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Editor's notes

I know we are a bit late but I am certain you will forgive me. We have been fairly busy lately with efforts to attempt getting subscriptions in, getting the Championship Series out of the way early April and finalising our books for the year. The results have now been compiled and I hope to have those displayed in the member section of our web site shortly.

Telltales is being send in two stages on this occasion. Members having renewed their subscription will not have a reminder cover page. Others will find a cover page with a reminder that annual subscription renewal is now overdue.

As usual, there were a few computer glitches putting us off the air for a few days but I have learned to live with that.

I had expectations to receive some articles but presently the drought continues. Maybe next time! There is some information though which is displayed on following pages.

We still have a limited number of Noelex jackets available in sizes M – L – XL and 2XL in total we have 18 jackets. We don't particularly wish to keep those stored and are offered for sale at the bargain price of \$25.00 which includes postage. It will be a matter of first come, first served.

You may have noticed that the cover page of Telltales varies with a picture of a different Noelex with different issues of the newsletter. You may also wonder when your boat gets a turn. The answer is quite simple: I don't have a picture of your boat. If you want to be included, send in your action shot and I shall add it to my future collection. If you do send it via email, please send it as a .jpg image file.

Fred Viergever – Editor.

President's Report



I am happy to report to our members that our financial year just ended left us in a healthy position. The vast majority of members as at 1 July 2007 will remember that we issued each member (boat) with a free Noelex jacket. The gesture was so well received that we were swamped with orders for extra jackets which had to be paid for. Despite the free issue, our finances went down just slightly to the extent that we ended the year with a small loss. The exact state can be examined once the annual statements are displayed on our web site.

The Squadron again held its annual Championship Regatta on 12/13 April and a report is published in the relative section.

Last week we received a communication from an official representative of the International Federation of Disabled Sailors (IFDS), informing us that it is organising a World Championship for blind sailors to be held at Rotorua New Zealand during 2009. Information supplied specifies that IFDS has selected the Noelex25 Class to be the class yacht used in the series. Members of the New Zealand Noelex Owners Association are supplying up to 25 boats to facilitate the Regatta.

The purpose to contact our Association is to seek assistance in the form of some member owners being prepared to take some of the Australian qualifiers for some practice sessions so that these persons are able to get some familiarity with the Noelex25 prior to the series commencing. It appears that there are a number of blind/semi blind sailors around the country and the organisers are asking for our members to indicate their willingness to take some of them for a practise sessions sometime during 2008.

Currently we have the largest fleet in the one place stationed at Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club and that club has indicated their willingness to assist in the form of a Regatta to be held on local waters during October 2008. That event would then cater for a number of persons residing in New South Wales and Victoria. We have been asked to supply possible contacts in other States and ask for your response which we will then pass on to IFDS.

Some years ago we assisted the Disabled Youth Sailors Association (this name may not be quite correct) via a charitable donation amounting to \$1000.00. It is proposed to assist in a similar amount towards the cost of running the proposed Regatta at AWYC but this has yet to be discussed by committee.

So far as our Association is concerned and this being a World Championship, it is considered that some very favourable publicity for Noelex Yachts will be received throughout world sailing bodies favouring NYAA Inc, Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc and of course the major sponsors, the New Zealand Owners Association. Discussions are continuing and the subject will be related further to members as time goes by. Meanwhile, if any member is willing to take some prospective participants out for a spin, please send details to noelex@noelex.com.

Further information is available on these web sites:

Blind Sailing Australia - www.blindsailingaustralia.org

Blind Sailing Worlds 2009 - www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com

If you are to visit either site, type the address into your browser as clicking on the hyperlink may not work. Fred V – President.

Treasurer's report



As mentioned on previous pages, full reports as to where your subscription went will shortly be publicised on our web site.

So far as current subscription renewal is concerned, as at 30 April 86 members have been kind enough to renew by the due date. There are yet some 112 outstanding and I ask that you send your payment now.

Joan Rockliff - Treasurer

Handy Hints



Whilst I have no specific hints right now, there is some news that may please our members. In recent discussions with Peter WELCH (proprietor of 'Boatworks'), we were able to negotiate that members can now make all these purchases for parts at competitive prices.

Peter indicated that he will match any price advertised by large or any yacht chandler. You would of course need to supply evidence of a competitor's price similar to the price matching arrangements between the large retailers such as K-Mart, Woolworths, Dick Smith Electronics and the like. If you were using Whitworth's prices, Peter does have their catalogue on hand. All you need do is quote their advertised price of a particular part, rope or whatever and he will match their price. He will also mail order but you will have to add postal charges.

A further reminder is that we have a discount arrangement in place with Thomson Sails located in Melbourne. Again, James Thomson, the proprietor will give you a very competitive quote so long as you tell him that you are a member of this Association.



The boson's mate!

Membership

Below are details of new members enrolled since our last Telltales and we warmly welcome those into the Noelex family membership:



Noelex 25

- Mark LOWCOCK – Bowen Qld – NX709 - '20° South' - Mark was a member previously and has now re-joined.
- Dave SMITH – Moorooka Qld – NX725 'True Blue' (previous non member boat)
- Ron and Mardi WICKS – Millicent SA – NX765 'Anticipation' (previous non-member boat);
- John and Chris COVENTRY – Bowen Qld – NX918 'About Time' (previous member boat Kevin and Julie Bate);
- Jonathan and Annie STORM – Mornington Victoria - NX938 'Silver Shadow' (previous member boat Bert and Carol Dawson).

