

Nelson Radio Sailing Newsletter

September 2026



Commodore Report

MORE THAN A SAILING CLUB

As I reflect on what our club has achieved, particularly in developing and building our venue, I am reminded that we are much more than simply a sailing club. Yes, sailing is at the heart of what we do, and it is what brought many of us together in the first place. But over the years, something much more valuable has developed. Through our shared enjoyment of sailing we have formed friendships, supported one another, and become a real community.

Our venue is something we can all be proud of, but the true strength of our club is the people who make it what it is. It is the camaraderie, the fellowships, and the laughs, the help we give each other and most importantly, the friendships that have grown through our shared passion of radio sailing.

We may come together to sail our boat but it is the friendships we have made along the way that make our club truly special.

What inspired me to write this was when I left the venue today I realised the tremendous effort put in over the past few weeks, concreting, grass prep, and many other under the radar jobs.

Thank you. Wow what a club,

John

Nelson Radio Sailing Committee 2025/26

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Skippers will notice a lot of work has gone on at Best Island to improve our facility.

A series of photos follows to show the sequence of progress with the concrete pad and newly grassed area.



Above is Darryl Fry on digger scraping out soil for concrete pour.

Wayne Avery on rake.

Left is Butch praying the concrete will not crack on drying out



Daryl on digger preparing grass area



Commodore on tractor hoeing the ground



A good turnout for raking the soil into a finer grade for grassing



Yeah still working hard



John spreading seed under supervision from Chris



Dude on the roller after grass seed layed



Annie sweeping up

Congratulations to the DF65 Winter Series Trophy winners.

1st Stew Taylor 2nd Annie Carrad 3rd peter O'Hanalon.



Happy 6th Birthday to our club last week.

Our club has certainly progressed over 6 years in membership increase and improvements on grounds and infrastructure.



A very blustery day on the water last Sunday and sailors brave enough to sail used either B or C rigs.

Atkinson boys cleaned up with fantastic sailing.

Moishe Plotnik's Laundry

Walking through San Francisco 's Chinatown, a tourist from the Midwest was enjoying the artistry of all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners.....

When he turned a corner and saw a building with the sign 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry.'

'Moishe Plotnik?' he wondered. 'How does that belong in Chinatown?'

He walked into the shop and saw a fairly standard looking dry cleaner, although he could see that the proprietors were clearly aware of the uniqueness of the store name as there were baseball hats, T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with the logo 'Moishe Plotnik's Chinese Laundry.' The tourist selected a coffee cup as a conversation piece to take back to his office. Behind the counter was a smiling old Chinese gentleman who thanked him for his purchase.

The tourist asked, 'Can you explain how this place got a name like "Moishe Plotnik's Laundry?"'

The old man answered, 'Ah... Evleebody ask me dat. It name of owner.'

Looking around, the tourist asked, 'Is he here now?'

'It me! Me him!' replied the old man.

'Really? You're Chinese. How did you ever get a Jewish name like Moishe Plotnik?'

'It simple,' said the old man. 'Many, many year ago I come to this country. I standing in line at Document Center of Immigation. Man in front of me was man from Poland ...'

'Lady at counter look at him and say to him, 'What you name?'

He say to her, 'Moishe Plotnik.'

Then she look at me and say, 'What your name?'

I say,.....'Sam Ting _____

The haircut

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the family car. His father said he would make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible and get your long hair cut. Then we will talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he would settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you have brought your grades up and I have observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I am disappointed that you have not had your hair cut."

The boy said, " You know Dad I have been thinking about that and I have noticed in my studies of the Bible that: 1. Samson had long hair, 2. John the Baptist had long hair, 3. Moses had long hair, 4. and there is even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

You are going to love the Dad's reply:

"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere???"