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NATIONAL REGATTA!



Crowns racing in a choppy sea.



Winners of a hard fought pulling race.

All 17 Sea Cadet Units mustered for the National Sea Cadet Regatta held at Army Bay, Whangaparaoa in early January. The three Sea Cadet Regions—Northern, Central and Southern—all competed for their own trophies in Pulling, Sailing, Seamanship, Rigging, Ropework, Mast Construction and Shooting (0.22" 5.5mm) competitions.

Competitiveness was to the fore in all activities; the results were:

Northern Area:

First: TS LEANDER; Second equal: TS ACHILLES & TS BELLONA

Central Area:

First: TS AMOKURA; Second: TS TAUPO

Southern Area:

First: TS STEADFAST; Second: TS CORNWELL



National Sea Cadet regatta participants on parade.



A curious whale visits the regatta course.

SEA CADET
SCHOLARSHIP

The Chief of Navy Sea Cadet Scholarship for 2010 has been jointly awarded to CPO Cadet Faye Meloche and Petty Officer Cadet Grace Stewart, both from TS TAUPO. They will receive \$3,000 each towards their first year of tertiary studies. The Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Parr, conducted interviews for the scholarship in early February and said he was very impressed with the short-listed candidates. Both Sea Cadets will commence study for a Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University this year.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

COMMISSIONED AS ACTING ENSIGNS:

E.J. Ehou (T.S. TALISMAN), M.J. Kafka (T.S. LEANDER), S.T. RATTEN (T.S. WAIREKA), C.A. Smart (T.S. NIMROD)

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PROMOTIONS:

LTCDR H.E. Dupe, LT M.D. Anderson, LT P.J. Hodder, LT V.E. Saysell, SLT M. Coldren, SLT S.P.F. O'Brien

TRANSFER TO SEA CADET CORPS FROM OTHER CORPS:

SQNLDR L. White in the rank of Lieutenant Commander

SEA CADET SERVICE EXTENDED:

LTCDR B. Elder, LT R.N. Jamieson & LT R.J. Lyons.

FAREWELL, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE:

SLT B.D. McKay, ENS K.A. Elder

SPECIAL THANKS:

LTCDR Bradshaw, former RNO Dunedin, has recently been promoted to Commander and has been appointed as the Director of Defence Communications Group in Wellington. SCANZ is grateful to LTCDR Bradshaw who willingly volunteered to chair the SCANZ Support Committee at TS WAIREKA for the last two years. He will be missed.



Students rig a Crown sailing dinghy on the beach.

MARINE ACTIVITY SUPERVISORS TRAINED

Eight Sea Cadets participated in the Marine Activity Supervisors course conducted in Auckland in late January. The course was staffed by LTCDR Grant Edie (TS WAIREKA) assisted by LT Sean Patterson (TS ACHILLES) and ENS Mel Morgan (TS BELLONA). LTCDR Edie said it is essential that all instructors supervising Sea Cadet marine activities are well trained in all aspects of sailing and power boating with a particular emphasis on safety. The cadets on course spent 10 days learning emergency procedures such as capsize and man overboard drills on the water. As well they learned how to develop and implement Risk Management plans for the activities. The Yachting NZ Club Instructors Course is part of the course and 6 of the cadets passed this, with two others achieving Assistant Instructor qualifications. Outboard Motor maintenance is also part of the course, as is a Damage Control and fire-fighting module conducted by the Navy. Finally, the students have to plan and carry out a Long Sailing Exercise to test all they have learned.

Three Crown Sailing Dinghies participated—two crewed by students and the other by the course staff. On this occasion the staff won the race back from Browns Island and everybody had a lot of fun!



Powerboat training in a RHIB.



Sailing and Power Boating on the MAS Course.

SAIL CHARGE COURSE 2010

BY LEADING CADET LOUISE DAVIDSON,
TS LEANDER



Crowns rounding the buoy.



Sail Charge 2010 Course members.

Sail Charge 2010 kicked off in mid-January after the National Regatta, with 24 Sea Cadets, four Senior Ratings and one Master Cadet all gathering at Whangaparaoa. The week-long course is designed to qualify Sea Cadets to take charge of a crew under sail. The routine: wake up at 0600, have breakfast, go to cleaning stations then the first lesson on the water. Lunch, back on the water, then clean up the boats and back to base for dinner. We practised rigging the boats, sailing, capsize drills and the use of emergency flares.

On Saturday we went on a long sail, which for many cadets was the best day! With such light winds, many cadets got a little shuteye as the six boats slowly made their way to Miners Bay on Kawau Island. After lunch ashore we headed back to Army Bay with the wind in our favour.

The course was a great opportunity to meet Sea Cadets from around the country, gain new skills and get a worthwhile qualification. Having completed the course I am much more confident on the water, I have made some great new friends and I brought home some great memories.



CDR Rex Edwards RNZN presents the Unit Commander LTCDR Helen Dupe with her Cadet Forces Medal.

