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Editor's notes

I am attempting to beat the deadline with these Telltales and get it out before June ends. There have been so many other things underway, the hardest being getting subscriptions paid. Also attending to the many phone calls for technical advice and satisfying members' questions plus getting the large number of boats for sale at present on our web site's for sale section eats into available time. It seems that the slump in the world economy is also impacting on our members as noted in the Treasurer's report.

Nevertheless, I shall make an attempt to fill a few pages, so here goes.

Fred Viergever - Editor

President's Report



In the last issue I already reported that we ended another successful year on 31 March. I have spent countless hours getting the final figures for the past year compiled, balanced the books and prepared the Annual Report. I now have that document ready for release at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and publication on our web site.

Setting a date for the AGM was referred to committee early this month and it was fully intended to include the official notification in this newsletter. This is now not possible as explained below.

In the past half dozen years we experienced very low attendance and from talking to members it seems that we can never satisfy the needs of many. There are always problems with any week night and any venue. Either the night is unsuitable, the time is too early and/or the venue is too far away. A suggestion was made to attempt something different this year in the form of trying a Sunday afternoon sometime in July. This proposal was unacceptable to committee as a number of committee persons are never available for Association business on a Sunday afternoon and the proposed venue did not suit. Furthermore the choice of week day evenings appears to be severely limited to some.

The committee has been reminded that four weeks notice of an AGM to members is required and by Law we must hold an AGM no later than five months after our year's end. At the date of writing the committee has yet to advise a suitable date and venue which makes it too late for inclusion in this newsletter. As we are now at the end of June it seems that some date in August will hopefully eventuate. The best I can do is to send members a simple email notification sometime next month once I have a date. During the past year no items have come up that require to be included in an agenda hence the only agenda items will be confirmation of past AGM minutes, the tabling of annual report, selection of executive and general committee and a determination regarding annual rate of subscription. There will be a short session on general business (if any) covering any items received from members and deemed appropriate for discussion at an AGM.

I can reveal that we ended the year slightly in credit and within budget. The small surplus derived will be returned to members shortly in the form of a new club burgee. All financial members as at 1 April and having paid their subscription by 30 June will receive their burgee in the mail during July.

We have been advised that Jamie Thomson, proprietor of Thomson Sails left last May on extended overseas travel and will be away for an indefinite period. We were told that the business is closed down. We could not be given any information as to the future.

Fred Viergever – President.

Treasurer's report



Financial Statements and Balance sheets for the past financial year have now been finalized. Members will be advised when these documents are available for viewing on our web site. Those intending to attend the forthcoming AGM will have copies made available at the venue at that time. Members devoid of computer facilities will receive a copy in the mail.

All members having paid their subscription by 31 May should have received their acknowledgement in writing. Those who paid during June will shortly receive their letter.

As for membership, so far we have had just 3 resignations and only 11 members are still being followed up in an endeavour to get them financial. All these have been contacted by telephone and all have confirmed that payment is forthcoming. Ironically reasons for resignation were attributed to the world's financial problems even though this Association must have the lowest annual subscription rate of any yacht club. One resigned NX30 owner suggested that we banish subscription altogether which would result in an influx of new members. He did not suggest who bears the cost from now on to run the show.

Joan Rockliff – Treasurer.

Website

Members will have noted the large number of Noelex yachts currently advertised for sale on our web site. Two of those have now been sold and these will be removed as soon as confirmation of sale from the advertiser is to hand.

After 1 July the boat listings of members will be updated and any unfinancial boat will be deleted. The other list of all Noelex yachts with history details is updated as at 31 December annually. If you have recently become a Noelex owner, please take note of those dates. The 'boat history' file contains some 38 pages which makes it difficult to make frequent amendments. Each amendment involves downloading the entire file, make an amendment and then upload it again. The work involved to do all that takes many hours, hence once a year is all that can be justified in time.

Web editor.

Membership



We have a few new members to report and we extend a warm welcome to the following:

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- Margaret and Doug GODDARD – Bayswater North Victoria - NX708 'Special Edition' (previous non-member boat);
- Warren DICKINS and Annemarie CHARLES – Canterbury Victoria - NX1020 'Radiance' (previous non-member boat).

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- nil

Associates

- Nil.

Current membership is 187 (this figure assumes we will renew subscriptions for all existing members as at 1 April and due to be paid by 30 June at the latest).

Membership director.

