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Editor's notes

So far, so good. The year is progressing again towards sailing 'down under'. Members further north probably never experience winter lay-ups which explains why there is an influx of Noelex yachts in the more temperate zones between April and November.

There is not much happening worthy of reporting and with a bit of luck I may receive some articles that can be used in a future Telltales?

Interestingly I received three messages over the past few weeks asking me if there is a problem with our chat site because of the lack of questions/answers or comments. I checked it out and found nothing untoward. Seems that everyone is now an expert and has not come across any problems that need to be solved. Perhaps the site will again come out of hibernation soon.

Fred Viergever - Editor

President's Report



In the last Telltales I mentioned that we were looking into the possibility to provide some sponsorship or input into the annual week long event held on Corio Bay, Geelong to give some recognition to Noelex30 members that may participate in those races. So far we have not had much luck as we were informed that an additional charge per boat would apply. This is on top of the normal entry fee. I have perused past results that remain available for viewing on the web site of RGYC and found very few member boats in the NX30 results over the past few years. That being so, the Association will not pursue the subject matter any further. I also mentioned that we would look into having an official Noelex flag and large pennant which can be flown at official Noelex events. The latest I have on that subject is that this project is in progress. Hopefully the items will come to hand soon.

Apart from the above, we have a few new members of recent times and details are shown further on. Some members may recall that a few years ago an effort was made to revamp construction of Noelex yachts. In fact one Noelex25 was built and in addition a Noelex30 hull and deck was manufactured by Austral Yachts SA for the syndicate. This vessel was never completed and remained in a yard in Melbourne. Over a period of time a number of items were installed and eventually he partially completed boat became available for sale 'as is'. A Melbourne resident secured the yacht and intends to complete the fitting out to Noelex30 specifications. We are pleased to have signed up the new owner and details are shown in the new member section/

Fred Viergever – President.

Treasurer's report



Our current bank balances are: current account \$12024.37 and CMCA (Cash Management Call Account) \$12448.50. With the Meagher interest rates currently available, the latter will not grow much in the current year. So far as any major expense that might occur, there is the cost of flag and pennant and probably replace our printer. With our current Windows XP going out of support by Microsoft, research indicates that a later operating system does not recognize our now ageing machine. For now there is no other major expenditure apart from normal running costs.

David Wilcox - Treasurer

Website

An update to our member listings will be carried out in the next few weeks and an email via our Telltales address will be sent when the update has been completed.

Web editor.

Chat site

As mentioned, the chat site is a little quiet right now. If any member needs to know anything, simply post your question. With the numbers we have as subscribers to the site, someone will have an answer.

Membership



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

Noelex 25

- Colin and Julia GILMORE. Mullaloo WA – NX821 'LEEWANA' (previous member boat 'What's up Doc'). Colin and Julie were previously reported as Associate members.
- Dennis BROMLEY, Boronia Victoria - 3155 NX941 'O'REALLY II' (previous member boat) I think I have missed acknowledging this entry in the May/June Telltales and apologize).
- Chris and Shirley GIBBS Bendigo Victoria – NX897 'AMADEUS' (previous member boat Peter Miller who now owns Noelex30 (Farr940) 6634 'EXILE' and has retained membership).

Noelex 30

- Rick and Sharon ROGERS, Mt Martha – Victoria NX1638 (yet to be named) previous non-member boat);

Associates

- Nil.

Current membership remains at 181.

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

NX770 'The Real Thing' - Asking price \$32,000.00 location Queensland

NX827 'Palomino'- Asking price \$40,000.00 location Queensland

Noelex30

NX1519 'Solitaire' – asking price \$87,500.00 location Victoria.

New listings:

NX1521 "Strawberry and Cream"

New Zealand built 1982 – anti-fouled.

(No pictures available)

Inventory:

Engine: 15 HP Suzuki in as new condition – only 5 hours operation since new and just had its first service carried out.

Sails: Fully battened Main only one season old, Head sails nos. 1.2.3 & 4 all in good condition; Spinnaker;

Interior: Chemical toilet – 3-burner gas stove plus 2 gas bottles – new galley working surface – new carpet and usual Noelex fit-out;

Rigging: New halyards hardly used and new safety rail;

Electrical: VHF radio – Auto helm – AM & FM radio;

Safety: Life ring – Life jackets – Boat hook – 2 anchors, chain and warp;

Trailer: (refer below) professionally built twin axle GT trailer with swinging extension drawer bar to assist launching and retrieving - Sensor brake system – guide poles, keel support and tread plate.

