



New Zealand Radio Yachting Association Inc.

11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## 2023 NZRYA CHAIRMANS REPORT

Greetings NZRYA Members,

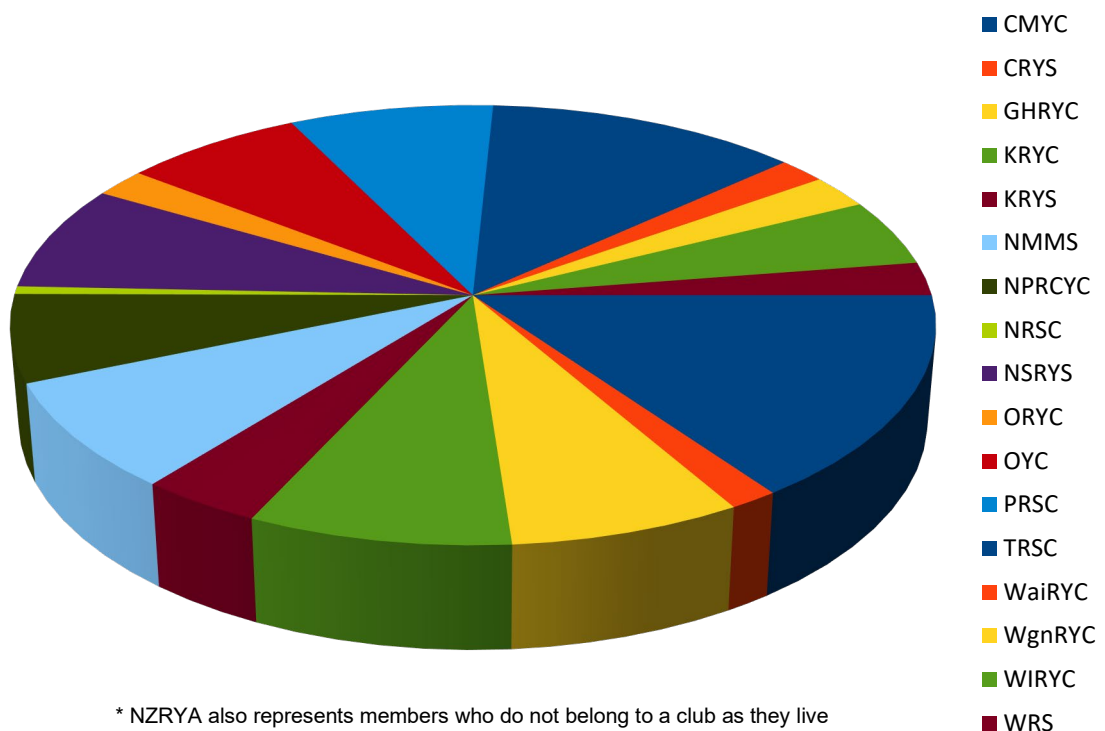
2021 – 2022 was a much better year for radio sailing than 2020 – 2021 due to the subsidence of Covid-19, and 2022-2023 has even been better again. While Covid-19 is still around, thankfully cases have been relatively few and far between and no regattas have been postponed or cancelled.

The EC12, DF95, DF65 and IOM Classes successfully held National Championships during the past twelve months. Of particular note was that this years IOM Nationals had 45 entries. Hopefully several of the other affiliated classes will hold National Championships in the 2023 – 2024 period.

EC12 National Champion	Chris Koskela
DF95 National Champion	Chris Wischnowsky
DF65 National Champion	Reuben Muir
IOM National Champion	Ian Vickers

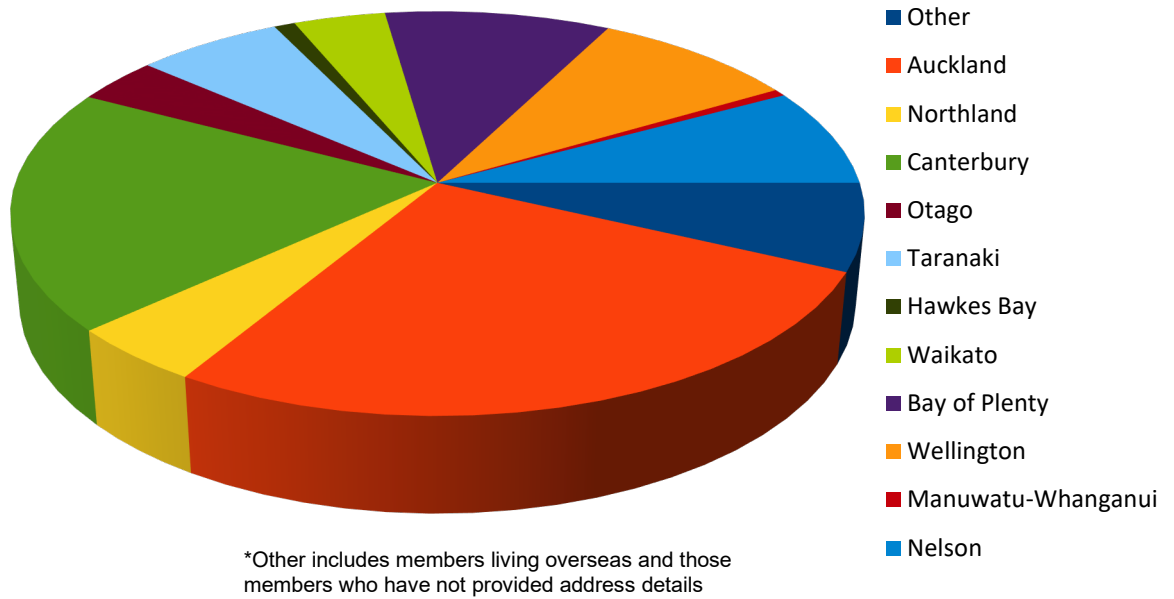
2022 – 2023 has continued to see good growth in NZRYA membership numbers. The resurrection of the New Plymouth Radio Control Yacht Club has contributed significantly to this. On the downside, Orakei Yacht Club decided not to renew their affiliation for 2023 – 2024 but may decide to affiliate again at some point in the future should the Electron Owners Association decide to affiliate to NZRYA.