For Sale

The following boats remain for sale as shown on the web site and were featured with full description in previous issues of Telltales:

Noelex25

NX827 'Palomino'- Asking price \$35,000.00
NX897 'Amadeus'- Asking price \$40,000.00
NX933 'Wild Honey' - Asking price \$50,000.00

Noelex30

NX1519 'Solitaire' – asking price \$79,500.00

New Listings, all of which are featured on our web site with many more photographs:

NX724 'Just Magic'

NZ built in 1983. White hull, red stripes and pop-top.
This boat is in showroom condition and fully fitted out for immediate cruising.



Inventory:

Sail wardrobe: main, jib, storm jib, genoa and spinnaker;

Engine: 8 hp Honda 4-stroke;

Electrical and instruments: dual batteries with built in charger and 240V inverter,

Solar panel - UHF radio - compass - depth sounder;

Entertainment: CD player, TV with DVD player with surround sound;

Other items: boom tent - boom cover - cockpit cushions - fenders - brass clock and

Barometer - boarding plank - usual safety gear - anchor, warp and chain etc;

Trailer: Trailer with new wheel bearings and new galvanized springs;

Price includes 6 months remaining on storage in Paynesville.

Location: - currently in storage at Paynesville.

Asking price \$41,000.00

This boat is in superb condition - ready to sail with not another cent to spend.

Contact Jeff Lindsay on 97852662 and 0418561525 or

Association – email noelex@noelex.com

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NX 770 'The Real Thing'

New Zealand built 1983 – pop top - full deluxe fit-out.



Inventory:

Sails: - Main, 2 Jibs & Storm Jib, Mylar Genoa, Spinnaker all in good condition. Boom cover.

Interior: - Deluxe teak fit-out, cupboards, table & Food-bin. Blue velour cushions,
Brass barometer & clock - New Kiwi Keel Winch - pop-top with all around clear curtains – mosquito screens
including hatch cover and clip-on screens – cockpit cushions;

Electrical: - New Navman 3100 Log, GME-VHF & 27Mhtz radios, Contest Compass.

Trailer: - Nathan Heavy Duty Tandem Trailer with spare wheel & 912 Power Winch.

Engine: - Tohatsu 5hp outboard - just serviced & runs forever.

Safety: - All Safety gear, Horseshoe, 4 Life Jackets & extra sheets etc.

Very competitive boat in much loved condition.

Asking price \$ 32,000

Located at WMYC Manly, Qld.

Contact: Kevin Westacott 0411-522655 or 07-3904-8100.

Or association – email noelex@noelex.com

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NX821 "What's Up Doc?"

LOCATED in PERTH WA

New Zealand built 1985 - white hull - black stripes - pop-top and headliner.



Inventory

Sails:

2 x Mainsails, 2 x Spinnakers, 1 x Jib, 1 x Genoa.

Engine:

Mercury 8HP 4-stroke, electric start (as good as new).

Instruments/Navigation:

Raymarine ST60 Wind, Depth and Speed. Raymarine Auto helm ST1000 – new, used once.

Electrics:

Dual battery, AGM sealed gel 100A/H deep cycle. BP Solar 80watt on customized stainless bracket.

Radios:

GME's VHF, 27MHz, stereo CD/Radio.

Trailer:

Galvanised trailer with electric 'Superwinch 4500'; leaf springs replaced +/- 18 months ago and hydraulic brakes overhauled. Good steel belt radial, light truck tyres. Boat and trailer have fresh registration, expire 06/10

Other Stuff:

IRB tender, 2HP Honda 4-stroke air-cooled (as new). Safety gear, lifejackets, flares etc. Pop-top with screens. Boom tent covers over pop-top as well. Cockpit spray dodger – easily fitted/removed. Boat and gear is in very good condition – good gel coat. Cabin is well appointed with metho 2 burner and grill. Portaloo. Factory custom made wool and latex mattress in v-berth (\$2 000). Boat "junk" drawer and separate chart drawer. User friendly custom made table. Rigging and ropes are all in top condition. Both motors serviced.

Located in Perth WA

Asking Price: \$ 44,350.00

Phone Peter Frestel: 0428 655002 or (08) 9302 2207

or Association email noelex@noelex.com

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NX926 "White Pointer"

Australian built 1989 – White with Black stripe - pop top and headliner.
Boat is in spotless condition.



(Click on each picture to view enlargement)

Inventory:

Engine:

Almost new 8 HP Yamaha (2 stroke) with only a few hours use;

Sails:

Main, Jib, Genoa, Storm Jib, Spinnaker;

Interior:

2 Burner metho stove, food bin, porta potty toilet;

Trailer:

Tilt Tandem, 2 Disc hydraulic brake system, good condition

Very stable ride at highway speed;

Electrical:

Full instrumentation, CD Radio, VHF Radio, New 75W Solar Panel.