Asking price: total package \$81,500.00

Will separate – boat \$72,000 and trailer \$9,500.00.

Note: separate availability of trailer only if boat is sold without trailer.

Currently located on hard stand at Paynesville but there is a leased pen available with transfer of lease to be negotiated.

Contact: Ken Broadbent – phone 03 9787 6671

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Or Association noelex@noelex.com or phone 03 9796 8269.

NX1544 "Sweet Dreams"

Hull No 942. Built in 1984 by first owner/employee at NZ Noelex factory. Luxury Teak fitout, vessel in pristine condition and setup with all internal and external fittings. Most significant items replaced during 2001-2002.



Engine - Volvo 20 HP Sail drive MD 2020D-BT with only 260 engine hrs fitted 2002 sold and serviced by Aqua Power Marine, Seaford. Last serviced Sept 09. Prop 3 blade folding.

Instruments - 'Raymarine' ST60 Speed, Depth, Wind, Compass and 2 multi function units; ST2000 tiller auto pilot. (New 2008).

Sails - Furlex furler with twin foils; racing and cruising main sails; nos. 1, 2 and 3 headsails; nos. 1 & 2 spinnakers.

Rigging - All replaced 2003. 'Spinlock' triple rope clutches x 4, 2 'Lewmar' self-tailing winches and 2 'Barlow' winches.

Radios - VHF ICOM M45, GME 27 MHz and Am/Fm Radio/CD player

Trailer - Tri-axle with 'Sensa' brake system, electric winch for boat retrieval and mast raising; 2 spare wheels

Internal Fittings - Gas oven and 2 hot plates, electric water pump, holding tank and macerator pump, SSR 'Cold Logic' eutectic fridge runs 12/240 volts freezes to minus 16°C. Also runs from 240V inverter.

Other Equipment - 'Muir' VR1250 Atlantic windlass – chain & rope clutch system; 'Force Four' inflatable dinghy; spray dodger; custom boat cushions; bow SS boarding step;

Safety equipment - life jackets, gas detector, flares, 2 x fire extinguishers, emergency navigation lights, 100L water tank; 45L fuel tank. Flysceens for hatch and open windows; shooting spinnaker pole, 2 x 12v batteries for engine and 100Ah deep cycle for auxiliaries.

Location – Melbourne area.

Asking Price \$94,000 o.n.o.

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Member Contributions

It is not unusual to be bereft of articles provided by members so I shall insert below a little item that may bring a smile. Many Noelex owners are no longer teenagers but hear certain contemporary terms flung about at home by their teenage children. See if you can relate to all the gadgets.

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Alberta when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, Will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves".

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Member of Parliament for the Canadian Government", says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog".

(Thanks to our Treasurer for supplying this item).
Ed.

Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.



Each year Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club makes an effort to include a Noelex event in its sailing calendar. The event is included in the “.725 Regatta” and usually identified as the ‘Noelex25 Country Championships’. The Association again sponsored the Noelex25 segment and a total of xx member boats participated which included one Melbourne entry – Rob Rainsford with ‘Cocktail’ NX963, Rowan Gillies from Bendigo with ‘Celtic Dawn’ NX934 and just 3 local Noelex members.

The results of the regatta including Noelex placings are:

657	Executive Suite	Herman van Ree	Nx25	1	1	1	1	1	5	4
814	Rum Runner	Phil Clements	Nx25	2	3	2	2	2	11	8
740	Pisces	Terry Caldwell	Nx25	3	2	3	4	3	15	11
119	Wile E Coyote	Brian Murphy	Castle 650	5	4	4	3	4	20	15
SM420	Celtic Dawn	Rowan Gilles	Nx25	6	6	5	5	5	27	21
963	Cocktail	Rob Rainsford	Nx25	4	8	6	6	6	30	22
45	Joint Adventure	Paul Ransley	Castle 650	7	7	7	7	7	35	28
101	Live Wire	Jeff Stirling	Castle 650	10	10	8	8	8	44	34
158	Happy Days	John Hawksworth	RL24	8	8	9	9	9	43	34

Members are reminded that AWYC will be hosting the Trailable Yacht Championships over the weekend 20/21 February. Details can be obtained from the host club.

As an early reminder, the next Noelex Championships have been booked for April 17/18 next year at RYCV, Williamstown.

Race Director – John Robb.