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Editorial/Secretarial

A request for copy. Please send in your articles on regatta reports or news in general, building projects, hints and tips or ideas for moving the hobby forward etc.

Some developments to report:

- Notes from the AGM are included, have a read some fairly radical changes.

- The website has been updated to include a dedicated Nationals page for up to date information on preparations for this showcase event.
- A Forum has been added to the website for us to chat and keep up to date with news etc. Just follow the link on the website or log on to the address at the top of page 2 above.
- Subscriptions are now due and the good news in these days of ever increasing costs is that they remain the same at \$35 full and \$17.50 for each additional family member. Follow instructions on form at end of this edition.
- Part of the reason we have been able to keep costs (and Subs) down is by not mailing out "Propshaft" and making it available electronically to those with internet access/email this has represented a considerable saving in printing and posting costs but this has been partly offset by the cost of maintaining a website.
- Those without internet/email will continue to receive a paper copy.

Regards Peter Collier

Pres notes

Presidents Report No1 2008.

I must start by saying thankyou to the immediate past committee for their efforts in keeping things going through what have been some very challenging times.

In particular I would like to single out for special mention and thanks, Doris, as most of you know him, aka Grant Binns for his massive efforts over the past 7 to 8 years heading the Association, he was instrumental in changing the culture that was slowly killing the hobby to a refreshed culture where we could all enjoy events and activities again.

We, the new committee have got a lot to live upto with the bar being set high, however, we have a number of new faces at committee level who are all going to bring us a lot of enthusiasm and energy in getting things done.

I also want to thank all those that made the effort to attend the AGM in Taupo, it was a very balanced meeting with lots of very good discussion about a number of very important issues that the Association must address to go forward.

Ultimately, several of the issues have been referred to the committee for further investigation and continuing work, this was preferred over trying to make an uninformed decision as such quickly at the AGM simply for the purposes of getting a decision made.

I have set out to the committee a massive list of tasks, these include reviews of where we are at, with regards membership, events, assets, web site, rule book etc etc...most of this will take between 12 and 24 months at least to get full attention so please be patient... we have immediately focused on making sure that there is a NZ National Championship regatta this year, this will be run over Labour weekend in October, information regarding this will be released and added to the web site as various items are confirmed, again we have invited our Australian counterparts to join us, the event will also internally include the Thunder Down Under Trophy, for the Champion Club, in other words the more members you have from your local club competing and collecting points the more chance you have of winning, currently the trophy is held by the New South Wales R/C Powerboat Club, all I can say is that we here in NZ better step up and bring it home !

The whole purpose of the plan we are embarking on is simply to improve our systems and events, and from there obviously grow our membership, my goal is to grow the membership 15% in the next 12 months and then a further 15% the following 12 months. This is highly achievable, we ALL have a responsibility in making this happen, the NZ assoc will be focused on how we can help all of the individual regional clubs achieve good structures and activity plans, after all, this is where the grass roots boaters are, our committee will be contacting all regional clubs, they will be looking for certain information so we can develop plans with regards what can be done to help. If you work at the head of a regional club and are contacted, please help us, we need your feedback so we can better help your club...

There are a number of events programmed this year that are listed on the calendar of events, I urge you all to support these as much as possible, the organizers of these events voluntarily put in massive efforts to make things happen so you can all have some fun and competition, please make their efforts worth while.

Lastly, communication is the single biggest factor in achieving our goals as an association, I urge you all to let us know what we are doing is right, wrong or otherwise...any suggestions are always welcomed.

The committee are listed with all contact details in Propshaft, we are all available to you, we are there to help wherever we can, so don't be shy...

Regards,
Steve Trott,
President.

AGM –Taupo 29 March Summary

Election of officers

President – Steve Trott
Vice President –Dean Harris
Secretary – Peter Collier
Treasurer –Tony Kockott

Committee: Grant Binns, Kerry O'Reilly, Bob Gutsell, John Belworthy, Kim Kockott
For other appointments see page 2

Financial

Approximately 68 members and over \$5000 in the bank and \$700 in assets.
Subscriptions remain at \$35/\$17.50 (each additional family)

Remit Summary (see Propshaft 2008-1 for complete text of remits)

At the Nationals the (former) mono matrix events will be run as mono oval, in other words all heat racing will now be on the oval course in the clockwise direction. Endurance racing has been retained. A minimum of four entries will be required for an event to be held, with those missing out being given the option to run in the next (larger) engine class.

