



Classic scene is flourishing in the Capital

The Wellington Classic Yacht Trust has been keeping busy over the last few months. Work at Clyde Quay on our founding vessel *Lizzie* is advancing well; she is now completely refastened and splining is almost complete. Her hull will soon be primed, caulked and afloat. Work has also begun on the deck; the full-span beams are being fitted, and planking is ready-milled.

Aucklander Tom Logan has been tracking down planked Idle Alongs on our

behalf, with the result that we were introduced to Gary Matthews who sold us *Mystery*. She was built in kaikawaka by Joffre Kroening in Greymouth. *Mystery* came second to *Lorraine* (also built by Kroening) in the 1956 Moffat cup. A couple of trustees enjoyed a great road trip, along with the hospitality of members of the RNZAF Base Auckland Yacht Club at Hobsonville. *Mystery* and her timber rig is in wonderful condition, requiring only the odd patch

in her hull, which shows a bit of nail sickness in spots. Look out for us in next year's Moffat Cup Regatta!

The Rona Preservation Trust approached us recently to provide a sailing crew, which will happen just as soon as some issues in her standing rigging are addressed.

Later this year we'll be attending the Wellington Boat Show where, along with other wonders of the wooden world, we will be demonstrating traditional

copper riveting techniques on a 1920s Wellington Harbour Board dinghy.

Mystery, *Lizzie*, and privately owned classics will be displayed at Clyde Quay as part of the Wellington Festival of Sail in September. Plans are afoot to hold a regatta next year in partnership with the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club in honour of *Nanette's* centenary.

Amongst all this activity, we've still managed to fit a bit of sailing in.

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