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Scale of the late Len Southward's unlimited Hydro by Ron McAdam (Wgtn)

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Stuff From The President

The Same Old Same Old

The age old questions still keep on coming up and our inability to answer them still keeps on happening. Without making decisions we just keep compounding our problems and making more issues to deal with for the future. The indecision also causes problems for the members when it comes to building or buying boats with the number of classes that we run.

We have more available classes in this country than I can find anywhere else. It would seem a bit silly that we have such a large range of options for so few people. We create the situation where people split their investment in the hobby to match specific classes which may not get a lot of water time or we struggle to get enough support for a particular class or event.

We run a combination of classes, some match the European Naviga racing, some match the USA, NAMBA or IMPBA format and in the electric classes we run to a British spec which is different to the USA spec.

On top of that we also have some classes and some specifications which are unique to us such as mono matrix racing, tunnel only racing, tunnels are not hydros and of course the prop out the back of an 1/8 scale or sport 45.

While we need to have local application for some things, I also believe we need fewer classes which cover more boat types to create more flexibility for the people who have a boat.

The other question is of course do we have too many events or not enough events?

These are difficult questions to answer at any time but I think the time has come to make some decisions and streamline what we do as best we can.

I enjoy the Hydro regattas and the racing, and this year I have enjoyed the mono / endurance racing as well (I am even building my first subsurface drive mono) but to do these events you need a lot of boats and gear and with only a few participants we find a lack of support for some events A Hydro, B tunnel, Electrics and Petrol in some areas.

So where do we go from here?

I think we need to settle on a set of basic rules for hull types and classes and these should be consistent with either NAMBA, IMPBA or Naviga. The Aussies have gone in the USA direction but have added a couple of changes in the form of entry level classes.

From a gas / petrol hydro perspective for example the rules from these groups are much the same, mono racing however is very different. Electric classes are also very different.

If we make changes to our rules etc, remember these apply at national level only and for national titles. Clubs can still run what ever they like and in any way they like providing they advertise what they are doing.

2007 Program

We have added a proposed programme for next year with fewer events, we have indicated a national club day and we are hoping that clubs will create the activity rather than the association trying to.

AGM

I am hoping that the above issue of classes and an affiliation to one set of rules will be the key talking point at the AGM and that we will have a number of remits on this issue so we can come to some resolution.

Thunder Down Under

The TDU has the potential to be the largest model power boat event ever held here and there is no doubt that it will be a great opportunity to meet a whole bunch of new people with a common interest. And of course the racing should be fantastic.

Christmas

In the meantime have a great Christmas break, take the time to enjoy life, do those boat repairs, get painting and even build a new one. Also make some plans to attend the AGM and a couple of events and get ready for the Thunder Down Under.

Regards, Grant Binns, President.

Important Notice – Remits and AGM.

These must be received no later than the 14th January, 2007.

They will be posted out to all financial members the next week, at least 14 days before the AGM. The AGM will be at Lake Karapiro rowing club rooms on the Saturday after the GP racing.

Post Remits to John Belworthy, 37 Mahoe St, Waterloo, LOWER HUTT.

(So I can post them out the next week) Email: jc.belworthy@clear.net.nz

AGM 3rd Feb, 2007 at Karapiro GP boat race weekend, Lake Karapiro straight after the finish of the days racing.

Trophies: Please have them engraved and return them to Tony Rutledge, 16 Reuben Gr, Naenae, Lower Hutt no later than 31st Jan, 2007 or bring them along to the AGM.

Taupo Offshore by Greg Clarkson

Yes it rained on us a bit.

Yes the water was rough (ideal for true offshore conditions)

Yes the temperature was a little low

YES WE HAD FUN.

We haven't run this event for a couple of years so I was a bit apprehensive as to how many entries we would receive. When we got up to the magic number of 10 then I relaxed a bit and started to plan how to run the event without much in the way of extra bodies around to help out. Booked a babysitter for the kids for the day and persuaded Anna that she would really enjoy lap scoring for us – at least she was in the van and dry. A week before the event I received an email from Kerry O'Reilly (who lives in Taupo) offering to provide lunch for us. This was a great bonus and became one less headache to transport to the venue. This event was worth attending just for the lunch that Kerry's wife Tania and her helper (sorry I didn't get your name) cooked for us – in the rain. It is not often that we are served with proper hamburgers. Thanks very much guys from all of us, it really filled a gap and helped to keep the cold out.

Lake Taupo on a good day can present some very varied boating conditions from dead flat calm to almost too rough to boat on. We were not disappointed. The venue provides for very challenging and fun racing conditions without the added hassle of running in salt water.