Tunnel hulls will now be referred to as Catamarans in the rule book.

The proposal for increasing the upper limit on the petrol classes to 52cc has been referred back to the proposer to consider safety provisions for the proposed super class based on overseas classes and the inclusion of a register/certification of big boats.

The electric remit for stock (entry level) electric using 6 cells with no upper MAH capacity limit was passed. The other classes have been set aside for the present while overseas practices are studied by a SIG in the interests of alignment with Australia and USA. The racing rules part was passed.

General Business

Some discussion of the next Nationals resolved that Steve Trott would take this to the committee and report back. Options to consider:

- Timing New year or Labour weekend maybe Easter
- Combine Nats with TDU and call it TDU NZ Nats.

See elsewhere in this Propshaft for further details

The membership Application form is to be used for all new and continuing members to complete and sign to update details – address and email etc as some information held on members is out of date. Payments of subscriptions to be by Cheque or DC to NZMPBA bank acct– no cash!! Reason: there are some instances of payments not being recorded in the past.

Promotional , introducing cards/ boat stickers (with website address on it) was generally supported. Design ideas to be presented in P/S to get feedback.

Presidents Report March 2008

Prepared By Grant Binns

Well this is the last time I have to write this report, I have now done several of them since I was first elected in 2002. During this period I believe that we (the committee and I) have achieved a lot and at all times we have considered the best options for the Association which has sometimes been to the detriment of individuals. This aspect of the job makes life difficult but somebody has to do it and of course if you don't like what's being done, put your hand up and help.

I saw a nice piece of verse used by one of our Australian boaters.

***“If you are not part of the solution
You are the problem”***

Whether you like it or not we are a political group and even though we are a small group we still have a lot of different issues and views to contend with.

We have also had a number of people with rather selfish views which makes for even more fun and games for the administration. But in the end I believe we have managed to keep moving forward.

During my time in the chair we have carried out:

- The review the rule book and developed it as a Handbook which is now easily updated.
- The cleanup of “Dumb Rules” in our rule book.
- Reviewed and updated the constitution (still a work in progress)
- Resolved issues with the C Scale Hydro and sport 45 rules
- Resolved issues with the Petrol classes
- Developed electric class rules
- Tried new innovation with the nationals
- And Thanks to Steve Trott, held our first official international challenge event.
- The “Have Fun” at a regatta drive, which I believe has made boating a lot more enjoyable.

In the last 12 months however we have seen most regattas cancelled and during this same period we have seen a resurgence in club activities in most areas. The committee has taken this on board and hope that the clubs will now promote their activities and arrange events that will attract model boaters from other areas.

I have enjoyed my time as President and I hope that my involvement has produced a positive improvement in our activities over the last few years. The members will be the judge of that. I believe it is time for the Association to have a change and after two rounds recently with the Neurosurgeon, I need time to recover and gain back some fitness so I can be more active (and useful) when I do go boating.

This is also a good time to thank those who have made the extra effort to support my boating activities by the lake while I have been unwell. It has made boating both possible and enjoyable and it is much appreciated.

I wish the incoming president and committee all the best, I know they will have a few challenges to sort out.

Regards
Grant Binns
President NZMPBA

Club Happenings

Central R/C Model Powerboat Club.

April Club Day.

We had another great turn out, it was the first of our inter-club meetings where we had the Hakanoa club hosting the Hamilton and Manukau clubs.

The day started out with conditions slightly breezy and a bit of wind ripple on the water, however it was not long before conditions turned to perfect and we enjoyed mirror conditions thru the rest of the day.

We tried out a basic race format for the afternoon which worked really well, it was loosely based on the Manukau’s club competition classes with a tweak here and there, the challenge at club days are to accommodate everyone that arrives with which ever craft they bring, in other words always “ run what you bring”

We set the classes out as follows, maybe it will help other clubs with a diverse range of craft too...

