

# *Nelson Radio Sailing Newsletter*

*January 2026*



## Commodores Notice board

Welcome to the New Year. Here's to fair winds and enjoyable sailing in 2026. Colin's excellent newsletter will have all the news; I have just a couple of items to add.

**Firstly**, I don't think the Top of the South regatta will have many outside entries this year, so it is a great chance for local sailors to enter and gain experience. The entry fee of \$100.00 includes the barbecue on Saturday, after sailing, and includes partners; so, come along enjoy the racing and camaraderie. Non-sailing members and their partners are welcome- \$25.00 per couple. RSVP closer to the date.

**Secondly**, the club's fleets continue to grow. But for some of us the pressure of racing is becoming a bit much, as our eyesight and reactions are a little diminished. To keep these sailors enjoying the sport, I would like to propose a trial of fun relaxed sailing on Thursday afternoons; just boys in boats having fun. A couple of races with fun courses, and perhaps bring a beer or coffee.

A suggested name for this group - Boys, Boats and Bullshit. If there's enough interest we'll kick off late January. All would be welcome including newbies. Let me know.

Have a safe New Year.

John

What a great (Top Of The South Regatta )we hosted in December with 33 sailors competing. The weather gods turned it on for us and we are hopeful of another successful two day regatta in February. Bottom of page are successful competitors receiving their trophies.

Briefing by John Levy before racing commences



Gold Fleet

1st Erie Williams



Silver Fleet

1st Brian Bennett



Bronze Fleet

1st Robert Norris

Club Trophy Winner Dean Atkinson



Such an exhausting two days bring on the beers



off and racing

The Trophy that Dean Atkinson won at the Top Of The South Regatta, was the Bruce Edgar Interclub Trophy that is competed by all clubs in the comp.

It has been running 2 years and Pegasus won the trophy last year.

Dean was presented with the trophy as top scorer within our club over the tournament.



The photo on the left shows our rubber ducky in pristine condition, after Kelvin Atkinson spent some time in scrubbing the material.

Please keep the boat in good order if you are using it for whatever reason , and wash it down at the end of the day before storing it away.

Thank you



We had a good turnout for our Christmas luncheon at the Craftsman Café.





Dennis Gutschlag received a well deserved gift from the club presented by Basil Hart. Dennis will be ratified as a life member at our next AGM for his outstanding service to our club over many years. Congratulations Dennis.

I have to mention a couple of things:

This month accolade goes to Peter Jensen for winning two races with a B rig on Sunday at the TOPS. ( All other sailors were using A rigs) Congratulations Peter.

This months embarrassment is jointly awarded to Ken Alcott ( losing keel at marker 12) and BJ for not securing hatch cover before launching 117.



Above photo has Dennis telling a few tales of his time with the club which caused a lot of laughter with the group.

On the left photo, Dennis shows off his solid laminated bread board, beautifully hand crafted by our own club member Kelvin Atkinson.



## Upcoming Events

Top Of The South Regatta : 28th Feb/ 1st march 2 days

DF 65 Sth Island Championships 4th April/ 5th April 2 days

DF 95 Nationals 20th,21st,22nd November 3 days

IOM Nationals 4th,5th,6th December 3 days.

*It would be fantastic to get a record number of entries from our own club members for all events. Please give it careful consideration to make our own hosting event a success.*

Below is a diagram of our new canopy that your committee has agreed to proceed with. It has been ordered from Auckland and should arrive late Feb.



**“OMG... HE’S BOUGHT  
A NEW BOAT!!!”**