On to the racing. The entries were a mixture of the proven and reliable boats of Neil and Darryl through to Kerry who is returning to the hobby with a new 90 cat after 20 years away doing other stuff. Welcome back Kerry. It was also good to see Murray Matheson back doing some racing after a few years off.

We ran a fairly standard format of 4 x 15 minute heats and a 30 minute final in two groups. By the end of the heats Neil was out in front but only by two laps from Daryl & Greg. At this stage the rain had set in and the water was really challenging ie rough so Neil elected not to race in the final along with a couple of others. This left enough of the brave ones left to only require one group for the final 30 minutes. The race started off really rough but smoothed out as we progressed. Daryl was having a great run followed by Andrew with some cautious driving. Greg was having problems with a big hole in the side of his boat after a meeting with Neil in the previous heat causing a severe list to port along with a loosening of the trim tabs which was giving a very uneven push at the back.

I think that we packed up in record time and went home to dry out and warm up.

Many thanks to those that entered and had fun racing and again thanks to Kerry & Co for lunch. See you all again next year.

Results

		Class	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total
1	Daryl Christiansen	C1	20	11	26	22	52	131
2	Greg Clarkson	C2	20	29	19	11	20	99
3	Andrew Meek	C1	19	13	20	7	36	95
4	Neil Plumpton	C2	1	26	28	26	0	81
5	Murray Matheson	C1	22	13	21			56
6	Leon Jacobs	C1	8	13	18			39
7	Graeme dePina	P	5	7				12
8	Kerry O'Reilly	C2	1	1	5			7
9	Stanley Shrimpton	C2	5					5
10	Rex Anderson	C1	3	1				4

Thunder Down Under International Challenge

Easter 2007

Everything is progressing nicely for this event which should be the largest we have seen for many years. It should also be the most exciting because I am expecting to see some Aussie rockets on the water which hopefully we can match.

Steve Trott has been in communication with Steve Tomvald from Sydney and it appears that we have a very keen (and what could be quite large) group of Australians who want to come over for an extended weekend and "Kick Arse".

I have already had several inquiries from the South Island about the program and also some serious interest from the petrol boys in Auckland, it is great to see this level of interest at this stage.

Attached to this issue you will find an entry form for the event, we had added an open off shore event and an open oval by engine class to create as much time on the water as we can for every competitor.

A Trans Tasman challenge, something I (and others) have been thinking about for a while, it is now going to happen.

The event is to be run at Lake Hakanoa in Huntly over Easter weekend 2007 with a tune up day on Thursday and racing from Friday through to Monday plus of course the appropriate social events.

All of the racing will be on the oval and at this stage we will cover all classes. We are expecting to see Cats, hydros and monos so the challenge for us is to start preparing some toys so we can defend ourselves.

It sounds like some of the Aussies will bring families and take a holiday here as well so our intention is to put on some good family hospitality and create an opportunity to make new friends and of course set up for a return visit.

We are also planning to introduce the Aussies to an endurance teams race for sprint boats, should be a lot of fast and furious fun. We will start working on the programme as entries are received but it isn't too early to start planning.

We need to ensure a good turnout locally if this event is going to be a success so keep an eye on the Propshaft and have a chat to Steve or I if you want to know a bit more.

From Doris.

Thunder Down Under 2007

Format Notes.

General Sprint racing.

This will all be "Matrix" based on the 300 point, 4 heat system, the clockwise races will all be 5 laps of the course which is 100 metre straights with 15 metre radius corners. (The electrics will run a smaller course and be based on a time vs number of laps format).

Semi Scale Offshore.

This is an "Open Motor Size" event, you may run either deep vees or cats so long as they are presented in the spirit of the event, ie have drivers cockpit or closed canopy with painted windscreen etc.

Depending on final entries we expect to run 2 x 15 minute heats per day for each participant, each heat will be on an irregular course with at least 1 x left hand turn.

Open Oval.

This event is only dictated by motor class, we will run monos vs hydros vs tunnels all mixed together.

Race Start Procedure etc

ALL persons running boats MUST have a pit person assisting at ALL TIMES.

All race starts will be by way of an audio 2 ½ minute countdown. (Except electric races which will be a bank start).

NZMPBA Race Rules

These will apply and are available to overseas and local members electronically, or hard copies will be available on arrival on site. NOISE, we appreciate that the Australian standard for Db differs to NZ, so long as all boats meet the Australian limits then this is acceptable.

