

Nelson Radio Sailing Newsletter

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Commodore Report

Our club has enjoyed generous support over the years from many sponsors either in cash or services rendered. Once again Lift n Shift has come to the party moving the container allowing for the new piles then shifting it back in place, also lifting the main frame up onto the containers. They charge us a very reduced fee.

I would also like to thank Hayden Sharland for his time given freely, welding the frame, then welding it in place on the containers plus the various lugs and eye bolts that will hold the canopy in place.

The next step is fitting the cover we will let you know when as we will need a bit of muscle !!

This Saturday 11th July starting at 10.30am Rob Nelson will be at the pond giving advice on rigging and tuning your boat. Bring your boat, this is a great way to learn from one of the country's top sailors and what's more it's free. Arrive at 10.00am. Congratulations to Dean Atkinson for his third place in the Auckland champs and Kelvin finishing 9th.

John levy

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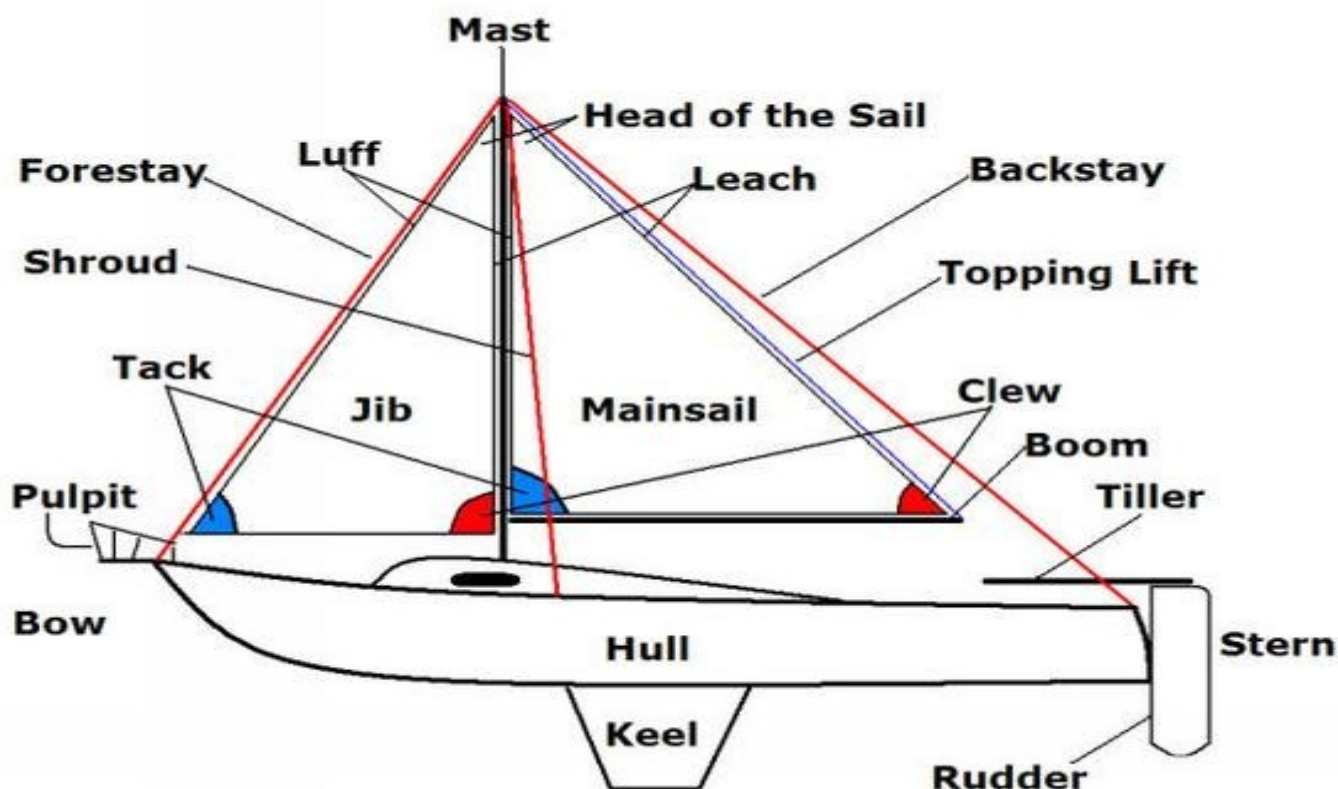
The Hiab from Lift N Shift just finished placing the canopy structure on top of the containers. I didn't realise how tall John Levy was who is taking the photo.



Photo on the left is Hayden Sharland (welder) finishing off welding lugs onto the containers with the assistance of Wayne Averyt.



How the canopy will look like although the front panel will be dark green



Rob Nelson from Pegasus sailing club will be at our pond for a tuning session next Saturday 11th July. Please arrive at 10.00am for a 10.30am start. A good turnout would be appreciated as it will be a very informative session.

Below are results (already published) of some comps held during the year.

Brass Monkey:

- 1st Kelvin Atkinson
- 2nd Nigel Petrie
- 3rd Dave Corbett

Nile Road handicap

- 1st John levy
- 2nd Basil hart
- 3rd Chris Hodson

DF 65 Autumn Series

- 1st Mike Ballard
- 2nd Roger Fawcet
- 3rd Trevor Fawcet

DF 65 Summer Series

- 1st Trevor Fawcet
- 2nd Peter O'Hanlon
- 3rd Murray Sleeth



Look how far we have progressed in six years thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers. Photo courtesy of Darryl Lamb



Back in the old days

Pasta was not eaten in Australia or N.Z.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

All potato chips were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.

Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sashimi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal, like Castor Oil and Cena Tea.

Broccoli and Asparagus hadn't been invented, which is probably just as well, because Cauliflower, Parsnips and Brussel Sprouts were traumatic enough for kids as it was!

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!!

And two things that we never ever had on our table - elbows or phones.