



# The Woollacott Association NEWSLETTER

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## **Mission Statement**

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



## **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 send or voice your suggestions. We are hosting a gathering for Woollacott members at the Devonport Yacht Club on Thursday, 12 November from 1830 (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.

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 and allow a range of boat building/engineering skills to be learnt.

Ideally a suitable storage location(s) is required to enable boats to be stored until there are enough funds and structure in place to enable work to be undertaken, accepting this may take a number of years and not all boats are able to be saved.

- Thoughts on obtaining funds - yes, the tough part and key
  - o Apply for funds through grants etc.
  - o Use facilities such as the Claystore in Devonport where John Woollacott was one of the foundation members.
  - 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 key races that make up the Woollacott Series, in conjunction with DYC and a low key cruising weekend away (Waitangi weekend) The DYC Duder Cup Regatta has a division for the Woollacott cup. Here is the current sailing calendar:

## ***Woollacott Sailing Calendar***

|                           |                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 29 October 2026  | Skippers Brief at the DYC - 1900                                                                      |
| Saturday 12 December 2026 | Peter Blake Race to Oneroa (Race 1 in Woollacott Series - Rangitoto Trophy) and Beach BBQ with DYC.   |
| Friday 29 January 2027    | Mahurangi Night Race (Race 2 in Woollacott Series - Moonlight Trophy) in conjunction with the DYC/CYA |
| Saturday 30 January 2027  | Mahurangi Regatta (Lady Pat Trophy)                                                                   |
| Friday 6 February 2027    | Waitangi Weekend Gulf Cruise (Details TBC)                                                            |
| Saturday 13 February 2017 | DYC Duder Cup Regatta (Woollacott Cup)                                                                |
| Saturday 27 February 2027 | Ladies Helm/ Rocky Bay Race (Race 3 in Woollacott Series - Wooden Trophy) and Rocky Bay Ball with DYC |
| Saturday 24 April 2027    | Woody Bay Race (Race 4 in the Woollacott Series - Woollacott Logo Trophy) and Beach BBQ with DYC      |
| Saturday 5 June 2027      | Prizegiving Night at the DYC - 1830                                                                   |
| Date TBC                  | Woollacott Association AGM at the DYC                                                                 |

## ***Your Committee***

Chair and Treasurer - Mike Strong (ladybird334@xtra.co.nz)  
Membership - Chris Leech (dds@kcbbs.gen.nz)  
Secretary - Sally Teesdale (sazoriginals@hotmail.com)  
Patron and General Committee - Dot Woollacott ([dottynz@gmail.com](mailto:dottynz@gmail.com))

## ***Up coming Event***

Save the date - come and meet other Woollacott members on Thursday, 12 November at 1830 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***

Subscriptions for the year has been set at \$25, Invoices will be sent out soon. The annual invoices will be sent out via eMail shortly, however if you do not have an eMail address then send contact details to Woollacott Membership at dds@kcbbs.gen.nz.

Application form. Follow this link:

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