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Malcolm Belworthy driving No 77 Mr M finished top in the Wellington Club Offshore series for 2016

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Editorial

Propshaft is your newsletter and contributions are always welcome on boating related subjects. If submitting articles it makes my job much easier if copy can be formatted in Arial font at 10 pitch.

President's Report -

BOPMPBC 2 Lap Sprints, 12th & 13th November 2016.

The forecast for the weekend was not poised to be terribly kind for this event, the worst issue being the constant breeze that blew straight down the lake, it varied between a minor wind ripple to almost white caps at times.

A smallish entry of approx 7 or 8 meant that there was plenty of opportunity to get quite a few runs in, so most were able to pick their moment...

As usual, the pursuit of a quick time saw many missing or hitting marker bouys, most avoiding any serious damage etc except for ST who wiped the sponsons off both his 90 rigger and twin 90 riggers.

Nitros Backlash had a sponson depart the rest of the hull in a patch of rough water which also put that boat out.

By and large there was a lot of experimentation going on with props and set ups, most enjoyed seeing some sort of progress on the day.

It seems that regardless of the boat size / class, that an approx 5 second blanket could be thrown over all the monos and tunnels, all struggling to yet break the 30 second mark, with most hydros just a sneak ahead of this by a few seconds, but in the same way struggling to break the 25 second mark.

Perhaps with better conditions we will see more of the current records toppled in future, there were so many runs within inths of records, that on a better day most would have eclipsed.

It was also interesting to see many taking different lines to maximise various hull efficiencies, but still ending up with times mostly the same as others.

While at the time of writing the following are yet to be ratified as records, these were the class records provisionally set ;

B Mills	P3 Deep Vee	34.890
B Mills	P3 Mono	34.860
B Mills	P3 Tunnel	30.325
G Haines	C2 Tunnel	29.200
G Haines	Sport Petrol Hydro	28.735
P Anderson	Q Offshore	36.100

Congrats to all...for the rest, keep on trying !!



Wellington Offshore

Reported by Peter Collier with advice and recollections from the entire WMPBC in attendance on club night

Round 4 – 10th December 2016

The final round regatta of the combined National Series and the WMPBC Club Series had to be rescheduled from the original 19th November date following the uncertainties in the aftermath of the recent earthquake that preceded a weather bomb that saw the river flow exceed 1,000 cumecs, where 20 to 50 cumecs is desirable for boat racing. Not to mention the floating debris which for days after follows a storm event as the river is flushed. Also the water level was up to at least the height of the rubbish bin judging by the drift wood deposited in it (photo) and that would have left it very muddy and sodden underfoot. So it was a no brainer in the end to reschedule the event to 10th December.

Even then the event was held in challenging conditions akin to four seasons in one day, wind, rain hot, cold and a little sun! Oh okay maybe the sunshine was just early on in the day.

The racing was run on a different course too with WMPBC exercising their option to run the course they wanted. Essentially it was the same basic rectangular course but instead the M shape became a W shape with the buoy to run inside on the front straight. This meant for easier lining up buoy to go inside on the front straight and cleaner rounding of the buoys. The added bonus was a straight line full throttle run down the back straight that allowed boats to get up to speed if they dared in the conditions.

For the first time we ran the penalty buoy and it was positioned further downstream from the turn buoy at the end of the back straight. This worked out well and boaters seamlessly did their penalty of their own volition.

Not a single negative comment was heard, well not in the contest director's ears anyway. Means we probably won't change a thing for our regattas in 2017, except the weather maybe a little if we could.

Some other notables during the day were Bruce Clarke again driving a top race to win but not having it all his own way. Leigh and Birmy actually top scored in the heat and final respectively but not consistently enough to finish top. John Belworthy would have the 'hard luck' story running strongly in heat 1 and doing everything right with a very well performing boat handling the conditions at a good speed. His undoing was following Terry at a safe and sensible distance when Terry's new grey stealth machine took a dive when turning and travelled underwater for about 2 seconds before surfacing underneath John. A bent propshaft and no spare meant John's racing for the day was over. Bruce again, with Nigel as pitcrew the definition of teamwork would have to be Nigel wiping Bruce's glasses, one lens at a time, during a rain shower. Birmy ever consistent quietly plugged away getting 2nd overall and first in P2 class.

