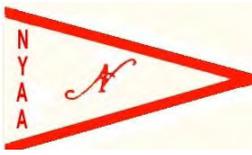


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Editor's Notes

My, how time flies. Here it is Easter already, almost the end of April and have yet to get Telltales together. I shall do my best and get organised.

Our new year commenced on 1 April and, no doubt, members have received and are aware of the usual notification sent a little while ago. More on this further on.

I have some interesting statistics for our Noelex30 members, which has finally come to light after many years of searching. At least the information also makes that class come of age so far as it concerns our records.

Those members interested in race activities are urged to read the note under NYS Inc on the last page of this issue of Telltales.

Before you read on, I trust that you all had a pleasant and safe Easter holiday period, had fine weather and at last got some relaxation, far away from the world's troubles in the greatest country on our earth.

You may now read on.

Fred V – Editor.

President's Report



In the last issue I touched on subscriptions renewal time and I thank all those members who heeded the call. At latest count we have more than 60% renewals to hand with yet another week to go before sending out reminders. My thanks to those that have already paid. Many have already been sent an acknowledgement and another 30 are about to be mailed. I did have a small left-over supply of key tags and have used them up for the early payers, each one personalised.

I mentioned the availability of NX30 blueprint documents. A few members have expressed an interest and were sent a copy in ,pdf file format.

With our 2010/2011 year ended, the next step will involve an annual general meeting. There is the matter of setting a date and a venue. Members will be informed in due course about this aspect.

For many years we have been building an archive, compiling whatever information came to hand concerning Noelex yachts. Initially it took a few years to get our Register of Noelex25 yachts as accurate as possible. We are comfortable with the accuracy of all boats residing in Australia but we were never able to get the Noelex30 knowledge complete. Initially we had a list of '25's ever constructed, including information of boats residing in New Zealand. From this we searched for owners from an NX numbers list we had obtained from the now defunct Noelex Yachts of Australia Ltd which was of great assistance.

Recently I received an email from a New Zealand based NX30 owner – Jeremy Scott – who supplied historical information regarding the construction numbers of Noelex30 boats. On the cover is a picture of his yacht, the first NX30 constructed, NX1501.

Whilst Jeremy (nor myself) cannot guarantee correctness of all the numbers, I feel reasonably confident that I can accept it as near as correct as possible,

Initially the Noelex30 was built by Marten Marine in Auckland NZ. Boats were allotted an NX number in numerical order but for unknown reasons some of these were never built. In all MM built 122 boats – (or at least allotted numbers), ending with NX1622. That number appears to almost coincide with the first number allotted to the first '30 build by Noelex Yachts Australia as NX1625 which was initially named 'Noelex 2000' but has since been renamed.

A complication occurred in that, for a short period during 1987/1988, MM 'sub contracted' construction to Sea Nymph NZ (with some links to Dell Marine NZ) to continue construction. It was decided in NZ to market those as Farr940 boats. A total of 12 boats were thought to have been built however, the numbering system in the NX30 range was not followed, hence we have Farr940's with numbers in the 6000/6400 range.

Upon completion of the sale during 1988 of all rights and patents of the NX30 to NY Australia, construction in NZ ceased. That being so, the number of NX1625 build in Australia may be incorrect as it is not known exactly if this boat was build prior to finalising the transfer of the ownership of the moulds. Assuming that Farr940s' came out of the same moulds, NX1625 may in fact be NX1635. I say this because, after NYAus ceased operations in 1997, NX1634 and NX1637 came to light, Hull/deck units had been made and were subsequently finished as completed boats by Austral Yachts in SA.

Roger Halliwell and Liz Hagen own NX1636 which leaves a vacant spot for NX1635, the possibly disputed number NX1625 which can only have been built after cessation of the building of the Farr940s, assuming the same moulds were used.