All oval 5 lap sprints with an all in 10 lapper at the end of the day.

Class 1.

Deepvee, Mono, Tunnel / Catamaran, all upto 35cc petrol or 1 cube glow.

Class 2.

Deepvee, Mono, Tunnel / Catamaran, all upto 7.5cc glow and including C1 (61 side exhaust)
glow

Class 3.

Hydro, A , B, Sport 45 and 1/8th or C Scale Hydros

Class 4.

Hydro, Open... (not including class 3) upto max petrol capacity and twin 90 glow.

Electric, Run what there is !!

It is not ideal in every situation but at least gets every body on the water, we also mixed competition time with free time for those that don't want to race or need help with tuning or sorting problems too.

We are looking forward to the return visit to the Manukau club in the near future...

Regs, TUI.

Wellington Model Power Boat Club

Activity at the April and May club days was somewhat limited by higher than normal river levels and southerly swells moving upstream. This has made test runs with hydroplanes impossible but the regular 10 minute offshore races have continued in testing conditions with most people's gear getting tested to the limit with weaknesses being found out.

Scale Hydro Registration.

As a part of the effort to tidy up a wide range of areas, it has been identified that our Scale Hydro register is badly out of date and requires sorting out so it represents the current position.

IF YOU have boats registered on the list as shown, we need you to re confirm the following details with the NZMPBA Scale Hydro Registrar, Graham Haines. His contact details are inside the front cover of this magazine.

- Your normal contact details along with e mail if you have it.
- Any Boats you have that are complete and running that you intend to race. (e mail photo if possible)
- Any boat / s you are building and intend finishing.
- Any boat /s you have registered but DO NOT intend building.
- Any boats you have registered but no longer have. ie sold on, (supply new owners details IF possible.)

Remember that the NZ rule book states that there is a 2 year time frame to complete the build process from date of original registration (unless you apply and are granted extra time by the registrar)

The rule book also states that you are only allowed 1 boat in development (build process) unless the registrar has approved other wise.

It also states that your boat /s must be re registered every 2 years from 01/01/95. There is not so much concern surrounding this at present and may be modified. All it does mean at this point is that effectively there are only 1 or 2 boats currently meeting registration criteria !

We need your reply to the above, to the registrar by 01/06/08.

For those that reply and have a boat in the build process, then there will be an extension thru to 01/06/09 to complete the project and fulfil the obligations as per the rule book, ie send in a colour photo as proof.

If you do nothing by 01/06/08 your registration will be struck off altogether.

Boats registered at present and struck off, then re registered by the same owner, will still only have until 01/06/09 to complete the build, not another new 2 year period. (unless you apply and are granted the time by the registrar)

We are also looking into having a current registration page on the NZMPBA web site with pictures of the completed boats, please e mail your photos if you can so they can be included.

Once we have the real situation assessed, we will be looking into what the needs are regarding organizing a refreshed Scale Hydro Race series or other potential outcomes.

Please help us to help you !!

