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SAILING COMMITTEE			
Malcolm Thomas	Bob Kempster	Brian King	Allister Leask

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE!!

At the AGM the treasurer proposed there be no change to the Annual Subscriptions.

Full memberships subscriptions are \$40.00

Associate Members subscriptions are \$20.00

Junior Members subscriptions are \$20.00

Subs are due by the close of the August Club Night but late payment will be accepted.

Subs can be sent to the Secretary at the club address or in person to the Treasurer on club nights.

Regards  
The Editor





Brian King brought in his Air Boat (Batman driving) and had the plans he has obtained of a Hydro Foil craft which he told us he was hopefully going to build.

David Bowyer has installed his sound system in his Fast Patrol Craft. The gun fire is coordinated with the muzzle flash from the forward gun. Next the propeller shafts need realignment as the angle at present is pushing the bow down when under way



Peter Cusdin is back building again. His present project in the Billings kitset Slo Motion. Peter has found there are some bits of the kit that are in need of alteration and some that are missing altogether!!

Louis Liu visited the club with a yacht he got of Trade Me for \$20. Louis was looking for advice as to how he could put sails on his yacht. The hull is very heavy having been made from 10 to 12 mm timber. He did get some advice and hopefully will be able to sort his yacht.





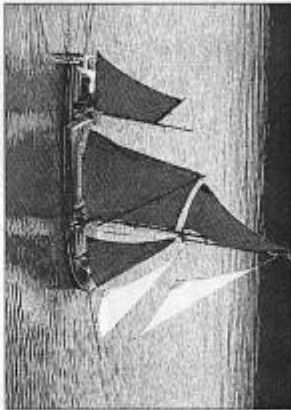
*A life centered around boats*  
**Syd (and the yachts of) Beresford**

**Auckland, Syd Beresford's life has been an interesting one, and the scale models he has built and which he sails today, are but a part of a life associated with the sea and sailing.**

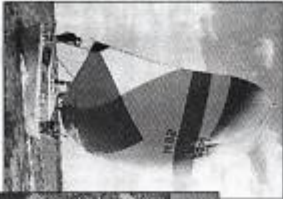
He was always keen on yachts, as a youth building a model of an Alden ketch, another of a full-rigged ship, which he sailed in the sea or wherever there was a suitable pond. Then from being asked to crew aboard an 18', in 1941 he bought a Frostbite sailing dinghy which he sailed for 13 years.

An ARROW centrepboard followed which he raced with the Howick Sailing Club where he was Commodore in the sixties. Seven years after experiencing some ocean racing aboard the John Spencer designed *Sirius* (including crossing the Tasman sea for a Sydney to Hobart race, and two ocean races to Noumea) Syd and his wife Ernestine had boatbuilder John Cladden build a stretched 37' Spencer for them. He had worked for

forty years in a Pharmacy, thirty with his own business in the east Auckland suburb of Howick, and the apply named *Alchemist* (seen left below) was to provide them with 17 years great family cruising. He describes her as a 'Kindly boat which Ernestine and I could easily handle after the family had left home'. A keen member of the Scale Marine

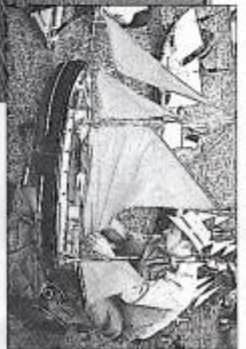
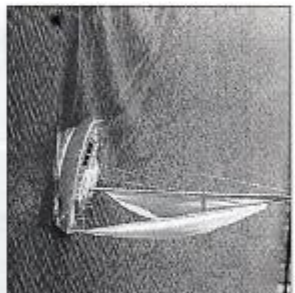


Modellers, Syd's boats including the Thames Barge seen above (scratch built, solid base and sides, bread & butter ends) and the Stewart 34 seen with Syd (below) are two of his fleet. The latter's name is interesting.



Called *Parking lot*, she was built on a plug from an old hull which a club member had abandoned in a city carpark.

There is also the smaller *Nova* (seen on Page 17) based on an Alan Wright designed bilge keel 28.5 footer, and his latest - a thirty seven and a half inch model of the schooner *Argus* has now been launched.