We know that a Melbourne based syndicate attempted to re-commence building Noelex yachts and had one hull/deck of each class produced by Austral Yachts. We allotted NX1027 and NX1638 respectively to keep the series current. Austral also built one more hull/deck of a '25 which was sold as such and is now NX1028, thus completing the numbering range of all boats ever produced to-date. The NX1638 unit is now privately owned and is being put together by the owner over the next few years. Neither our records nor NZ records show anything relating to NX1623 to NX1633 which may have been the assumed Farr940s that were marketed in NZ.

For information of '30 owners, in all, 10 '30s were allotted a number but sales orders were cancelled and hence were never built. These were 1515, 1531, 1553, 1559, 1584, 1598, 1599, 163, 1604 and 1608. In all then, we have 112 by MM, (12 Farr940 by Sea Nymph or Dell Marine) and 6 Aussie build boats, making 118 in total (+ some Farr940). Of these we lost NX1555 which was destroyed in a storm at Mornington Victoria when smashed on rocks and another two are known to have been lost or sunk and lost in NZ.

Our archive lists 66 boats in Australia, 2 in USA, 3 destroyed, which leaves NZ with a fleet totalling 47 and some Farr940.

As a final remark I add that in the past 12 months there were 3 imports of used NX30 yachts from NZ and 1 from USA plus 1 NX25 from NZ, the latter being listed in the new members section. This leaves the NX25 fleet balance as: NZ 266 and Oz 261.

Fred Viergever – President.

Treasurer's report



Initial figures indicate that the Association ended the year just ended with a small surplus amounting to \$1238.46. The bulk of the surplus came as a result of \$1,500.00 income from advertising fees collected as a result of boats being listed for sale on our web site and in Telltales. We had budgeted for a surplus of \$800.00. Final figures are currently being audited and annual statement will be made available at the AGM and placed on the web site in due course.

As for subscription renewals, as at date of writing 63 remain outstanding although due date is 30 April. Hopefully most of those will arrive in the next week or so.

David Wilcox - Treasurer



Website

There is a steady stream of visitors to our web site which probably includes you.

Have you ever noticed the little site meter at the bottom of the home page? The number displayed indicates the times that someone, somewhere, logged on to our site. Since we commenced joining cyberspace about 10 years ago, our web site has been viewed more than 22,000 times by someone, somewhere. Is that impressive?

Web editor. (Who?)



Chat site

Great to note some increase in chat site traffic. Keep it up.



Membership

We welcome the following new members and/or amendments:

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- Ron and Nina RANKIN – Currumbin Qld 4223 – NX584 ‘Zam’ (previous non-member boat – recently imported from NZ);
- Glen and Vanessa COLLINGS - Mt Martha Vic 3934 – NX821 ‘Leewana’ (previous member boat Colin Gilmore - WA);
- Andrew PASSMORE – Townsend Nsw – NX1015 ‘Touch the Wild’ (previous member boat Harry Jakobs - Vic);
- Malcolm and Belinda KING – Beaumaris Vic 3193 – NX924 ‘Watermark’ (previous non member boat - SA).

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- Steve and Mena STOKE – current NX25 members NX868 have acquired NX30 NX1577 named ‘Private Dancer’ through import from NZ.

Associates

- Phillip and Kim SPARKES – Belmont North Nsw 2280 (future Noelex owners);
- Barry PINK and Thidarat TENPETCH – Porirua NZ 5026 (future Noelex owners).

Paid up membership as at date of writing stands at 124 and 63 outstanding.

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

NX698 ‘Take No Prisoners’ with an asking price @ \$35,000.00 o.n.o. – location Victoria
NX857 ‘Exelon’ – asking price \$39,500.00 (negotiable) – location Tasmania.

Noelex30

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

Member Contributions

Here is something different and an example as to what is published in Telltales on behalf of members.

Recently our member Briar Jensen (NX30 Cocktail II) undertook a vacation to Abu Dhabi and travelled on to Central Europe. Briar started a blog and has a web site.

If you are interested, log on to www.briarstravelbeat.com.au and follow her adventure. If you want to discover more about Briar, log onto this web site www.briarjensen.com.au

Anyone familiar with Twitter can also look at www.twitter.com/BriarJensen

I had a look and wonder: why am I writing newsletters?

Ed.

