

## BIG COMPETITION

### International campaigners race to Noumea

The presence of six internationals will push the local fleet hard on the 975nm racetrack from Auckland to Noumea.

The Reichel/Pugh 63 **Limit** (pictured) was commissioned by West Australian yachtsman Alan Brierty for the most recent Sydney-Hobart. Launched in Melbourne in November, the boat averaged 13.3 knots to place fifth on line in the Hobart, and winning on IRC.



Many will be familiar with **Living Doll** from its debut in last October's HSBC Premier Coastal Classic, in which the brand new 55' Farr design retired early in strong headwinds. Now race hardened, Living Doll will be one of the serious contenders for overall honours in the marathon to Noumea.

**Mustang Sally** is another boat well known by New Zealand sailors. A 46' Farr designed performance cruising sloop launched in 1988 she raced the Sydney to Hobart in 1992, 1994 and 2008 and has circumnavigated New Zealand, Australia and the world under the ownership of Warren Batt.

The fleet also welcomes three entrants

## IRC'S NEW STRATEGY

### Keeping costs down to get numbers up

Boat owners will now be able to apply for an 'unendorsed' IRC certificate – one where they get a rating by simply measuring the boat themselves, saving on the time and expense of weighing and measurement by an official measurer.

The use of unendorsed certificates is common in most other countries. The IRC Owners Association—a group of boat owners committed to making IRC a success—hopes to get more smaller boats using the rating rule so that divisions can be created based on boat length, which will give fairer

from the Cercle Natique Caledonien (CNC), RAYC's partner club in this race: **Lagoon Ozone**, 2004 entrant **Internautic 6**, and the Young 11 **Route 66**.

Local entrants are **REVS**, **Bird on the Wing**, **O'Sinnerman**, **Wild Card**, **Bare Essentials**, **Bullrush**, **Antaeus**, **Outrageous Fortune** and **V5**.

Watch the race starts - 1400hrs on Wednesday 24 June (Corinthian and Cruising entrants), and Saturday 27 June (Premier and Multihulls). For more info visit [www.rayc.org.nz](http://www.rayc.org.nz)

and more rewarding racing. The Owner's Association says that as a measurement based rule it rewards boat preparation and sailing ability and not rewarding mediocrity.

The 2009/2010 IRC Racing Calendar is currently being planned with the National Championships being held during the Line 7 Regatta in Wellington. There will also be IRC divisions in the Auckland to Noumea race and Around North Island Race. The calendar will be published shortly.

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### Thank you Safety at Sea

We would like to acknowledge the terrific support that Safety at Sea has given KORC and Yachting New Zealand for two years now. You have made the production of this newsletter possible and enabled other KORC activities. Thank you.

### Certificates expire 31 May

Renew your PHRF and IRC for the new sailing year now.

### Cat 2/3 lifetime shorted

Cat 2 and 3 safety certificates now run for two years – see p2 for details.



Dean Stanley is RPNYC's new CEO.

**“SSANZ has come up with a successful formula that gets better every year”**



The second winter race in Lyttleton Harbour felt almost like summer.

## IN BRIEF

Keen to check out more detail about your boat, or your competition's? **PHRF race histories and measurements** can now be viewed online. Visit [www.yachtingnz.org.nz](http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz) and click on 'Boat Search and Handicap List' under 'Keelboats'. Find the PHRF boat you are interested in, and click on its name.

The **Spring Regatta** and first **Gold Cup Race** of the summer season will be held on Saturday 26 September, organised by Richmond Yacht Club. Mark your calendars now.

**Maritime New Zealand** has renewed Yachting New Zealand's Ministerial Delegation for safety inspections for yachts travelling offshore. The agreement has been renewed for a further five years. YNZ believes it is in the best position to oversee this important job while ensuring that a sensible approach is maintained by people who understand the unique requirements of sailing offshore.

The first amendments to **YNZ Safety Regulations** of Sailing 2009 – 2012 have been posted on the Yachting New Zealand website and came in to effect on May 1. The changes include anchor

requirements, GPS requirements, Advanced Sea Survival requirements and more. Another key change is that boats securing new **Category 2 or 3** safety certificates must now be inspected every two years. (Those with existing certificates will run the full three years.)

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club has appointed **Dean Stanley** to the position of CEO. Dean joins Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club after 20 years of running his own business, providing educational research and professional development services to schools throughout Wellington. Dean has extensive experience in running major sailing events such as the 2004 Optimist National Championships and the 2007 Youth Sail regattas. He has been coaching sailing for over ten years and is a trustee of the Port Nicholson Yachting Trust.

Want to challenge yourself? Join in on New Zealand's biggest Two Handed Series. Last year the **SSANZ B&G SIMRAD Triple Series** saw over 170 Entries making the series the second biggest race in the country. With three races spaced approximately one month apart and courses to cater for all sizes of keelboat (and multihulls) SSANZ has come up with a suc-

cessful formula that just gets better every year. [www.ssanz.co.nz](http://www.ssanz.co.nz)

Congratulations go to Shane Bellingham and the crew of Attitude for a PHRF multihull record of 10:11:10 elapsed time in the **International Paints Auckland Tauranga Race** at Easter. Other handicap winners included Vela Veloce, Ballistic, Fully Charged and Bushido 11. Next year's race will be held on 1 April (no foolin'!).