Syd says he did not start serious modelling until nearly seventy, "As a chemist I could still count tablets with the best in the business, but my ability with tools leaves a lot to be desired". (You would not believe it looking at his models - Ed)



This will appeal to my friend Roy Lake) who was a Champion racing cyclist back in time in Britain: "In a bicycle Vs yacht race from Portsmouth to Newcastle, the cyclist won handsomely, as the yacht, detained at Folkestone, was unable to proceed any further due to a headwind 'Yachting World 28 May 1896.



then you will also believe in Santa Claus. The pic was taken by NZ's Alan Hayes (get duck)!

The first ever DUCK CAM, truly a superb shot of a V2 one metre taken by a duck who failed to 'duck' and had to be carried to the vet for 'camera removal' surgery! If you believe that

Ian Sharpe in the UK, seen at left rigging Steelaway, his model of a modern steel built yacht. Ian is well known as a designer and builder of a range of models.

By David Binkhorn

Thought you might like to know: A 90% renewal by readers whose subs were due end December, indicates a loss of 19 readers. Thanks however to all who have renewed - and to the generosity of several of you, WW will be able to survive for another (it's fourth) year. Some of those defaulting may still renew before mailout, but in the future I can't send out additional printed reminders, as it all costs money.

**'I adore the simple pleasures - they are the last refuge of the complex'**

A circuitous route taken. Via my Australian friend and reader Barry Gibson (who keeps me fed with interesting model yacht stuff off the internet) and largely due to another friend, Earl Boebert of the U.S Vintage Model Yacht Group in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I have observed my classic ketch *Marigold* - 'in living colour' as it's said, on the internet. The USVMYG is doing wonderful things for model yachting.

You can check them out on <http://www.swcp.com/usvmg>

## CLUB NIGHT

Wednesday the 14th of June 2017

Meeting chaired by Vice President Bob Kempster.

MEMBERS PRESENT. 18

APPOLIGIES. Dennis Lake. Alister Leask

VISITORS.

Louis Liu visited the club and was looking for advice on a yacht he has purchased.

NEW MEMBERS

No new members.

NOTICES and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Elm Wood Village has asked us to put on a display for the residents on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at 10.30am. Four members put up their hands to go.

Taupo Expo is on the 15/16<sup>th</sup> of July. Four members are going down for this weekend.

GENERAL BUSSINESS.

The chair gave the meeting a report on the recent Boat Show and Model X shows we have attended.

The Secretary asked for expressions of interest from members for a Tuesday club to tidy up the pool once a month. The day would be the first Tuesday of each month. If you are going to help, bring a boat and your morning tea.

SAILING COMMITTEE

June Sailday is on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The usual events, Naval and Mercantile steering and Tug Towing

GUEST SPEAKER

No Guest Speaker This Month.

FROM THE BOAT TABLE

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Duty Committee Member for July Ian Donald

Duty Committee Member for August Alister Leask

Duty Committee Member for September Committee

THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SCALE MARINE MODELLERS INC,  
HELD IN THE ASME CLUBROOMS, PANMURE, ON WEDNESDAY the 14th of June 2017

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Meeting Chaired by, Vice President Bob Kempster

PRESENT, Bob Kempster, Ian Donald, Jerry Payne, Nick Basson  
Malcolm Thomas, Brian King, Dave Bowyer, Graham Macferson

APOLOGIES. Alistir Leask

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 were circulated and taken as read.

Proposed by, Bob Kempster Seconded by David Bowyer.

All

Agreed

MATTERS ARISING;

The missing library book Model Boats 2013. Monty Jones has agreed to pay for the binding, the secretary has donated his copies of the magazines for Model Boats 2013.

Proposed David Bowyer and Seconded by Graham Macferson.

NEW MEMBERS;

No new members

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary presented the correspondence for June

Proposed by Malcolm Thomas and Second by Brian King.

All Agreed

TREASURERS REPORT;

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet for May

Proposed by Jerry Payne and Seconded by David Bowyer.