Just for a laugh:

An elderly man on a Moped, looking about 100 years old, pulls up next to a doctor at a traffic light. The old man looks over at the sleek shiny car and asks:

'What kind of car ya got there, sonny ?'

The doctor replies, 'A Ferrari GTO. It cost half a million dollars !'

'That's a lot of money,' says the old man. 'Why does it cost so much?'

'Because this car can do up to 320 miles an hour!' states the doctor proudly.

The Moped driver asks, 'Mind if I take a look inside?'

'No problem,' replies the doctor.

So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around.

Then, sitting back on his Moped stopped beside the car, the old man says, 'That's a pretty nice car, all right... but I'll stick with my Moped !'

Just then the light changes, so the doctor decides to show the old man just what his car can do. He floors it, and within seconds the speedometer reads 160 mph.

Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer!

He slows down to see what it could be and suddenly WHOOOOSSHHH !

Something whips by him going much faster!

'What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari?' the doctor asks himself.

He presses harder on the accelerator and takes the Ferrari up to 250 mph.

Then, up ahead of him, he sees that it's the old man on the Moped!

Amazed that the Moped could pass his Ferrari, he gives it more gas and passes the Moped at 275 mph; he's feeling pretty good until he looks in his mirror and sees the old man gaining on him AGAIN!

Astounded by the speed of this old guy, he floors the gas pedal and takes the Ferrari all the way up to 320 mph.

Not ten seconds later, he sees the Moped bearing down on him again! The Ferrari is flat out, and there's nothing he can do!

Suddenly, the Moped ploughs into the back of his Ferrari, demolishing the rear end.

The doctor stops and jumps out and unbelievably the old man is still alive.

He runs up to the banged-up old guy and says, 'I'm a doctor.... Is there anything I can do for you?'

The old man whispers, 'Unhook my braces from your side view mirror will ya!'

Other item that may be of interest

Last year there was a bit of a debate regarding the Association obtaining a set of Noelex25 drawings, good enough to produce a boat (assuming you have a mould).

Correspondence with Steve Marten, (the former and original builders of Noelex yachts was Marten Marine), established that in that time – late '70s/early '80s there was no such thing as computerized drawings.

Steve had a somewhat aged copy of the handmade drawings and offered to engage an expert converting the document into a computerized version but we would need to bear part of the cost. He also had some ideas in mind and we agreed to contribute \$500.00. In return we would be supplied with a full set of drawings. All this eventuated and we now have the full set in our library of documents. Basically these are much like a house plan, drawn to scale of course.

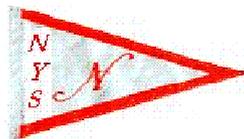
It seems that Steve is going back into building Noelex25 yachts but this time as a miniaturized version. This is an extract of his latest email:

Hi Fred

I have been thinking about making moulds and doing one for myself. I would be building it at 1:10 scale (770mm in length) and I plan to detail it sufficiently well in order to make it as both a radio controlled sailing model or fully detailed with rails and lifelines, deck gear etc. as a scale model. By working with a local manufacturer I expect to be able to produce the RC models for around NZ\$1200 complete with radio and ready to sail. Current exchange rates will allow you to import it into Australia at under A\$1000 therefore avoiding Australian duty. I would be interested to hear if you thought there would be any interest amongst your local owners.

With best regards, Steve Marten.

If there are any members showing an interest, please contact me (Fred) via email for further action.



Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc.

Members were recently advised that the Squadron is again inviting those interested in one-class racing to participate in the forthcoming Noelex Regatta scheduled to be held on Hobson's Bay – off Williamstown Victoria.

Originally we were advised that the dates were April 30/May 1. Those dates were amended to May 7/8. All members were advised of the change.

Any members contemplating participation are reminded that they need to be financial members at the time of the event, i.e., you must have renewed your annual subscription.

It is not too late to take part. Details are to be found here:

<http://www.rycv.asn.au/sailing/NoelexNationalNoR2011.pdf>

Should you wish further information, you can contact John Robb (our race director) on his mobile number 0418 580 833. His email address is willex@optusnet.com.au
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