Register as at May 2008

BOAT NAME	"U" No	I/D	YEAR	model	f/size	OWNER	DATE OF REG	ENG Class	2003
AMERICAN SPEEDY PRINTING	U40	8255	1983	X	Y	PAUL GARNER	1-Jun-98	C	R
ANNIHILATOR	GP007	N/A		X	Y	PAUL GARNER	26-Apr-99	B	R
ANNIHILATOR (PINK)	GPO07	N/A	2001	X	X	PAUL GARNER	2-Jan-02	B	R
ATLAS VAN LINES [10]	U1	8200	1983	X	X	PHIL ATTENBOROUGH	28-Jul-02	C	
BOSS MOBIL 1	GP05	N/A	1994	X	Y	GORDON HOMEWOOD	4-Nov-94	C	R
CANDYMAN	U5	7505	1979	Y	Y	WARREN BELK	21-Feb-91	C	R
CAPTRAN RESORTS	U20	7207	1981	Y	Y	JOHN NICHOLLS	17/11/98	C	R
CLOSE CALL	U10	8700	1997	X	X	NEIL STANLEY	29-Nov-02	C	
DE WALT TOOLS	U6	8806	1995	Y	Y	PAUL FLETT	20-Jan-02	C	R
EXCUSE ME TOO	M4	n/a	1956	Y	Y	TONY RUTLEDGE	19-Feb-91	B	R
EXECUTONE [2]	U8	8806	1982	Y	Y	STEVE TROTT	4-Apr-99	B	R
EXECUTONE [2]	U8	8255	1982	Y	Y	STEVE TROTT	23-May-97	C	R
GP2	GP2	n/a	1988	Y	Y	WARREN BELK	21-Feb-91	B	R
KISW MISS ROCK [31	UIOO	8255	1983	Y	Y	SCOTT PICKERING	8-Sep-01	C	R
LITE ALL STAR	U7	8407	1984	Y	Y	GRAHAME HAINES	27-Feb-95	C	R
LLUMAR WINDOW TREATMENT	U8	8808	1998	Y	Y	CHRIS BREEN	23-May-99	C	R
LLUMAR WINDOW TREATMENT	U8	9401	2003	X	X	MICHAEL BINNS	10-May-03	C	R
MILLER AMERICAN [1] SALT	U00	8401	1985	X	X	KEVIN HOUSLEY	22-Jun-03	C	R
MILLER AMERICAN [1]	U00	8401	1985	X	Y	TREVOR STEENHART	20-May-03	C	R
MILLER HIGH LIFE [1]	U00	8401	1988	Y	Y	MALCOLM MILLER	20-Jan-96	C	R
MISS BARDAHL	U40	6240	1962	Y	Y	DARYL CHRISTIANSEN	6-Jun-94	C	R
MISS BUDWEISER[17]	U1	8901	1993	X	Y	JOHN BELWORTHY	24-Feb-03	C	R
MISS BUDWEISER [19]	U1	9401	1995	Y	Y	GRANT BINNS	8-Mar-97	C	R
MISS CIRCUS CIRCUS[3]	U31	7831	1978	Y	Y	ROB BINNIE	9-May-03	C	R
MISS CIRCUS CIRCUS [5] P2	U31	8401	1988	Y	Y	JEFF WEAKE	1-Jan-01	C	
MISS CIRCUS CIRCUS [5] P3	U00	8401	1988	X	X	GLEN O DONNELL	10-Sep-01	C	
MISS CIRCUS CIRCUS [4] P4	U31	8700	1988	X	X	GRAEME DOGGETT	28-Sep-02	C	
MISS EXIDE II	U11	92102	1996	X	Y	BRIAN DOUGAN	13-May-01	C	R
MISS MADISON	U6	6079	1971	X	X	PETER COLLIER	13-Dec-06	C	R
MISS MADISON	U6	8806	1992	X	Y	BRIAN DOUGAN	JAN O2	C	R
MISS RENAULT	U3	8303	1983	X	Y	PAUL FLETT	25-Mar-02	B	R
MISS THRIFTWAY	U60	5960	1959		Y	WAYNE LESTER	7-Nov-01	C	
MISS TOSTI ASTI SPUMANTE [2]	U10	8410	1984	Y	Y	ED BRENNAN	28-Jul-02	C	
NOTRE DAME [9]	U7	7202	1972	X	Y	ROSS HOMEWOOD	10-Nov-02	C	R

