

# *Nelson Radio Sailing Newsletter*

*June 2026*



## **Commodore Report**

Hard to believe its winter. Excellent sailing weather, with fleets of 15 plus IOM on most days and 22 DF65 on the water on Saturday, including DF 95. Thanks to Brian Bennett for his Thursday sailing clinics, you never stop learning and the exercises he puts us through definitely improves your boat handling skills. If you haven't attended, see if you can next time he's having one .Well worth the effort.

Kelvin and Dean Atkinson will be sailing in the Auckland Champs next weekend. We wish them every success. As you will see in this letter work continues on the canopy ,it should be up and running in a couple of weeks. Thanks to Annie and Murray for their great work on the gardens,

We will be holding garden tours soon. 😊 . The Thursday casual sailing group is proving popular so if you just want a casual sail and a chat pop along.

Enjoy your sailing.

**John**

### **Nelson Radio Sailing Committee 2025/26**

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Top left photo shows a recent working B to place piles in a new location. Top right photo is Hayden Sharland (Rob's son ) welding the canopy brackets in place onto a steel ubeam. Below is Wayne Avery and Hayden working on the beams. Once the container on the right is placed back into a new position, the beams will be lifted onto each container ready for the supporting canopy structure to be secured into the brackets. The canopy and all supports are currently stored on a trailer at Darryl Fry's property. It has been a long slow process to get to this stage, but we are now close to the final stage of erecting it in place thanks to John Levy and Wayne Avery.




It was so good to see Bas back at the pond yesterday after his stint in CHCH. Funny watching the look on Alan Gare's face when Bas pointed out that his hatch was not in place as he was launching his boat.

Murray Sleeth has been working on updating our sailing and handicap rules and after the committee has checked and OK'd them I shall publish them in a future newsletter. Thanks Murray for your tireless work on this,

An email will go out to skippers when the weather is warmer for volunteers to bring a paint brush and help out with repainting all white posts at the pond.

A fantastic fleet of 70 boats entered for the IOM Nationals on 3rd to 6th Dec. Also DF95 National Championships 20th to 22nd Dec filling fast. Both events will good publicity for our club.



Commodore John presenting a short memorial service for Ian Vickers. John attended Ian's funeral in Auckland last month.



Our range of Vickers boats from club members in attendance



DF 95" sailing on Saturday



DF65's sailing on Saturday

-NZRYA are in discussion with Yachting NZ around the potential to formalise the use of Radio Sailing events as part of the YNZ programme of race official training (Race Officers, Line officials, Judges, Umpires) . Both Radio Sailing and full size events struggle to keep a sustainable pool of such officials available, and having exposure to RC events for all trainees can only be beneficial to both the trainee (gets to experience and manage 20 races across a day compared with 2 or 3 on full size courses), and radio sailing in terms of more officials with suitable experience-even if "in training" (Text is courtesy of Pegasus club)

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