Noelex 30

- Alan and Fay RICHARDSON – Elwood Victoria – NX1565 'Arabesque' (previous non-member boat then named 'Jemson')

Other items

- Paul and Jane CROWTHER of Caringbah NSW have renamed their Noelex 25 (NX734) to 'Comes a Time' (previously known as 'Bird of Time');
- Members will be aware of the recent devastating storm ravaging the waters at Mornington in Victoria. It is my sad duty to report that we lost Noelex30 NX1555 'Ozone'. After assessment of damage, the boat was written off, cut up with a chainsaw and buried at the local tip. The owner, our longstanding member Geoff Hancock was of course devastated by the loss but in true sailor fashion has decided to retain Association membership for now. After a few months spell Geoff may consider his sailing future.

As at the date of writing, the total financial membership stands at 198 (includes outstanding renewals).

Can we make that elusive 200?

Membership director.

For Sale

The following boats remain for sale as shown on the web site and were featured with full description in Telltales January/February 2008:

Noelex25

NX1001 'Knot Home' – priced at \$52,500.00;
NX1008 'Kafran' – asking price \$55,000.00.

Noelex30

NX1533 'The Colonel' – asking price \$90,000.00

New listings current are the following:

NX 935 'Tru Blew'

Australian built 1989 - white hull with green stripes – headliner and pop-top.

Inventory

Sails

Cruising main sails X 2 - self tacking jib – spinnaker;

Electrical

New vhf & CD player with outside speakers (not yet connected to CD) - , provision for dual batteries/charging unit; solar panel, extra internal lights,

Instrumentation

speed/depth instruments; compass, auto helm

Engine

15hp Yamaha with cover;

Other

Fly wire hatch covers - portapotti - metho stove - slide out fridge, centre table,
Cockpit cushions, 2x10L plastic jerry cans, tiller/blade covers; usual safety gear

Trailer

as new tilt trailer with latest braking system

Asking price \$37,000.00 (negotiable)

Location – Melbourne area

Contact Association on (03) 9796 8269 – email noelex@noelex.com

or contact owner on (03) 9597 0098 or mobile 0418 383 151.

Noelex 30 - Pisces - GR333S



***Luxury fit out
Inboard 18hp Buhk Diesel with saildrive & feathering prop
Electric drive hydrolic keel
Very extensive inventory for off shore racing & cruising
Available with GRYC Marina berth C28 for sale or lease
For full description and inventory contact Owner:-
John Lawrence 0418 821 223***

Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.



The Squadron conducted yet another National Class Championship Series for Noelex25 and Noelex30 classes. The event was sponsored by the Association, conducted by NYS Inc and was hosted by Royal Yacht Club of Victoria at Williamstown on the weekend 12 and 13 April 2008.

Comments from competitors included that this year the series was the most memorable in relation to the excellent fellowship held on the Saturday evening and here are some reproductions of messages received:

Hi folks

The Noelex Nationals were held at RYCV this weekend.

Unfortunately, the numbers were down a bit this time, but we had some very close racing between nine NX25s (including four from Albury-Wodonga and one from Mt Gambier) and a very enjoyable social time, particularly on the Saturday night with all crews eating and drinking together..

Herman van Ree on Executive Suite took out the title for the seventh time. If other sailors came they could learn a lot about getting the best out of a Noelex by chatting with Herman and his crew.

Hopefully, we get the weekend to appeal to more sailors (racers and cruisers) in the future. Maybe the cruisers could check out latte scene at the Docklands on the Saturday, then join the racers for dinner at RYCV. Let us know what would appeal.

Terry Caldwell NX740 'Pisces'

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Hi All,

As one of the participants in the Noelex Nationals at the weekend, I would like to pass on my thanks to the organizers, Fred, Rowan, John and the race team at RYCV for putting on a great weekend.

The racing and race management was the usual high standard that we have come to expect from this event. In addition, we had reps from Mt Gambier (Lars, Sharon and Tyson) make the trip and on top of that, it was a very social time as well!

The RYCV location and facilities are great for this sort of event. There's plenty for families/partners to see and do either around Williamstown or in Melb and for those wanting to extend there stay, Docklands sounds like an ideal spot to visit.

I'd endorse Terry's suggestion of having a combo racing/cruising weekend with the aim of all parties getting together on the Sat night for pizzas or a BBQ and a few drinks on the back deck of the RYCV. If it coincides with the Willy Festival again, there is a fireworks display thrown in for good measure!!

Regards Phil Clements - Rum Runner 814.

The final results were as follows:

Sail	Yacht	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Standing
657	EXECUTIVE SUITE	H van Ree	1	1	[10]	2	1	1	6	1
968	FOOTLOOSE	J Robb	2	2	1	1	[4]	3	9	2
814	RUM RUNNER	P Clements	4	3	2	4	2	[4]	15	3
740	PISCES	T Caldwell	[8]	5	5	3	5	2	20	4
747	PLANE SAILING	P Kalin	[7]	4	3	5	3	5	20	4
963	COCKTAIL	R Rainsford	5	6	6	7	6	[7]	30	6
981	MISTY BLUE	R Sawers	6	7	[10]	6	7	6	32	7
660	SILK DEPARTMENT	K Lillecrapp	3	8	4	9	9	[9]	33	8
836	SOLACE	L Gustavssen	9	[9]	7	8	8	8	40	9

Perhaps next year we may receive some more support from the local members in attending the social evening, usually held on the Saturday evening at the host's venue. Even if not racing, a great social get-together is held and opportunity to meet with many fellow Noelex owners. As the saying goes 'there is always next year'.