OH BOY OBERTO [4]	U55	8255	1972	X	Y	MATHEW LEE	8-Aug-02	B	R
OH BOY OBERTO [4]	U55	8255	1972	X	Y	MATHEW LEE	3-Dec-00	C	R
OH BOY OBERTO [6]	U2	8200	1977	Y	Y	BRIAN DOUGAN	1-Jun-98	C	R
PAY-N-PAK [2]	U25	8025	1980	Y	Y	LEON JACOBS	23-May-06	C	R
PRIDE OF PAY-N-PAK [2]	U25	6925	1976	Y	Y	JOHN NICHOLLS	11-Feb-91	C	R
RADICAL RAT	GP21	n/a		Y	Y	MALCOLM MILLER	7-Jul	c	R
RED ADAIR	GP3	n/a	1994	X	Y	WAYNE McNAUGHT	29-Jul-02	C	R
SHELL TRU BLUE LADY BUG	GP6	n/a	1993	Y	Y	TONY RUTLEDGE	3-Mar-94	C	R
SHELL TRU BLUE LADY BUG	GP6	n/a				JOHN NICHOLLS		B	R
SMOKIN JOES	U10	9210	1995	X	X	ROB BINNIE	9-May-03	C	R
SMOKIN JOES	U10	8910	1995	X	Y	PAUL FLETT	1-Apr-02	C	R
SMOKIN JOES	U10	8910	1996	Y	Y	GEOFF STOKES	10-Dec-99	B	
THE BOSS	GP1	n/a	1983	Y	Y	PETER COLLIER	2-Mar-91	B	R
THRIFTWAY TOO	U62	5762	1995	Y	Y	WARREN BELK	18-Mar-96	C	R
TIDE	U8	8808	1994	Y	Y	TONY RUTLEDGE	9-Sep-94	C	R
TRU-JEN	NZ2	n/a	1985	Y	Y	TONY RUTLEDGE	19-Feb-91	C	R
ULTRA BOLD & DASH	U8	8808	1991	Y	Y	TERRY WILSON	3-Jan-96	C	
VALVOLINE/MISS MADISON	U6	8806	1991	X	X	BRIAN DOUGAN	16-Sep-02	C	R
WINSTONE EAGLE [2] LOBSTER	U10	8910	1990	X	Y	GRAHAME HAINES	27-Feb-91	C	R

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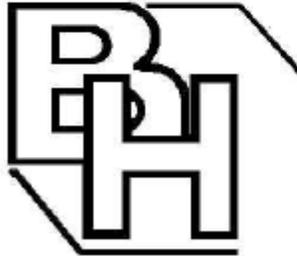


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Calendar 2008

Date	Event	Location
May 10	100 Minute Offshore	Hamilton entry form and rules
May 31 - June 1	QB Radio Marlborough Challenge	Diversion-Blenheim Entry form
August 10	Speed Runs	Diversion-Blenheim
September 27	100 Minute Offshore	Taupo (Hamilton club)
October 4	Picton Offshore	Picton
October 5	Speed Runs	Diversion-Blenheim
October 24-28	Thunder Down Under NZ RC Model Powerboat Championships 2008	Huntly Info
November 22	100 Minute Offshore	Tauranga (Hamilton Club)

Thunder Down Under NZMPBA National Championships 2008.

To go with the entry form also contained in this issue of Propshaft, here are some more details...

Venue : Lake Hakanoa, Huntly, NZ.

Event dates: 24th October thru Tuesday 28th. (Tuesday will only be used if racing is not completed on Monday)

Entry Fees : NZ \$ 50.00 per competitor, + \$ 2.00 per event entered.

Set up venue Fri 24th am, ½ day **Controlled Practice** that afternoon. ie noon till 3.30 pm.

Regatta HQ: North End Motel, 3768 State Highway 1, Huntly. Ph 07 8288298
www.holidayguide.co.nz/waikato/northendmotel.aspx

Other Accommodation in Huntly.

Lake Hakanoa Camp and Caravan Park. Taihua Rd, Huntly, Ph 07 8288363
Small cabins with communal kitchen etc, tent and caravan sites.

Huntly House. In Town, 07 8280195
4 Rooms with ensuites, (cheap & clean but a little tatty)

For the 15th entry received, there will be 1 night of free accommodation .

These conditions apply;

Entrant must be staying at the North End Motel for the entire event. ie 4 nights including free night.

Entrant must confirm booking on entry form.

Accommodation value is limited to 1 night of **standard** accommodation.

IF the 15th entry received does not fit the criteria, the next entry received that does fit the criteria will be allocated the free accommodation and breakfast.

All Entrants must be members of the NZMPBA, see www.nzmpba.co.nz for membership application.
Overseas entrants will pay an "Event Only" membership fee of NZ \$20.00

Overseas entrants can order fuel direct from highperformancemodels@xtra.co.nz

Covered Pitspace, table and chairs will be available for a fee of \$ 10 per day per person, limited availability, first in first served, confirm on entry form if required.

Prize Giving / Dinner Function : Will be at a venue in Huntly, to be announced.

Bookings will be taken on the day, before noon.

