



New Zealand Radio Yachting Association Inc.

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2022 NZRYA CHAIRMANS REPORT

Greetings NZRYA Members,

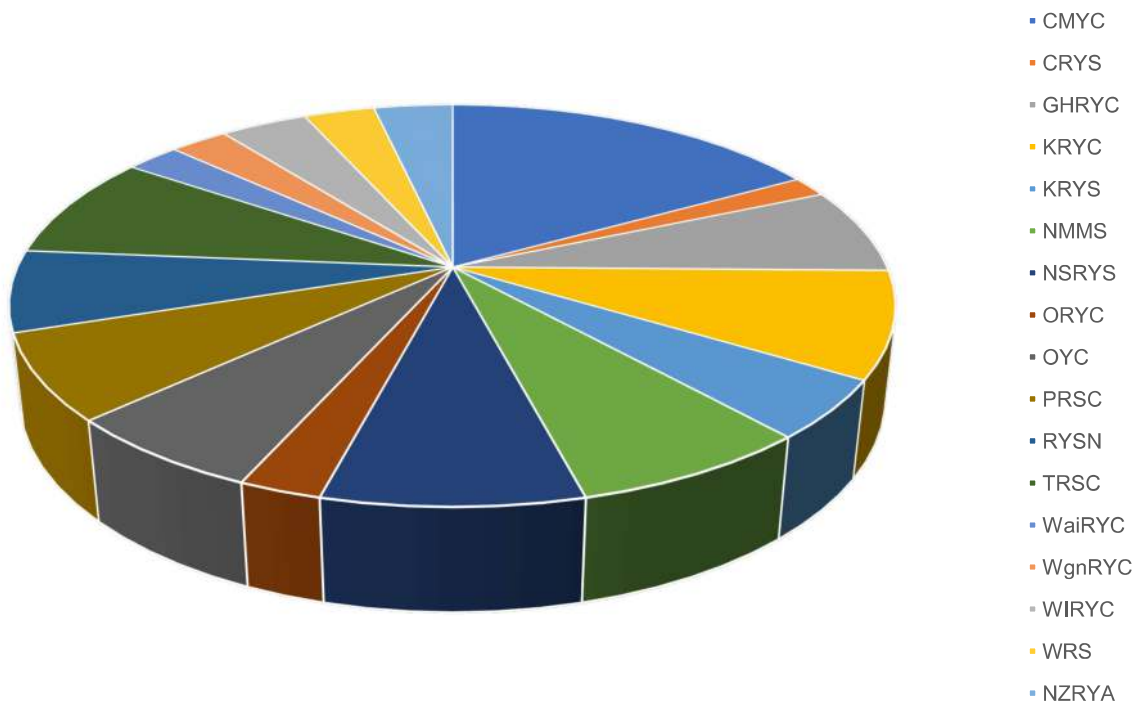
2021 – 2022 has been a much better year for radio sailing than 2020-2021. Covid-19 has subsided and only a few regattas have been postponed or cancelled. The IOM and EC12 Classes have successfully held National Championships and the DF95 and DF65 Classes have National Championships scheduled for November and December respectively.

IOM National Champion Ian Vickers
EC12 National Champion Chris Harmer

Hopefully several of the other affiliated classes will hold National Championships in 2023.

2021 – 2022 has continued to see growth in both new members and new boat registrations.

NZRYA MEMBERS (by Affiliated Club)



* NZRYA represents members who do not belong to a club as they live more than 100 km from the nearest Affiliated Club and in some cases live overseas.

Apart from the new members that have been drawn to radio sailing by the events and promotional activities of our Affiliated Clubs, NZRYA membership has also grown because of NZRYA Regulation 1 – Membership which was passed at the last NZRYA AGM. Clubs are now required to join all their sailing members. NZRYA Individual Members at the date of this report are 566 with a number of Club Membership Returns still to be received which is expected to increase numbers further.

In the past twelve months four new Clubs have been affiliated and this has also boosted member numbers:

