



OKDIA NEWSLETTER

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From the Secretary

KEY DATES

2012

Spring Cup – Medemblik Holland

Sailing dates: 4 – 6th May

Kieler Woche

Regatta Dates: 16 -24th June

OK Dinghy World Championship – Vallensbæk Denmark

Pre-Worlds regatta: 14 – 15th July at Hvidovre (the week after Warnemunde Week)

World Championship: Measurement and registration Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd July

Practice race Monday 23rd July

World Championship regatta: Tuesday 24th - Saturday 28th July

As it is the 50th World Championship the meeting will be an Open Championship, with numbers not restricted to 80 competitors. All are welcome!

2013

OK Dinghy World Championship at Royal Varuna Yacht Club Thailand

Dates: 26th March 2013 to 5th April 2013. Website: www.varuna.org

Please look at this website <http://www.thaicatregatta.org> for information about the area and accommodation ideas.

OK Dinghy European Championship at Carnac in France

Dates: 22nd -26th July 2013.

2014

OK Dinghy European Championship in Steinhuder Meer, near Hanover

The event will be held in July on a very large lake.

OK Dinghy World Championship – Melbourne, Australia

Nationals 26 – 28th December, Worlds commencing on 30th December

2011-2012 NZOK Tour – Rum Bucket Championship

By Bob Smith of B.S. Sports Publishing



Brad Douglas of Wakatere Boating Club, Auckland

The first event of the 2011-2012 NZOK Tour was the third annual Rum Bucket Championship, which took place over Labour Weekend at Wakatere Boating Club in Auckland. With the Rugby World Cup final between New Zealand and France scheduled to take place on Sunday evening following the conclusion of the Rum Bucket, there was also much to be fought for in the waters of the Rangitoto Channel. Like the All Blacks, the Auckland sailors had a monkey which needed removing from their backs: both previous Rum Buckets had been won by a sailor from Worsler Bay Boating Club in Wellington. Would a home sailor finally win the Bucket?

With forecasts of 25 knots and more for the first days sailing, the “1 Ton Club” (sailors over 100kg) were all smiles at the briefing. Luckily the forecasters were wrong (again) and, while there was the odd gust in excess of 20 knots, the majority of the racing took place in 12 - 15 knots. The program was for 5 short races per day and the shifty conditions meant that a good start and hitting the first shift correctly were all important.

Wellington’s Paul Rhodes got off to a good start with 2 first places, 2 seconds and a 7th for the first day. Hot on his heels was Wakatere sailor Brad Douglas with a 3, 2, 6, 1, 1 scorecard. Brad was a newcomer to the OK class in 2009 and, after winning the OK Interdominions in Melbourne this year he is now campaigning a Finn (as a trainer for the OK, of course). Defending Rum Bucket champion Luke O’Connell from Worser Bay lay in 3rd after a string of top 4 results, while Russ Wood won the other race of the day, clearly happy in the breezy conditions, and Mark Perrow rounded out the top 5. So, after Day 1, with Wellington sailors in 1st and 3rd, Team Wakatere was in danger of yet another heartbreak at the hands of the ever-consistent Worser Bay.

The wind was lighter on the Sunday and with larger shifts. Alistair Deaves from Wakatere won the first race in diabolical conditions, with Brad Douglas and Luke O’Connell each winning 2 of the remaining 4 races.

After 10 races, Douglas had done enough to take the Bucket by a 4 point margin from O’Connell, and claim an historic victory for Auckland. Rhodes suffered in the lighter conditions (usually a strength of his) to drop to third, while Ben Morrison did enough on Day 2 to climb to 4th, with Mark Perrow holding on to 5th.

Highlights of the weekend were undoubtedly watching Ben Morrison sail around a gate mark the wrong way while leading a race, watching the J Class yacht Endeavour undergoing sea trials, the huge ham cooked by team Douglas - and of course that rugby match, which led to wild celebrations by the whole fleet which lasted most of the night.

The Aucklanders would say that all is right with the world again – the Rugby World Cup is in the hands of the All Blacks, and the Rum Bucket stays in Auckland – at least until next year.

Wakatere Boating Club should be congratulated for another excellent event, smoothly run by that smoothest of race officers Dean Coleman. The next event on the NZOK Tour is the world famous International Turangi Open, always a favourite event.

