



# WELLINGTON CLASSIC YACHT TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2014

## Chairman's report

It's been another good year for the Trust.

Interest in classic yachts has grown with our increased visibility in the media and wider community – Our acquisition of *Atalanta* was the subject of a four-page article in the February 2014 issue of Boating New Zealand; and we featured in a photo-essay published in the December issue of NZ Life and Living. We, and in particular *Atalanta*, have featured in a variety of club newsletters around the country, and our activities are followed by Woodenboat – their interest increasing our reach internationally. We maintain a fair degree of contact with historians, which has been mutually helpful in research and the collection of images and stories.

Steve Cronin resigned as a Trustee. His position was filled by Meric Davies. A sub committee was formed of Meric Davies, Peter King and Ben Amor and myself to manage the restoration and maintenance of our vessels, reporting back to the rest of the board of trustees. A restoration plan for *Atalanta* has been drawn up, and a conservation plan for *Lizzie*.

The Trust has strengthened relationships with local clubs. We arranged a summer series of seven races with the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, competing for the Windward Trophy. The success of that series led to the organisation of a five-race winter series, attracting a fleet as large as and often larger than the regular classes. This in turn has led to three series planned over the 2014/15 season. I am the new editor of the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club magazine *Spinnaker*.

Thanks to our now being a registered charitable trust, we have been successful in our application to Wellington Community Trust for \$3200 to pay for a new mainsail and jib for *Lizzie*.

Perhaps our biggest achievement was in the acquisition of *Atalanta* – more precisely, the process of getting her from Dunedin to Wellington. She was donated by Julian Matson, who has owned her since the early 1980s. None of it would have even begun without the generous donation of \$10000 from Meric Davies. Both Meric and Peter King did the lion's share of the work in negotiating and planning the removal from storage, organise cranes, trucking and ferrying it all back to Wellington. Of particular help were Graham Wall, Regional Support Officer Yachting NZ, for liaising in Dunedin; Sheryl Ellison and Ed Menzies who ensured free passage of *Atalanta* across the strait with Strait Shipping; Shelley and JJ Klinac of Exclusive Boat Haulage for a cheap rate for the haulage (including a narrow escape at Blenheim during a major earthquake!); Evans Bay Slipway for the cheap rate on the hard while we worked on her hull over two months; and David Fisher for organising the tow to Clyde Quay by Wellington Volunteer Coastguard. Ian Franklin of Franklin boatyard also offered the free use of a cradle at Picton, which in the event was not required.

All of this bodes well for the future of the Wellington Classic Yacht Trust.

Gavin Pascoe

August 2014

Chairman Wellington Classic Yacht Trust

## **About Wellington Classic Yacht Trust:**

The Trust was created in August 2010 in response to the risk of destruction of the historic Wellington yacht *Lizzie* after her abandonment in Auckland. A trust document was drawn up and signed by Trustees.

WCYT is a charitable trust formed in 2010 dedicated to the preservation, restoration and above all, sailing of small vessels with a significant history to Wellington and the region.

We exist to share our passion for the history of these vessels and the sport of yachting with the wider community; and encourage ownership and use of such vessels to ensure their continued useful existence.

<http://www.wcyt.org.nz>

<http://www.facebook.com/wgtnclassic>

<http://wgtnclassicyacht.blogspot.co.nz>

Wellington Classic Yacht Trust acknowledges and thanks the following people and organisations for their support:

## **Professional and specialist services sponsors and donors**

### Free products and services:

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Wellington volunteer coastguard

Wilson Underwater Services Ltd

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Graeme Wall Port Chalmers Yacht Club / Regional Support Officer Yachting NZ

### Discounted products and services:

Discount Marine

Exclusive Boat Haulage

Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club slipway

## **Facilities**

Ben Amor

John Creser

Phillipa Durkin

Michael Hollings

Kat Monien

Gavin Pascoe

## **Vessel donations**

Denis Maddever (*Seacup* – a planked P-Class)

Julian Matson (*Atalanta* – a five rater)

### **Fiscal donations**

Ben Amor	Tom Love
Warwick Bayne	Milan Mogin
Steve Cronin	Don MacDonald
Meric Davies	Ben O'Brien
Phillipa Durkin	Gavin Pascoe
David Fisher	Joyce Pascoe
Michael Hollings	Lawrie Stewart
Peter King	Duncan Thomason
Andy Kerr	Sjiewke Vriesinga
Damian Love	Wellington Community Trust

### **Labour**

Ben Amor	Tom Love	Sarah Waller
John Creser	Milan Mogin	
Phillipa Durkin	Katharina Monien	
David Fisher	Sandy Munro	
Michael Hollings	Gary Nimmo	
Peter King	Gavin Pascoe	
Abraham Lancaster	Russell Pilcher	
John Lord	Duncan Thomasen	

### **Materials donations**

Ben Amor	David Fisher
Bruce Askew	Michael Hollings
Peter Askew	Phillip Holmes
Sven Bieringa	Peter King
Brent Dewhurst	Gordon McDougal
Phillipa Durkin	Gavin Pascoe

### **Professional advice and information sharing in yachting history, boatbuilding and restoration techniques**

Bruce Askew  
Matt Price  
Harold Kidd

### **WCYT activities and milestones over the year 01 July 2012 - 30 June 2013**

Acquisition of *Atalanta*  
Acquisition of *Seacup*  
*Lizzie* winner of RPNYC summer classics series  
Acquisition of two milk glass paintings dating from *Atalanta's* earliest days (1894/5 in Napier)  
First public-funded donation received