2 Hour Teams Race

This event is not noted on the entry form as it is the type of event that we draw up on site as time allows, as in the past we expect it to be a huge amount of fun and possibly something new to our overseas visitors to try.

Social Events

There will be several of these including an evening of Paddle Boat Racing at the regatta HQ, so for all of you who have these please bring them along or we will have boats you can use.

FUN.

The major component of the event, this is mandatory for everyone !!

Regatta HQ.

The Anglesea Motel, 36 Liverpool St, Hamilton. P 07 834 0010 is providing our accommodation and social functions.



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36 Liverpool Street, Hamilton

Email: reservations@angleseamotel.com

www.angleseamotel.com

Select Lunch Menu

This option is available if you are not providing catering for the delegates but feel they may want to order a lunch for themselves. Please forward the following page to all delegates so they can individually order their lunches.

The select Lunch option is \$10.00 incl. GST

Date Lunch is required : M T W Th F S S

Name:

Room Number:

Same Lunch Delivered Daily? YES/NO

Time Required :

Anglesea Motel Lunch Menu

Please select one item from each of the following 3 items:

Item 1

Please indicate in the box which item you require

- Club sandwich filled with ham, wholeseed mustard, tomatoes, cheese and onion
- Ploughman's sandwich slab stuffed with pickle, roast beef, lettuce, tomatoes and onion
- Panini served toasted with smoked chicken, camembert, and mango apricot chutney
- White vienna bread filled with ham, cheese and crisp salad greens

Item 2

Please indicate in the box which item you require

- Fresh Baked muffin of the day (changes daily)
- Caramel Slice
- American Fudge Brownie

Item 3

Please indicate in the box which item you require

- Fruit yoghurt and a piece of seasonal fruit
- Cookie of the day
- Orange Juice or Bundaberg Ginger Beer

Anglesea Motel & Conference Centre at 36 Liverpool Street Hamilton or fax to us on 07 834 3310

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Date _____

2007 Thunder Down Under.

All arrangements are progressing well as noted elsewhere by Doris, the next big hurdle is funding the event.

We are trying to minimise the impact of cost to participants, especially our overseas guests as they already would have spent plenty just getting here.

What we need are some kind souls to make donations to the regatta fund, we need to raise approximately \$3000 dollars total, which is not impossible if many chip in a little each !!

To start the ball rolling, Benchtop Solutions Ltd will chip in \$250 and challenges others to do the same, however, any donation is obviously appreciated no matter how great or little !

Benchtop Solutions Ltd will also underwrite the event.

A list of donors will be advertised at the event and published in Propshaft to acknowledge NZMPBA's sincere gratitude.

Donations can be sent direct to the NZMPBA Treasurer or Steve Trott and tagged "TDU Donation"

Many Thanks in anticipation of your support.....TUI.

News around the Regions

News From the Bay of Plenty.

Things look a little quiet on the surface but in reality are very busy.

The Jacobs clan are working on preparation for a great 2007 season as are some of the others.

TUI is working steadily on the Thunder Down Under event as well as progressing with having a local lake constructed, the land is secured, basic scrub clearance is complete ready for a test dig due now prior to applying for consent, of which per a site meeting with Environment BOP verbally is a go ahead. The down side is that Tuis fleet are being largely ignored right now but that will change at x-mas, expect to see a new 90 rigger added to the fleet for 2007.

Wellington

Pete has his Kiwi 3 on the water and is setting it up. I hear the OS81 is being fitted.

Nigel is working towards getting his fleet of boats ready for the Thunder Down Under And other events throughout the year.

We have had a preliminary club race meeting early December where we all had a ball and want to continue with this. It will be aided by have club day on the 1st Sunday of the month, not conflicting with National events. It was good to see Darrell and Wayne back racing also.

**The Wellington Model Power Boat Club Presents The
2007 WELLINGTON OFFSHORE**

Venue: Port Road Seaview(beside boat marina).
Alternate venue if too rough Sladden Park Hutt river same as last year.
Date/Time: Sunday 18th February.Drivers Brief 10am.

Entry Fee: \$10.00. Entries Close Sunday 11th February.
EMAIL ENTRY PREFERED OR YOU CAN RING ME IN THE
EVENINGS

Late entries will definitely make me grumpy.

NB. Please ensure all boats are fitted with adequate retrieval handles or tow rope.