All Agreed

SAILING COMMITTEE;

Weather Permitting the June Sailday will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> Events, Mercantile Steering  
Naval Steering and Tug Towing.

GENERAL BUSINESS;

Malcolm Thomas proposed the club should renew the shop place mats as the present ones are now  
very old.

Proposed by Malcolm Thomas seconded by Ian Donald

All Agreed

Ian Donald Proposed the committee send a bouquet of flowers and card to Mrs Leask who has been  
very ill of late.

Proposed by Ian Donald seconded by Malcolm Thomas

All Agreed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

THE NEXT DUTY COMMITTEE MEMBER;

For July is Ian Donald.

For August is Alister Leask

For September is Committee

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

## The answer to the eternal question "is it better to be a jock or a nerd?"

\$ Michael Jordan having "retired," with \$40 million in endorsements, he makes \$178,100 a day, working or not.

\$ If he sleeps 7 hours a night, he makes \$52,000 every night while visions of sugarplums dance in his head.

\$ If he goes to see a movie, it'll cost him \$7.00, but he'll make \$18,550 while he's there.

\$ If he decides to have a 5 minute egg, he'll make \$618 while boiling it.

\$ He makes \$7,415/hr more than minimum wage.

\$ He'll make \$3,710 while watching each episode of Friends.

\$ If he wanted to save up for a new Acura NSX (\$90,000) it would take him a whole 12 hours.

\$ If someone were to hand him his salary and endorsement money, they would have to do it at the rate of \$2.00 every second.

\$ He'll probably pay around \$200 for a nice round of golf, but will be reimbursed \$33,390 for that round.

\$ Assuming he puts the federal maximum of 15% of his income into a tax deferred account (401 k), his contributions will hit the federal cap of \$9500 at 8:30 a. m. on January 1st.

\$ If you were given a penny for every 10 dollars he made, you'd be living comfortably at \$65,000 a year.

\$ He'll make about \$19.60 while watching the 100 meter dash in the Olympics, and about \$15,600 during the Boston Marathon.

\$ While the common person is spending about \$20 for a meal in his trendy Chicago restaurant, he'll pull in about \$5600.

\$ This year, he'll make more than twice as much as all U.S. past presidents for all of their terms combined.

Amazing isn't it? However...

\$ If Jordan saves 100% of his income for the next 450 years, he'll still have less than Bill Gates has today.

\$\$\$ Game over. Nerd wins.

## Help Wanted....

Scale Marine Modellers are looking for persons of interest to form a pool improvement group.

Should you find your self in need of some exercise on the first Tuesday of each month... (weather permitting), and you are a dab hand at weed extraction, and other gardening activities, the place to be seen is the club pool between 9.30am and midday.

Apart from assorted gardening implements you should bring morning tea, a model to sail and a chair upon which to park your creaking old carcass at the end of your enthralling and fulfilling efforts while you contemplate the world at large.

PS There will be other old carcasses will be there to provide some meaningless conversation to help you pass the time.

# CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>July</b>	Sunday 2nd	Yachts
	Wednesday 13th	Club Night and Committee Meeting
	Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th	<b>Taupo Model Expo</b>
	Sunday 23rd	Sailday
<b>August</b>	Sunday 6th	Yachts
	Wednesday 9th	Club Night and Committee Meeting
	Sunday 20th	Sailday
<b>September</b>	Sunday 3rd	Yachts
	Wednesday 14th	Club Night and Committee Meeting

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### Boat Roster

When you are Roistered on for Public Boat duty, it is your responsibility to organize a replacement or swap if you can not do your roistered duty and to contact the Duty Committee Member to inform him if you are unable to do the duty and with whom you have swapped duty.

<b>July</b>	2nd	Ian Donald	Graham Doggett
	9th	Jerry Payne	Michael Barron
	30th	David Bowyer	Dennis Christopher
<b>August</b>	6th	Alister Leask	Eldon Crombie
	13th	Nick Basson	Mark Goddard
	27th	Bob Kempster	Garry Hamlin
<b>September</b>	3th	Malcolm Thomas	Monty Jones
	10th	Ian Donald	John Lucas