Wellington Offshore Round 4								
Name	NZMPBA#	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total	Overall place	Class Place	
Bruce Clarke	12	35	44	77	156	1	1	P3
Birmy Korving	286	32	30	80	142	2	1	P2
Leigh Marsden	131	14	47	75	136	3	1	P1
Pieter Lokum	83	38	31	50	119	4	2	P1
Darrell Hansen	31	39	30	41	110	5	2	P2
Malcolm Belworthy	77	34	2	52	88	6	2	P3
Peter Collier	23	39	X	44	83	7	3	P3
Terry Riddiford	32	24	23	31	78	8	3	P2
Murray Smithson	69	13	27	33	73	9	4	P3
Tony Christiansen	106	10	7	47	64	10	5	P3
Wayne McNaught	5	24	13	26	63	11	6	P3
Trevor Emerson	78	14	14	32	60	12	7	P3
Nigel Wong	261	15	37	5	57	13	8	P3
Mark Graham	102	34	10	-	44	14	3	P1
John Belworthy	76	34	-	-	34	15	9	P3
Graham Alywyn	59	32	-	-	32	16	10	P3
Stephen Knutsdon	8	11	3	-	14	17	11	P3

The overall results for the National series are posted on the NZMPBA website at:

http://www.nzmpba.co.nz/?page_id=629

The overall results for the WMPBC club series are and it was Malcolm Belworthy who in a commanding lead after 3 rounds did enough in the final to secure the series win.

Wellington Offshore 2016										
Name	NZMPBA	WMPBC	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total	WMPBC	Class Place	Class
Malcolm Belworthy	77	y	140	142	159	88	529	1	1	P3
Pieter Lokum	83	y	101	125	151	119	496	2	1	P1
Peter Collier	23	y	132	101	157	83	473	3	2	P3
Leigh Marsden	131	y	94	133	93	136	456	4	2	P1
Bruce Clarke	12	y	151	60		156	367	5	3	P3
Birmy Korving	286	y	97	-	122	142	361	6	1	P2
Darrell Hansen	31	y	100	105	35	110	350	7	2	P2
Terry Riddiford	32	y	121	42	175	78 with P2	338	8	3	P1
Nigel Wong	261	y	111	-	108	57	276	9	4	P3
Murray Smithson	69	y		125	77	73	275	10	5	P3
Tony Rutledge	43	y	112	134	-	-	246	11	6	P3
Mark Graham	102	y	17	34	138	44	233	12	4	P1
Trevor Emerson	78		54	95	-	60	209	13	7	P3
Brad Thompson	36		126	81	-	-	207	14	8	P3
John Belworthy	76	y	17	28	71	34	150	15	9	P3
Tony Christiansen	106		-	84	-	64	148	16	10	P3
Keith Ewing	27		78	36	-	-	114	17	11	P3
Wayne Thompson	29		16	87	-	-	103	18	12	P3
Jeremy White	126	y	-	96	-	-	96	19	5	P1
Bob Gutsell	197		83	-	-	-	83	20	3	P2
Brian Hely	22		60	-	-	-	60	21	1	Px
Brian Anderson	122		22	-	-	-	22	22	1	C2

Next WMPBC club offshore event also doubling as the first round of the National Series in on 19th February 2017 on the Hutt river.



Offshore series update

See the website www.nzmpba.co.nz

Club News

Wellington Model Power Boat Club

See report above for Club Offshore Series to date.

Continuing with our monthly club days, which are very enjoyable tune up days.

Bay of Plenty MPBC

- Wairarapa Model Power Boat Club.

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