



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

About WCYT:

The Trust was created in August 2010 in response to the historic Wellington yacht *Lizzie* being destroyed after abandonment in Auckland. A trust document was drawn up and signed by Trustees. *Lizzie* is currently being restored at Clyde Quay.

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.

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WCYT activities during the first year, August 2010-June 2011:

Restoration of Lizzie:

Ted Bailey built *Lizzie* in 1909 for a Wellington client. Bailey worked most of his career between Balaena Bay and Clyde Quay. In 2010 she was declared derelict by the Auckland Regional Council, and acquired by WCYT, which was formed in response to the situation.

Lizzie is being restored with consultation with yacht designer Bruce Askew and boat builder Matt Price, both of whom specialise in timber and traditional construction. She will be restored using traditional techniques and wherever possible, original materials, and returned to her original configuration.

Gavin Pascoe, who has studied traditional boatbuilding techniques in Brooklin, Maine, USA and the Traditional Boatbuilding School in Auckland, runs the restoration work. He has built and restored several timber vessels. Volunteers carry out all work.

The restoration is progressing well and on schedule, with the result that *Lizzie* is now completely reframed and refastened. Construction on the deck has begun.

The project has garnered a lot of interest in passersby along Oriental Parade.

Acquisition of *Mystery*:

The Trust wished to find a planked *Idle Along*, a centreboard class designed in Petone in the mid-1920s that became a successful national class 1969. This class was the lifeblood of the Heretaunga boating club and Worsler Bay Sailing Club for many years. One in good original condition, which represented Nelson during the 1956 Moffat cup competition held in Wellington that year, was offered to, and accepted by the Trust in May. She will be entered in the National championships to be held in Taupo in March 2012. It is the hope of the Trust that a youth team from a Wellington sailing club or school be sent.

Research:

The pre-eminent NZ yachting historian Harold Kidd is working with librarian Gavin Pascoe in identifying vessels and people and dates in digitised photographs. This work is liaised with picture cataloguer Winifred Lynch at the Alexander Turnbull Library. This work is expected to extend once the printed photographic collections are opened up to researchers again in 2012.

Gavin Pascoe has submitted an article on the historic Wellington vessel *Wakarere* to *Woodenboat* magazine.

A database of yachts with a significant Wellington history is being compiled and can be viewed at the Trust website. At present there are over 100 discrete entries, with photographs sourced from a variety of collections.

The research above is being collated in preparation of a book on the history of the first 100 years of recreational sailing in Wellington (1840-1940).

Sailing:

Trust members and associated yachts compete in informal regattas on an irregular basis. These are generally known as "Slow Boat Regattas", which are designed to include every sailboat owner who enjoys the sport and pastime, but lack funds for a "Crack" yacht, to compete and enjoy the thrill of racing in an inclusive atmosphere. There are no fees attached for participants, and a barbecue or a raft up in the harbour generally follows them.

Members also sail in the more competitive formal racing with both the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club and the Evans Bay Yacht Club.

Communications:

The Trust built its own website and has a facebook page. We have also been featured in the Dominion Post, Boating New Zealand, and the Journal of the Classic Yacht Association of NZ. We send out weekly updates via an email list of activities.

Plans for the future

Further to building on the activities up to June, the activities below have been planned.

- The Trust wants to build a strong fleet of classic vessels to share with Wellingtonians and visitors. It is currently working on the acquisition of the classic yacht *Ailsa*.
- The Trust is receiving offers of donations of vessels, and needs somewhere to house them. Possibilities are being discussed with Royal Port Nicholson yacht Club and Wellington city Council
- WCYT are proposing a weekend regatta in 2012 in celebration of the centenary of the yacht *Nanette*, which has been in the Maddever family for over 70 years. This will be done in partnership of the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.
- WCYT will have a stall at the Wellington Boat Show in September 2011 where we will be demonstrating traditional copper riveting techniques to repair a 1920s Wellington Harbour Board dinghy.
- The Trust are working through ideas for regular open days where owners of classic vessels can show boats and share their passion with members of the public.
- Gavin Pascoe will present a talk on the restoration of *Lizzie* and other activities of the Trust at the Museum of Wellington City and Sea in September 2011.
- The Rona Preservation Trust was approached the Wellington Classic Yacht Trust to provide sailing crew for the yacht *Rona*. WCYT members look forward to developing this partnership.
- Participate in the Festival of Sails in September by demonstrating *Lizzie* and *Mystery* at Clyde Quay.

Financial position

The Trust relies on individual donors of material, money and labour, and the goodwill of business, Clubs and Wellington City Council.

The Trust has its own bank account, and all expenditure requires the assent of two nominated trustees (currently Gavin Pascoe and Ben O'Brien).

Creating a bank account and setting a structure had its difficulties and some bank charges were incurred before a no-fee account could be set up. Charges were also incurred after an accidental overdraft when the bank removed money from the incorrect account for a reimbursement payment. Most of the charges were refunded by the bank.

As at 30 June 2011, the Trust has no financial debt.

The below is very brief, the full accounts have been submitted to Taylor Associates to report on.

Balance sheet to 08 July 2011

Allocation	NZD Amount GST inclusive
Donations	6650
Expenditure*	-6364.56
Balance	285.44

* Expenditure includes acquisition of vessels, building materials and bank fees.