Results

Place	Name	Sail No.	Total Points	Net Points
1	Brad Douglas (Wakatere)	NZL539	28	22
2	Luke O’Connell (WBBC)	NZL511	47	26
3	Paul Rhodes (WBBC)	NZL517	41	31
4	Ben Morrison (Wakatere)	NZL530	68	47
5	Mark Perrow (Wakatere)	NZL476	65	52
6	Russell Page-Wood (Wakatere)	NZL526	64	53
7	Alistair Deaves (Wakatere)	NZL542	82	61
8	Joe Porebski (WBBC)	NZL523	76	63
9	Hamish Fenwick (WBBC)	NZL500	86	73
10	Dan Bush (Wakatere)	NZL478	95	81
11	Mike Wilde (WBBC)	NZL535	114	93
12	Adrian Coulthard (NSC)	NZL531	109	95
13	Marty Pike (NSC)	NZL536	126	110
14	Michael Morrison (Wakatere)	NZL501	141	125
15	Brett Graham (Wakatere)	RSA32	160	139
16	Miles Addy (Wakatere)	NZL482	163	142
17	Ed Goody (NSC)	NZL528	172	151
18	Nigel Comber (Wakatere)	NZL7	179	158
19	Graham Arcus (Wakatere)	NZL372	187	166

OUR KIT BOAT WAS LAUNCHED AT WANGI ON SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 2011

Since our last update on the kit OK from May, 2011 we have been sorting out a rig for the boat. Peter Wallace donated a couple of his Linton sails and his old C-Tech carbon mast that he managed to drop off the car roof and then have it run over by a truck. Our attempts to have this mast fixed to a satisfactory serviceable level were not successful. When our container returned from the Scotland Worlds I decided to have my carbon mast fitted to the boat so that we could have the boat officially measured, registered and get sailing as soon as possible in our 2011/12 sailing season. Tim Davies delivered the mast back from Melbourne for us and then his brother, Gareth Wells, offered to finalise the rigging by fitting my mast to the boat. Tim then completed his measuring and organised our registration for "True Blue", AUS 751 with Yachting Australia.



Builder, Benefactor and Commodore with AUS751

The rig will be well suited to our lighter junior sailors as one of Penguin's donated Lynton sails looks quite good on my reasonably soft C-Tech carbon mast. The boat was very responsive to windward and seemed to have good pace downwind. Conditions were variable on both days but sailing in close company with Tim, Gareth and Eddie on Saturday and also with Cracker, Robbo and Penguin on Sunday showed that "True Blue" was competitive in our fleet.

On Saturday, 19 November we launched "True Blue" at the Wangi RSLASC. The club Commodore, Les McAllister, an old OK sailor himself and the Rear Commodore, Graham Parker attended for the occasion. Our builder, Col Lynch, only recently returned home from hospital was also able to be there together with Eddie O'Donnell our association President and other members of the International OK Association of NSW. Jan Tyler as joint benefactor of the "True Blue" project had the honour of pouring the "bubbly" over the bow to complete our launching ceremony.

I sailed the boat in the club handicap events that afternoon and again at Drummoyne SC on the following day in our Sydney Harbour Championship. "True Blue" looks great on the water thanks to the efforts of Col and our local Wangi painter who did a superb job with the finish on the boat. The

Thanks again to all concerned for the assistance necessary to complete this project. When Damien Smith produced the drawings for his kit boat back in 2006, I was immediately impressed with the concept of a laser cut kit for assisting home builders to once again construct their own timber OKs. This of course was where it all began for our class with the design of the boat by Knud Olsen in the late 1950s and the foundation of our associations in the early 1960s. All of the boats built in the early years were of plywood construction and the enthusiasm of members from the 1960s provided the foundation for the success of OKDIA. Hopefully, 50 years later, this project might encourage a renewal of interest in our class for the many thousands of small boat sailors still keen on building their own timber boats.

Col and Damien have addressed a few minor issues to assist finalisation of the kit production process and preparation of a manual to provide construction details for home builders. This project has shown that it is still possible for an amateur home builder to produce an inexpensive and competitive International OK Dinghy hull. Anyone interested in following through on this project and building their own boat should enquire via our association or contact Damien Smith direct at www.damiensmithdesign.com.au

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I was very pleased with the performance of the boat last week-end. Upwind the boat was well balanced and seemed to perform well against the other boats I was competing against. Downwind the boat felt quick and in boat speed lost nothing against Tim Davies and the others in close contact. Tim got through me on the tighter reach due to his more physical ability in the boat but nothing in it after the jibe and on the broader reach. On the square run I was faster than most! The rig looked good with Penguin's older Lynton sail fitting my softer C-Tech carbon mast very well. For our lighter weight junior sailors with good boat handling ability I think the boat will be reasonably competitive against our current much more costly professionally built boats. I'll sail "True Blue" again at Wangi on Saturday week and then leave the boat there to be used by our junior sailors via our Junior Development programme.

Bill Tyler, Wangi, Lake Macquarie, NSW, Monday, 21 November 2011

Replacement ISAF builder's fee receipt stickers

I am afraid I am unable to give you replacements for stickers that have fallen off your boats. You have to apply to ISAF for a replacement, for which a small fee will be charged.

50th World Championship

Many of you will be thinking of competing in the 50th World Championship which is to be held in Vallensbæk, Denmark. It is an Open event so everyone is eligible to compete as there will be no restriction to the number of places each nation is allowed. May I remind you that you have to be a member of your National Association. Please will you contact your National Secretary to apply for / renew your membership immediately so I send out sufficient boat stickers to your National Secretary in the new year. A current boat sticker is a measurement requirement at the World Championship.

Mary Reddyhoff OKDIA Secretary