There will be other fun social functions held at the Regatta HQ too. These will be announced as the regatta progresses.

Thunder Down Under Trophy: This is an internal event, it is based on a club vs club basis, the more events your club members enter and compete in the more points your club gets, note your club on your entry form. Overseas entrants (eg Australia) will qualify as one "club".

"**Team Ozzy**" currently hold the trophy.

Check out the NZMPBA web site for other updates or contact your nearest committee member if you have any queries.

Thunder Down Under NZ RC Model Powerboat Championships 2008.

Lake Hakanoa - Huntly - New Zealand
Labour Weekend, October 25th - 27th
Official Practice Noon to 4.00pm Friday 24th October.
Race Days, Saturday 25th Thru Monday 27th October - (Tuesday if required.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ AMPBA No. _____

Boat Club: _____ Phone Number: _____ NZMPBA No. _____

Event	Frequency	Alt. Freq.	Event	Frequency	Alt. Freq.
A Endurance			C Catamaran (oval)		
B Endurance			Petrol Catamaran (oval)		
C1 Endurance			Open Oval		
C2 Endurance			A Hydro		
Petrol Endurance			B Hydro		
			C Hydro		
A Mono (oval)			Petrol Hydro		
B Mono (oval)			Sport 45		
C1 Mono (oval)			C Scale Hydro		
C2 Mono (oval)			Stock Electric (6 cell)		
Petrol Mono P1 (oval)			12 cell Stock Electric		
Pet Mono P2/3 (oval)			Open Electric		
A Catamaran (oval)			Open Off Shore		
B Catamaran (oval)			STD P260 Petrol Hydro (Trial)		

Note: All racing is on the Oval course, (except Endurance and offshore).

All events will be run to NZMPBA Rules

All participants must be members of the NZMPBA.

Closing Date 8th October 2008

(Late entries will incur an additional fee of \$20.00 and may not necessarily be accepted).

Registration Fee	\$ 50.00
Event Fee (\$2.00 per event)	\$.
Nationals Patch (approx \$15.00)	\$.
Overseas membership \$20.00	\$.
Covered Pit Space approx. 1.8mx1.5m duration of event \$40.00 (Limit No. - 1 st in)	\$.
Pit Table approx 1.8mx0.7m duration of event \$20.00 (Limit No. - 1 st in)	\$.
12v starter battery duration of event (users responsibility to charge) \$15.00	\$.00
Total (Payment must accompany entry, Cheques to NZMPBA)	<u>NZ\$.00</u>

Or Direct Credit to **BNZ 02 0600 0007986 00** include reference of **TDU2008, Name & NZMPBA** number with payment.

Signed as acceptance of all terms and conditions _____

Note: Food and Drinks will be available each day from the café in the clubrooms.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact

Steve Trott - President

Phone (07) 5721366 Fax (07) 5721367 Cell: 0275 706737 Email sktrott@xtra.co.nz

Post entry to NZMPBA c/- Dean Harris

3 Cameron Street

Papakura

Auckland

Phone (09) 2993300 Cell: 0274488247

Tick if accommodation has been booked at North End Motel (Regatta HQ) 3768 State Highway 1, Huntly. Ph 07 8288298



Application for New and Continuing Membership

NZMPBA #

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers

Home:

Work:

Mobile:

E-mail:

DOB:

Occupation:

Signed.....Date:.....

Subscriptions:\$35 single, \$17.50 for each additional family member (include names of additional members above.

Amount enclosed \$ (cheque, cash, direct credit) delete as required

Return form and subs to:

NZMPBA Treasurer:

Tony Kockott

63 Kensington Terrace

Gulf Harbour

Auckland.

Email tony.kockott@xtra.co.nz.

Payment may be made by direct credit to BNZ 02 0600 0007986 00 instead of including with posted form or emailed form. Be sure to include your nam/e and note you are a new member (assuming you do not have an NZMPBA# otherwise include that) to identify payee.

Please note it is **IMPORTANT** to include your details when direct crediting as some subs are being received without any reference to who they are from. If this is you then there may be considerable delay in processing your membership. If you suspect you may have done this please contact Tony and explain, with some proof that you sent your \$.