



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2013

Chairman's report

It's been a very successful year for the Wellington Classic Yacht Trust – most prominently the relaunching and sailing of our yacht *Lizzie*. Many said it couldn't be done! She was named Royal Port Nicholson's Yacht Club's yacht of the year.

We have also been registered as a Charitable Trust, thanks to the hard work and tenacity of Jeremy Upson of Chapman Tripp.

We've been active in education by doing collections appraisal work for the Wellington Museum of City and Sea and the Wellington Ocean Sports Centre.

Interest in classic yachts has grown with our increased visibility in the media and wider community - greatly helped by Phillipa Durkin's exploits with *Loloma* (cover girl for the RPNYC almanac), This aspect of Wellington's social history is a growing passion amongst Wellingtonians. We have had a fair degree of contact with family historians, which has been very helpful in our research and collection of images and stories.

We have strengthened relationships with different clubs and organisation in New Zealand and around the world. I have been approached by the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boating Club to put together a centennial history for them; we already have close ties with the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, the Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand, and the globally renowned Woodenboat. We also have good links with the Alexander Turnbull Library and Wellington Museum of City and Sea. Classics are also well catered for in sailing with the newly-formed Cook Strait Sailing Club, which we have supported the best we can in encouraging entries to their events.

The Trust has acquired two new vessels during the period reported on: *Mahoe* and a coastal work boat. Both restorations are in hand. We have a growing collection of artefacts and resources, donated from individuals and organisations. It is growing into a good resource.

All of this bodes well for the future of the Wellington Classic Yacht Trust. As I write this, the glorious *Atalanta* is on the hard at Evans Bay, soon to hit the water. This means that our fleet has within three years reached the target of our five year strategic plan. We have good prospects for acquiring premises at Clyde Quay in the near future. Therefore it remains to consolidate and think clearly about developing the structure of the Trust over the next two years, to enable us to build stronger revenue streams and relationships with funding providers and the Wellington City Council, to deliver on other aspects of the plan.

Gavin Pascoe

Chairman Wellington Classic Yacht Trust

About Wellington Classic Yacht Trust:

The Trust was created in August 2010 in response to the risk of destruction of the historic Wellington yacht *Lizzie* after her abandonment in Auckland. A trust document was drawn up and signed by Trustees.

WCYT is a charitable trust formed in 2010 dedicated to the preservation, restoration and above all, sailing of small vessels with a significant history to Wellington and the region.

We exist to share our passion for the history of these vessels and the sport of yachting with the wider community; and encourage ownership and use of such vessels to ensure their continued useful existence.

<http://www.wcyt.org.nz>

<http://www.facebook.com/wgtnclassic>

<http://wgtnclassicyacht.blogspot.co.nz>

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Collection

Gary Nimmo: Half model of *Wylo*

Phil Noble: Framed photographs which belonged to Hugh Herd and a collection of books

Gavin Pascoe : Early issues of *Sea Spray*

Geoff Sands collection of blocks and canvas sail which belonged to his father in the 1920s and 30s.

Karen and Peter Vause : Pond yacht *Awatea*

Wellington Museum of City and Sea : Early issues of *The Rudder*, *Yachting Monthly*, and yachting related books and catalogues

Professional advice and information sharing in yachting history, boatbuilding and restoration techniques

Bruce Askew

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WCYT activities and milestones over the year 01 July 2012 - 30 June 2013

Lizzie relaunched – first sailed March 2013. She is at present racing with the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club and Cook Strait Sailing Club fleets

Lizzie named Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club's Boat of the year

Acquisition of *Mahoe*

Acquisition of workboat – donated by Nic Bonnette

Negotiations for *Atalanta* kept open

Began publishing articles on Wellington's yachting history online

Became registered as a New Zealand Charitable Trust

Partnered with Wellington Ocean Sports in running traditional ropework course

Work for City and Sea – Collection appraisal of yacht designs by Archie Scott

Brokered free digitisation of images of Wellington yachting ca. 1910-1915 in the Museum of City and Sea collections on Alexander Turnbull Library equipment