### NZRYA MEMBERS (by Affiliated Club for 2022 - 2023)



\* NZRYA also 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.

## NZRYA MEMBERS (By Region for 2022 - 2023)



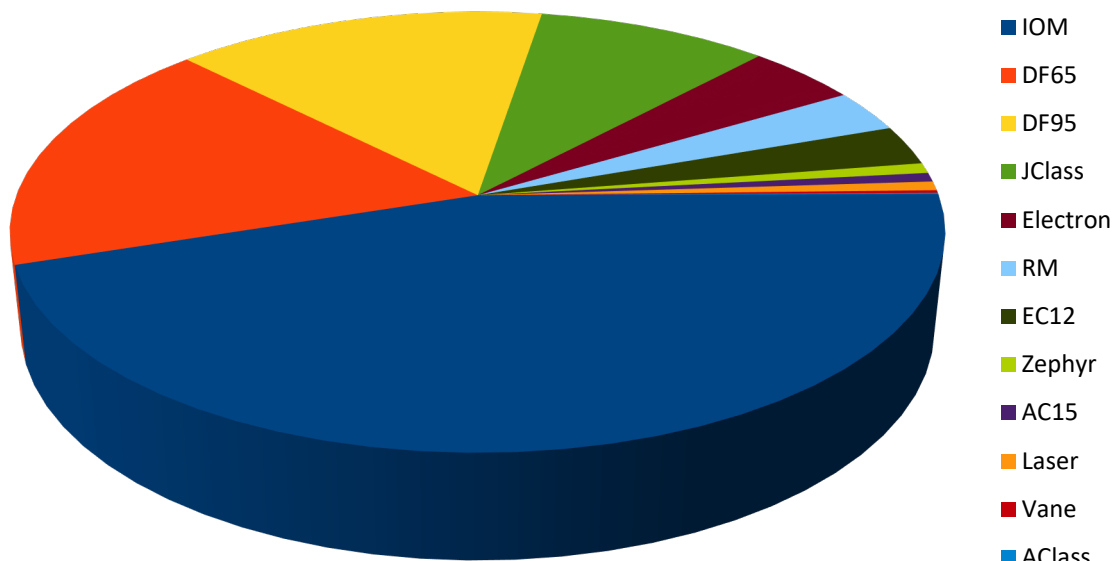
Boat registrations have continued to grow with NZRYA database records for 2022 – 2023 indicating 1062 registered boats.

NZRYA collects boat registration information so it can verify who is entitled to vote in NZRYA AGM's and to look at the growth or otherwise of the various classes and the locations at which the various classes are sailed.

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.

## NZRYA REGISTERED BOATS (by Class 2022 -2023)



We welcome to NZRYA the Mini 40 skippers who have recently formed a National Class Association and have affiliated to NZRYA. We look forward to the growth of this exciting class.

A group of Electron Sailors from Gulf Harbour and Sandspit /Snells Beach have started sailing on a fortnightly basis. It will be good to see how this develops.

Work planned for the 2023 – 2024 year includes:

- Review and update of the NZRYA Inc. Constitution
- Review and update to meet the requirements of the new Incorporated Societies Act.
- Update of the Notice of race and sailing Instructions documents
- Development of an online Notice of race Generator (with assistance from Graeme Perry)
- Review and update of the online Race Officers Course
- Review and Update of the Regatta Management Manual
- Review and approval of the NZRYA Regatta Regulations
- Memorandum of Understanding between NZRYA and YNZ

Finally, I would like to thank all the 2022 – 2023 NZRYA Committee members for their time and input over the past twelve months. I would like to thank Graeme Perry for continuing to look after the NZRYA database. In particular I would like to thank Neil Deverell for his service as Webmaster up until recently, and Errol Thompson who volunteered to take over from Neil as Webmaster (can you believe it, someone actually volunteered). Errol has been instrumental in getting the new website up and running.

Note that the website domain URL has changed to <https://nzrya.org.nz/>

The NZRYA is your representative with the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) and Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) and has delegated responsibility for the overall management and development of radio sailing in New Zealand.

I would encourage you to have your say on the running of the NZRYA starting with voting on the motions included in the Notice of AGM.

The ballot form can be found here ... <https://nzrya.org.nz/2023-nzrya-inc-agm-ballot-form-all/>

My apologies for the brevity of this report.

Michael McLachlan  
NZRYA Chairman

