



# WELLINGTON CLASSIC YACHT TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2015



## Chairman's report

It has been another good year for our Trust with continued racing success for *Lizzie* who achieved handicap wins in the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Windward Classic and Classic Championship series sailed over the Spring to Autumn seasons of 2014-15. By the end of our reporting period *Lizzie* had achieved handicap wins in the first two of five races in the Royal Port Nicholson Bud Nalder Classics Winter Series.

Our nautical real estate is gradually growing, with Clyde Quay moorings for *Lizzie* and *Atalanta*, a dinghy locker, and a boat shed that we expect to take possession of in August or September 2015.

Of course these growing commitments call for a growth in income. We are pursuing a number of strategies to achieve that. One that we put in place in October 2014 was a quarterly Journal with an annual subscription of \$30. By the end of the reporting period we had 23 subscriptions and we expect that to grow because new subscriptions usually follow the release of each new issue of the Journal. In addition, Gavin Pascoe made two models of Alexander Turnbull's yacht *Rona* to sell at the National Library shop to raise further funds, and both sold quickly for \$250 each.

We have devoted significant effort to finding somewhere to put *Atalanta* ashore so she can be worked on comfortably. We are in conversation with the Wellington City Council about using the old Clyde Quay slipway and await an engineer's report on its fitness to take *Atalanta*. In the meantime, we have carried out limited work on her deck and cabin in preparation for the more determined work to be carried out when she is ashore. Presently, she is moored at number one mooring, Clyde Quay.

*Lizzie* now has a new mainsail and jib funded by the Wellington Community Trust and made by Seaview sails. *Lizzie* also won \$1000 worth of sail work by Bud Nalder for her handicap win in the 2014 Winter Classic series. Bud is presently making a smaller working headsail for her.

Aside from racing, David Fisher has carried out a lot of work around *Lizzie's* companion way and interior, fitting heavier timber around the drop board channels and considerably tidying up the house interior in preparation for clear finishing the sapelle mahogany. *Lizzie's* mooring chains and blocks have also been lifted and inspected and several worn sections of chain replaced.

Through Gavin Pascoe, the Trust has contributed to work on re-housing the archive of the Royal Port Nicholson archive at the National Library. Documents that Gavin has scanned include committee books from 1891 to 1956. These and other documents have been added to a redesigned resources page on the Trust's website (see more about this on the next page).

During the year Trust members provided support to the production of the Descent from Disaster documentary episode about the 1951 Wellington to Lyttelton yacht race. In December 2014 *Lizzie* took part in filming a story about bohemian painter, James Nairn, who painted many well-known paintings of Wellington harbour. This was for a new time machine experience at the Museum of Wellington City and Sea. The Trust facilitated the participation of two other Wellington classic yachts, *Thelma* and *Loloma*.

For the third year running, in November we arranged the use of dinghies for Onslow College students to practise their confidence and skills for the Get2Go programme.

We look forward to reporting more achievements in a year's time.

Peter King

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>

### **Trust website resources page**

This page has recently been enhanced to provide access to a growing resource of historical documents and photographs about yachting in Wellington. Current contents include:

- RPNYC minute books for 1891-1951
- RPNYC club rules and regatta programmes for 1883-1924
- Thorndon yacht club annual rules and correspondence for 1897-1912
- Te Aro Sailing Club Club minute book for 1906-1915
- Spreadsheet of all yacht, centreboarders and launches officially registered with RPNYC 1883-1961
- Hundreds of photographs added, and all reorganised.

### **Acknowledgements**

Wellington Classic Yacht Trust acknowledges and thanks the following people and organisations for their support during the 12 months to 30 June 2015:

#### **Support for competitive classic yachting**

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club for its enthusiastic support and organisation of classics racing events throughout the sailing year.

Bud Nalder of Nalder Classic Sails for support of the Classics Winter Series events by providing a range of prizes including \$1,000 worth of sail work.

#### **Professional and specialist services sponsors and donors**

##### Free products and services:

Wilson Underwater Services Ltd

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##### Discounted products and services:

Barton Marine

#### **Facilities**

Ben Amor

John Creser

Phillipa Durkin

Kat Monien  
Gavin Pascoe  
Peter King  
Michael Hollings  
Milan Mogin

### **Vessel donations**

Seacup, a P-Class built ca 1950 (or earlier) by Denis Maddever. Seacup was registered to his father Jack Maddever.

### **Fiscal donations**

Andy Kerr	Gareth Greton	Lawrie Stewart
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**Professional advice and information sharing in yachting history, boatbuilding and restoration techniques**

Bruce Askew  
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Matt Price

**WCYT activities and milestones over the year 01 July 2014 - 30 June 2015**

*Lizzie* winner of:  
RPNYC Windward Classics series  
RPNYC Classic Championship series  
RPNYC and Moore Wilson Winter Classics series.

Confirmation of a lease for boat shed number 1.  
Providing classic yachts to feature in two historical documentary programmes.