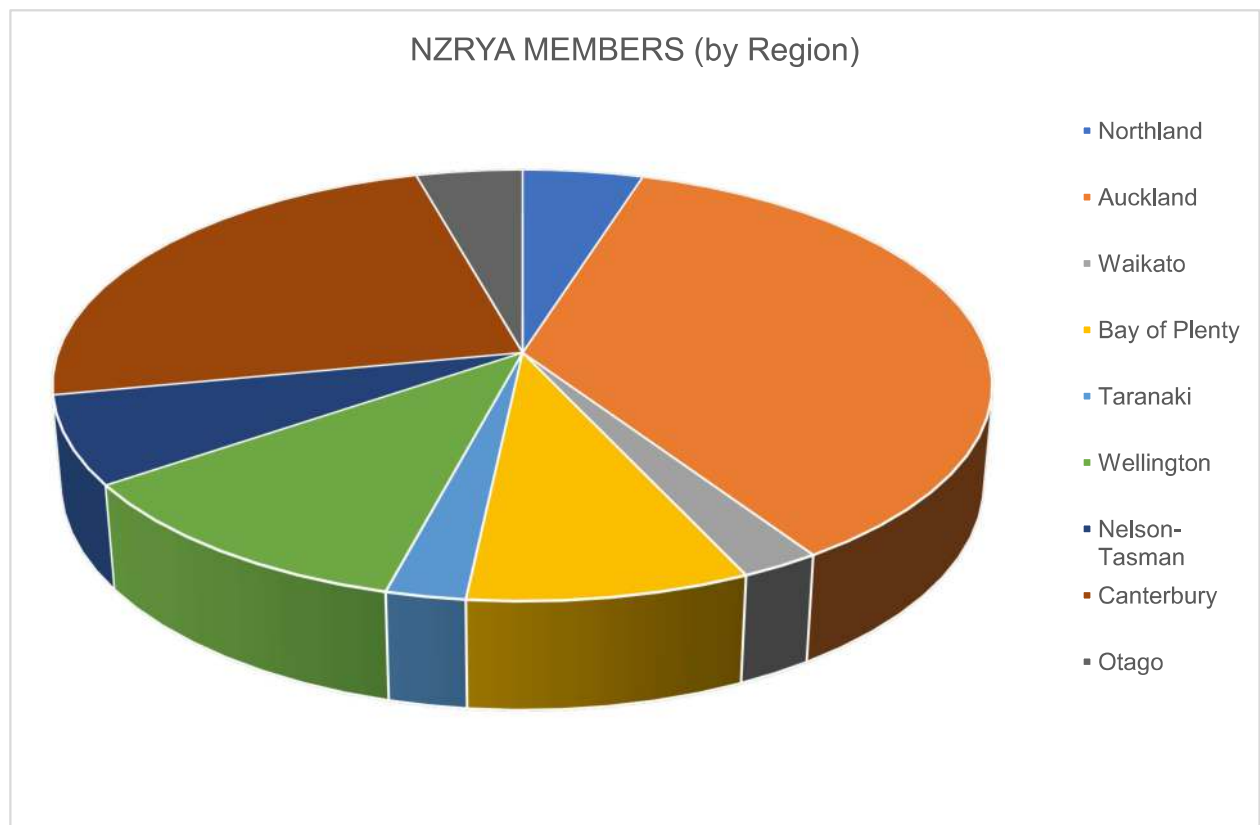
Waiheke Island Radio Yacht Club

Cromwell Radio Yacht Club

Orakei Yacht Club

New Plymouth Radio Control Yacht Club

We welcome these new Clubs to our radio sailing family and we look forward to participating in regattas at their venues in the near future.



