring it myself over the next few years as we don't want to see it go to scrap.

Any questions feel free to give me a call

Regards

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A wonderful photograph of Shimmer