The first two winter races at **Naval Point Club** in Lyttleton were sailed in almost "summer" temperatures with nice breezes and attracted fleets of 30 boats. Unfortunately the third was raced in a biting southerly and attracted only five boats. The picture to the left is from the second race.

Thirty small keelboat, multihull and centreboard yachts turned up for race day one of **Royal Akarana's** winter series. International one-design racing is strong at RAYC with 8 Platu 25's, 14 Flying Fifteens, 5 F18's plus a few skiffs and Farr 727's turning up for the first day of the season, and more expected with the Elliott 5.9 and SR 26 fleets at Day 2 on Sunday 14 June.

## TOP OF THE AMATEURS

### Triple 888 crew win BMW Sailing Cup World final

Roger Pagani describes the final race that took him and the crew of Triple 888 to victory by the slimmest margin in the BMW Sailing Cup World Final on Lake Garda in Northern Italy, a win that puts New Zealand firmly in the top rank of amateur keelboat sailing:

“It began with circling and yelling in the pre-start and both boats over at the gun. Italy emerged to windward and ahead, defended an intense tacking duel, rounded the top first and held its three-length lead to the bottom mark.

We round opposite marks at the gate and although have a smoother turn we have a bad drop and trawl the kite out the side of the boat. By the time we settle in and tack over

we hook into a vein of pressure that almost gives us starboard on the Italians. They leebow but when we next meet at the top mark we have starboard, dialing down before shooting head to wind rounding the mark ahead. Down the final run side by side we protested seven times, and seven times the umpires in chase boats turned us down. Metres from the finish we gybed hard onto starboard, and luffed Italy closely, with sails screaming in the wind. It was just enough to edge forward and we crossed ahead by the narrowest of bow lengths. And then the celebrations began.”

Roger’s crew were Graeme Sutherland, Josh Puckey, Sam Bell and Nick Bastow. They qualified for the event by win-

ning the BMW Sailing Cup locally, an event contested by all divisional winners in the BMW Auckland Regatta. The event was raced in Beneteau 7.5s.

“The venue is stunning. BMW chauffeured us to the Fraglia Vela Macesine yacht club each day in X5s, X6s and 7-series BMWs, and put us up in the 5-star Hotel. Spectators at the yacht club bar sit at tables 50 metres from the start line, where the water plunges 200 metres. Behind the club, mountains climb to snow-capped peaks. A 600-year old castle keeps watch over the little town of Malcesine,” says Roger. Eight countries contested.

[www.bmw-yachtsport.com](http://www.bmw-yachtsport.com)



Triple 888 competing in the BMW Auckland Regatta

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**- Roger Pagani**

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE A SUCCESS

### Crew membership boosts central city club

The trial of a special category of club membership just for sailing crew has helped to grow membership at an Auckland yacht club by around 25%.

A problem facing many keelboat clubs is that while a boat may have 5-8 crew members, only a small number of those are likely to join the club. Recognising the problem, the Ponsonby Cruising Club – a long standing keelboat club based at Westhaven Marina – last

year made the decision to give a heavily discounted membership rate for crew members a trial.

In terms of use of the club, crew members have all the benefit of full members, except for voting rights but for half the price. For the club there was the risk that they would lose full fee paying members who would opt to step down to the lower level, and while some did take that option, the overall impact has

been to bring in more senior members and more crew members. “It’s added to the number of people utilising the club, and gets more people involved in yachting, and that’s got to be positive,” says Commodore Colin Sykes, who explains that those who get a lot of benefit from the club will often step up to the senior membership.

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Ponsonby Cruising Club mullet boats and Thursday rum racing are Auckland icons

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## BACK PAGE SPECIAL

Beat that!



The crew of Triple 888 won the World Final of the BMW Sailing Cup in Lake Garda, Italy just a week after taking out the Young 88 National Championships under the helmanship of Rod Davis. (See story p3)

## Major Events

24/27 Jun 09	<b>Auckland to Noumea</b> <a href="http://www.rayc.org.nz">www.rayc.org.nz</a>
Winter 09	<b>B&amp;G SIMRAD Triple Series</b> <a href="http://www.ssanz.co.nz">www.ssanz.co.nz</a>
23 Oct 09	<b>HSBC Premier Coastal Classic</b> <a href="http://www.coastalclassic.co.nz">www.coastalclassic.co.nz</a>
6 Feb 10	<b>Around North Island Race</b> <a href="http://www.mnzys.org.nz">www.mnzys.org.nz</a>
19-22 Jan 10	<b>Bay of Islands Sailing Week</b> <a href="http://www.bayofislandssailingweek.co.nz">www.bayofislandssailingweek.co.nz</a>
12-14 Feb 10	<b>Port Nicholson Line 7 Regatta</b> <a href="http://www.rpnyc.org.nz">www.rpnyc.org.nz</a>
19-21 Mar 10	<b>BMW Auckland Regatta</b> <a href="http://www.mnzys.org.nz">www.mnzys.org.nz</a> / <a href="http://www.bbyc.org.nz">www.bbyc.org.nz</a>
1 April 10	<b>Auckland to Tauranga Race</b> <a href="http://www.yacht.org.nz">www.yacht.org.nz</a>

Planning your race calendar? With dozens of clubs around the country holding events there is more happening than we can list here, so look no further than your regional yachting association or local clubs' websites for event listings – full details at [www.yachtingnz.org.nz](http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz), click on 'club directory'

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