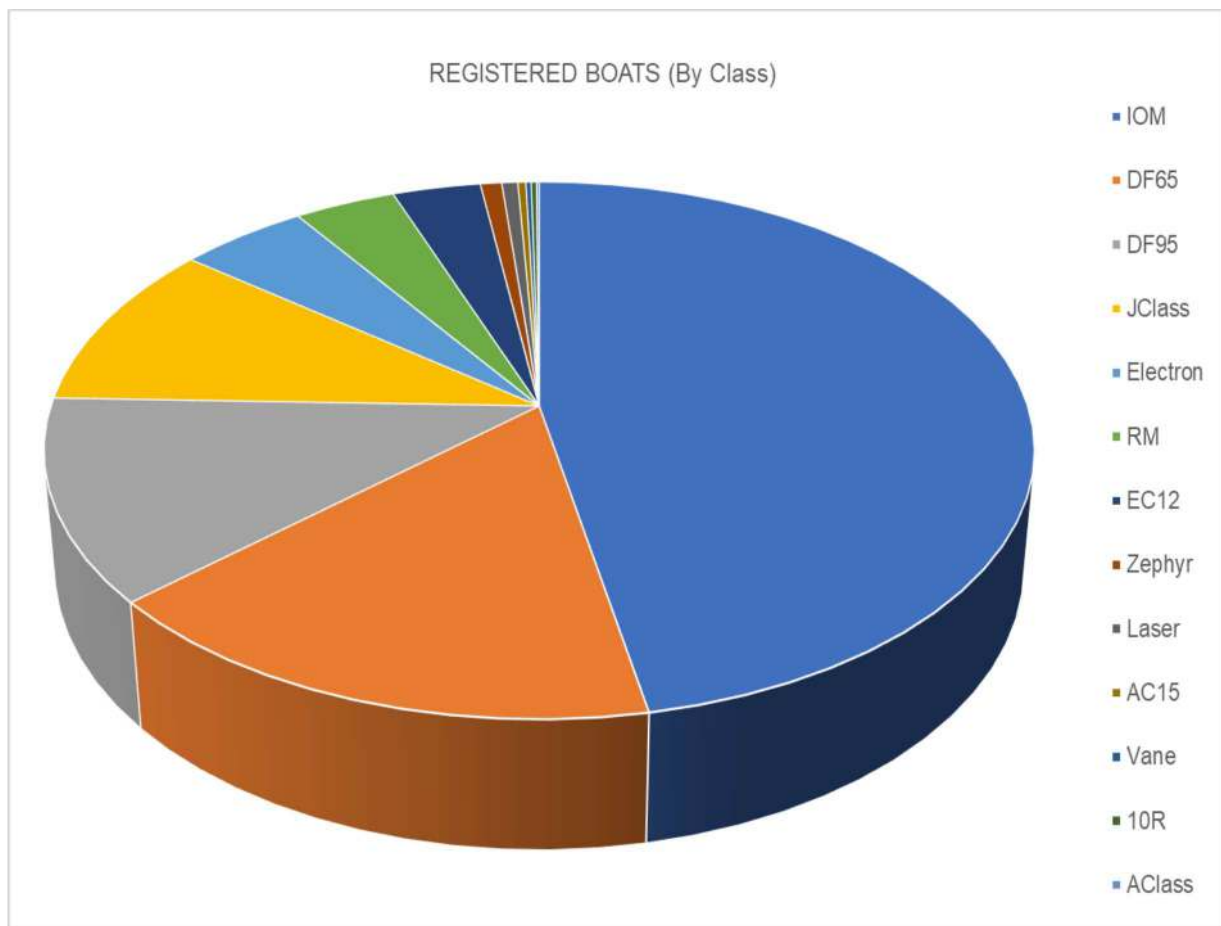
Boat registrations have continued to grow with NZRYA database records currently indicating 979 registered boats.

NZRYA collects boat registration information because it is a requirement of the NZRYA Constitution that Members have at least 1 registered boat. It also helps us to understand the growth or otherwise of the various classes, the locations at which the various classes are sailed and helps us to understand the needs of our members.

The accuracy of this information is dependent on Club Members providing their boat details to their Clubs and the Clubs sending this information through to NZRYA. A NZRYA hull sticker is provided for each boat that is registered with NZRYA.



Hull stickers will be sent out once all the Club Member and Boat returns are received by NZRYA.



WS Racing Rules of Sailing – Basic Principles

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when a boat breaks a rule and is not exonerated, she will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire.

I have received quite a few comments recently regarding skippers not following this principle. There is also a lot of videos these days of local, national and international regattas and there are many instances in these video recordings of boats which have broken a rule not undertaking their penalty turns. Not only are many of these boats not voluntarily undertaking a penalty turn, in some cases they are not undertaking a turn after being protested by a right of way boat and in some cases after a call by an Observer. Some skippers regard this as “playing the game” but it is really a clear breach of the above principle. If this is not cleaned up more regattas will need to use Observers or even Umpires and regatta costs and regatta entry fees will need to increase accordingly.

On a brighter note there has been good growth in numbers in our sport. The DF95 Class (up 43%) and the IOM Class (up 18%) have continued to show good growth in numbers and we also now have a good Electron Fleet at Orakei.

The number of sanctioned regattas has increased significantly and will be increasing further in 2023. We have received notification and request for medals from the IOM NCA for eleven regattas and from the DFRacingNZ NCA for thirteen regattas (5 x DF65 and 8 x DF95). We have also had an expression of interest from Orakei Yacht Club to hold a Nationals for the Electrons.

Currently the 2022 IOM World Championship is underway in Rogoznica, Croatia and New Zealand is being represented by Jeff Byerley (NZL 193) and Murray Cummings (NZL 571).

The 2023 DF95 Global Championships will be held in Fleetwood, United Kingdom from 12th to 19th of March 2023. New Zealand has three places allocated for round 1 of the entry process. To date DFRacingNZ has only received 1 application for entry.

Finally I want to thank all the NZRYA Committee Members for their time and input this year and in particular Graeme Perry who is retiring at this year's AGM. Graeme has undertaken to continue to maintain the NZRYA database.

I also want to thank Denis Gutschlag and Basil Hart who are carrying out the audit/review of the NZRYA Financial Records.

Stay safe and fair sailing.

Michael McLachlan
NZRYA Chairman