The aim of this event is to have FUN so leave your attitude at home and enjoy the day. We will endeavour to make things run as smoothly as possible, but we are only human after all. Entry is limited to one class per competitor. If your boat breaks down or is damaged beyond repair you may run a spare and or borrowed boat. All racing will be run to NZMPBA rules and all competitors must be financial members of the NZMPBA. Race format will be 3 or 4 fifteen minute heats and a 30 minute final per class depending on numbers of entries. Warm up/Practice will start at 10:15. Heat racing will commence at 10:45. Finals at conclusion of heats. Start time of finals may need to coincide with Ferry times if required for South Island competitors. Entry fee may be paid with entry or on the day at drivers briefing. No confirmation will be sent out but competitors requiring frequency changes will be notified before the event by phone or email.. A Barbeque lunch and cold drinks will be available at the venue.

Please send completed entry form to : Wayne Mc Naught
263 Mitchell St Brooklyn Wellington
Ph 04 3848968 evenings

(tear on dotted line) EMAIL ENTRY PREFERRED wayne.ultieng@paradise.net.nz

**ENTRY FORM
Wellington Offshore 2007.**

Name... NZMPBA No.....

Address.....

Phone..... Email :.....

Class-Hull Type	Frequency	Alt Freq (Mandatory)

Proposed Calendar - 2007		
Event	Venue	Date
AGM & display	Lake Karapiro	3/4 th Feb
Wgtn Offshore	Wellington	Sun 18 th Feb
Scale 1	TBA	10/11th Mar
International Thunder Down Under Challenge	Huntly	5/9 th Apr
Queens B'thday	Blenheim	2/4 th June
Matrix / Endurance 1	TBA	16/17 th June
Queens B'thday	Blenheim	3/4/5th June
Scale 2	TBA	15/16 th Sept
Matrix / Endurance 2	TBA	Aug 19/20th
Scale 3	TBA	Sept 16/17th
Taupo Offshore	Taupo	TBA

Can clubs contact me to let us know of any significant club events so we can add them to the calendar – Ed.

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**2007 NZMPBA
Thunder Down Under
RC Powerboat Sprint Fest.
Lake Hakanoa, Huntly, New Zealand.
Official Practice 9.30am to 3.00pm Thursday 5th April.
Race Days, Friday 6th Thru Monday 9th April.
Entry Form**

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address _____

AMPBA No. _____

Phone No. _____

NZMPBA No. _____

Event	Frequency	Alt. Freq.	Event	Frequency	Alt. Freq.
21 Mono			21 Hydro		
45 Mono			45 Hydro		
C1 Mono*			67 Hydro		
67 Mono			90 Hydro		
90 Mono			Open Hydro		
Petrol Mono State cc _____			Petrol Hydro State cc _____		
21 Tunnel			Std Electric		
45 Tunnel			Up to 12 Cell Stock		
67 Tunnel			Up to 12 Cell Open		
90 Tunnel			Open Electric		
Petrol Tunnel State cc _____					
			21 Open oval		
45 Sport Scale Hydro			45 Open Oval		
67 Scale Hydro			67 Open Oval		
			90 Open Oval		
Semi Scale Offshore			Petrol Open Oval		

- *C1 Mono is 7.51cc to 10cc front induction, side exhaust motor.
- Petrol motor classes as follows, 15.01cc to 23.00 cc, 23.01cc to 36.00cc, 36.01cc to 45cc
- Open Class 36cc maximum, Petrol or Glow
- You can enter more than 1 petrol class eg. 23cc mono and 45cc mono, use extra boxes to provide class, cc and frequency info.
- All entries must have a preferred frequency **and an alternative frequency.**

All events will be run to NZMPBA Racing Rules.

All participants must be current Financial members of the NZMPBA.

Overseas participants are required to become temporary Financial members of the NZMPBA

Entry Return Closing Date 23rd February 2007 (\$ 30.00 surcharge for late entries)

Overseas participant temporary NZMPBA Membership	\$ 5.00
Registration Fee	\$20.00
Event Fee (\$2.00 per event)	\$

Souvenir Tee Shirt (\$35.00 each)
Specify required XXL ___ XL ___ L ___ M ___ S ___ \$

Covered Pit Space, approx 1.8m x 1.5m each, \$40.00 each space for 4 race days \$
Pit Tables, approx 1.8m x 0.7m, \$20.00 each for 4 race days \$
12 volt starter battery \$15.00 each for 4 race days (**users responsibility to charge up**) \$

Total (payable upon registration on site, **before** your boats hit the water !) _____ (NZ) \$

Signed as acceptance of all terms and conditions _____

Note, food and drinks will be available each day from the café in the clubroom.

Return ALL entries to and / or direct any enquiries to;

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