

South Island Trailer Yacht Championships

The 2007, NZTYA South Island Trailer Yacht Championships were hosted by Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron over Easter weekend and sailed at Naval Point Yacht Club on Lyttleton Harbour.

The weather for Saturday was wet and calm making for testing sail conditions due to lack of wind. Most of the 9 boats in Division 1 managed to complete the course within the time limit and 5 races over the two days of the Championship were completed by this division. Division 3 did not fair quite so well with only 3 races being completed, with many DNF's owing to lack of wind.

Sunday saw the boats on the water at 9.15, but a lack of wind saw many boats sitting in one spot waiting for the R.O. to start the racing. Racing started at 1.30pm as a nice north east breeze of 5 knots sprung up and continued to increase to 15 knots which resulted in some very close racing.

Compliments must go to David Munro for his organizing of the event and to Graham Moffat for awarding the prizes and in the manner in which he welcomed the competitors. Our Club is very fortunate in the quality of the members running the club. Ken Camp and Ross May have both done a sterling job behind the scenes, especially Ken who worked quietly away and just got on with the job. To Phil Folter and his team of Wayne and Cicelia Nolan, many thanks for a well run two days of sailing. The results which were on the laptop computer, finished, ready for printing in the race office by the time the Committee boat arrived back at the landing, surely a time record for the number of boats involved in the competition. It was a pleasant surprise that prize giving could commence so soon after the completion of racing. This was not lost on competing boat crews with several skippers complimenting the Naval Point Yacht Club for this wonderful effort.

The Club Caterers provided a wonderful meal on Saturday night, it was enjoyed by all.

After dinner, Moff's four piece band arrived and created a good laugh (you'll have to ask Moff for further details). Alex Bruce (Otago), skipper of Charade, thanked all the Noelex 22s that turned up and remarked how pleasant it was to have some very close racing with similar boats – something they do not enjoy in Dunedin.

The boats from outside Canterbury were very impressed with our slide show of boats on the water. Ken has been asked for several copies as some skippers remarked that they have difficulty getting photos of their boats on the water. Thanks must go to Mark Quail who took the on water photos.

Finally but most importantly thanks to our sponsors: Castle Hill Furniture Company Ltd, Tissiman Marine Maintenance Ltd, Davie Morris Boat-Builders Ltd, Oborns Nautical and Trail Com Ltd.

Results.

Division 1.

Elliot Ness	Elliot 7	Matt Hunter	Wakatipu Yacht Club	1 st
Springloaded	Eagle 8	Darryl Pender	Naval Point Yacht Club	2 nd
Flat Tack	Ross 780	Roger Allen	Naval Point Yacht Club	3 rd

Division 2

Aquasition	Gazelle Mk 2	John Begg	Naval Point Yacht Club	1 st
Outnumbered	Noelex 25	Nick Coultas	Naval Point Yacht Club	2 nd

Division 3

Charade	Noelex 22	Alex Bruce	Otago Trailer Yacht Sqd	1 st
Piracy	Noelex 22	Vince Williams	Naval Point Yacht Club	2 nd
Cannon Ball	Noelex 22	Ken Camp	Naval Point Yacht Club	3 rd

Out thanks to Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron and Naval Point Yacht Club for hosting these very successful Championships.