General:

Boom covers, new anchor, usual safety equipment. Pop Top Curtain;

Standing rigging recently refurbished

2 owners only – used only four times by second owner; well looked after boat.

This boat is a 'custom made' hull and deck for the original owner. There is no wardrobe and no bulkhead on starboard making the interior very spacious with a huge forward V-berth compartment. Boat has always been under cover when not in use and is currently stored under cover in Fitzroy (Vic) – and can be inspected by contacting the under mentioned owner

Asking price: \$45,000

Additional item for sale:

Almost new tender weighing only 7 kg + 3.5hp Mercury available at a negotiable price.

Contact: Nick Dattner Mob. 0417 384550 or home 5472 2302.

Email: nick@nicholasdattner.com

Or

Association email: noelex@noelex.com

Member Contributions

This segment is awaiting your input.

Ed.

Humour

Does this sound familiar?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events.

The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The grandfather replied: 'Well, let me think about that for a minute. I was born before: 'television' - 'penicillin' - 'polio shots' - 'frozen foods' - 'Xerox' - 'contact lenses' - 'Frisbees' and 'the pill'.

There were no 'credit cards' 'laser beams' or 'ball-point pens'.

Man had not invented 'pantyhose' - 'air conditioners' - 'dishwashers' or 'clothes dryers'

Clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your grandmother and I got married first, and then lived together. A family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, 'Sir' and after I turned 25, I still called Policemen and every man with a title, 'Sir.' which included my bank manager. Being gay was being happy.

We were before, computer dating, dual careers, day-care centers, gay-rights and group therapy. Counseling was someone doing work at the Town Hall.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense.

We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant 'time the family spent together' in the evenings and weekends, not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape Decks, CDs or DVD's, surround sound, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. Dolby and digital was unheard of and a Home Theatre meant the local flicks in a country town.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the Queens' Xmas message on our radios.

I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee did not exist. We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Holden for \$1400.00, but who could afford one?

Petrol was one shilling -(10 cents) a gallon which is about 4½ liters!

In my day 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in and 'rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby.

'Aids' were helpers in the Principal's office, 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store and 'software' wasn't even a word. Floppy drives, hard disks and mobile phones were yet to be invented and a hole in the wall was just that - a hole.

We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a 'generation gap'.

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And how old do you think grandpa is?

He just turned 59.

Gates vs. GM

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated:

'If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

General Motors responded with a press release stating:

'If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, all cars would have the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash..... Twice a day!
2. Every time the lines on the road are repainted, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Often cars would die on the freeway for no reason. A driver would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before being able to continue. For some reason drivers would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. All dashboard instruments and warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed an Illegal Operation' warning light and stalling the engine.
7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
8. For no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off'.

Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.



The Squadron will conduct the 2009 AGM in conjunction with the Association's annual event. Financial information will be included in the composite document.

Recently we received a letter from the Trailable Yacht Division of Yachting Victoria – CBH and Measurement Sub-committee concerning the subject of Regulations prohibiting the lifting of centreboards or keel whilst racing. The letter specifically requests that we bring requirements to the attention of all owners.

As our boats usually participate in events under Category 5 or Category 6 and have been allotted a CBH (NX25 = .725 and NX30 = .825), those members who regularly race should ensure that they are fully conversant with the Rules that prohibit the lifting of keels whilst racing.

If a keel is unlocked and lifted a boat is considered to no longer be racing according to its current CBH. If any member wants further clarification, the Rules quoted are Rule3.02.3 (a) and (b).

The letter states that these Rules are incorporated in the 'Blue Book' and the ATYS Rules.

In any case, it is recommended that a Noelex yacht should always have its keel fully down and securely locked with the proper locking device that is part of each boats' standard inventory.

Last April, the Squadron held the annual Noelex25 Championship series on Hobson's Bay off Williamstown Victoria. The event spanned two days and was again hosted by Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. Results and a report were included in last issue of Telltales. Since then we have received through the assistance of John Burgess, two CDs covering literally hundreds of pictures taken by Tony Spencer, Commodore of RYCV covering all 5 heats of the series.

The pictures are by courtesy of *Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Media* and we were granted permission to use all the material within our Association.

The Association has made a slide show and made this available on our web site to our members.

Because of certain constraints in our web site size, not every picture was uploaded but even then there are many to view. Members were advised of the availability of the material but in case you missed or forgot where to look, here is a reminder;

Log on to our web site, insert the password in the sign-in box and then on the right hand side of the main member page, look for racing. Click on that, the Racing page opens and scroll down to the 2009 Championship series; click on that and follow the prompts to watch the slide show.

Race Director – John Robb.