END OF YEAR PARADE AT TS STEADFAST

On 15 December 2009, TS STEADFAST conducted its end of year parade at HMNZS PEGASUS. The inspecting officer was LT Mark Hadlow RNZNVR. LT Hadlow is the PR Officer at PEGASUS and is well known as an accomplished actor and entertainer. He delivered an uplifting speech to the cadets and officers and spoke of his time in the Sea Cadets when he was in the Christ's College Cadets. Later, he was in the Navy Band. He

talked to the cadets about the self discipline that cadet training instilled and the importance of dress and bearing. He noted that the cadets had shown a high standard during the evening parade.

Trophies and certificates were presented after the inspection, and then later CDR Rex Edwards RNZN (the Resident Naval Officer in Christchurch) presented LTCDR Helen Dupe with her Cadet Forces Long Service Medal, presented for having completed over 12 years service to the NZ Cadet Forces.

NEW CITIZENSHIP TROPHY FOR DUNEDIN CADET UNITS

As the result of a generous bequest from the widow of Mr Marcus Anderson, a former President of the Otago Officers' Club, the Club committee have decided to acknowledge the bequest by establishing an "Achievement in Citizenship Trophy" to be awarded annually to a member of the four Dunedin Cadet Units: TS WAIREKA, TS NIMROD, the City of Dunedin Cadet Unit and No.42 Squadron ATC.

The criteria for the award is a selfless act or actions performed for others either within the Unit or in the community, that reflects the ethos of the New Zealand Cadet Forces and the training they provide. Nominees will be selected for their heightened sense of responsibility in the community and their voluntary involvement.

The first recipient was SGT Timothy Baird of No.42 Squadron ATC. During his service he has always been eager to participate in all activities and volunteers for any community service the Unit is involved in. He is an effective leader and instructor and is also a member of the St Kilda Surf Lifesaving Club, where he is a qualified IRB driver. He also assists the Logan Park High School Drama group with backstage work and lighting for all school productions. SGT Baird has a caring disposition towards others evidenced by his willingness to assist younger cadets to achieve their goals.



LTCDR Phil Bradshaw, then Resident Naval Officer Dunedin, SGT Timothy Baird and Brigadier Sean Trengrove.

The Director of Reserves and Cadet Forces Brigadier Sean Trengrove presented the Achievement in Citizenship Trophy to SGT Baird.



TALISMAN SEA CADETS PLAN OCEAN VOYAGE

Sea Cadets from Nelson are planning the trip of a lifetime. They are planning an offshore sailing voyage from New Zealand to New Caledonia to take place in July this year. Unit Commander Sub Lieutenant Milo Coldren, one or two other adult watch leaders and the selected Sea Cadet crew will sail a 50' yacht from Opua (Bay of Islands) 1,000 nautical miles to Noumea. The crew will then fly back, as the yacht won't be returning until November.

"One of the hardest aspects of the entire process will be selecting the six cadets," said SLT Coldren. "We're fortunate to have such a fantastic group of 30 cadets, but it will make crew selection very difficult."

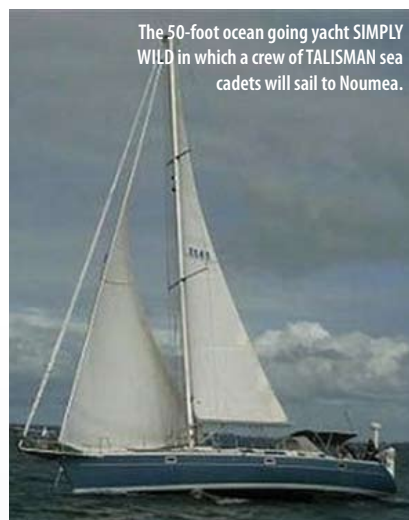
"TALISMAN's off-shore voyage will be a first for an NZ Sea Cadet Corps unit," explains Wing Commander Guy Bendall, Commandant of the NZ Cadet Forces. "It is an exciting initiative from a progressive Sea Cadet Unit. They show they are prepared to think big and extend themselves. With the detailed planning and the sail training phase underway, no doubt valuable skills and

learning experiences will be gained by all the participating cadets.

"Once the final green light is given, the voyage itself will no doubt also provide a demanding, challenging, once in a lifetime experience for the cadets. Indeed, the voyage is very well aligned with the aims of the NZCF and the Sea Cadet Corps, including fostering a spirit of adventure and teamwork, and providing challenging and disciplined training activities."

"We really want to get the community behind this", says Dave Sullivan, chairman of the Sea Cadet support committee (SCANZ, Nelson). "Just imagine the experience these teenagers will have working alongside local businesses to develop corporate relationships while raising the necessary funds (\$20,000). Not to mention what they'll get out of preparing and actually sailing to a foreign country. It's a really fantastic opportunity that will help them grow in so many ways, as well as raising the profile of Sea Cadets across the country".

The cadets are working on detailed passage



The 50-foot ocean going yacht SIMPLY WILD in which a crew of TALISMAN sea cadets will sail to Noumea.

planning with Captain Katherine Walker, a former TS STEADFAST cadet and Naval Reservist, who is now head of the Nelson School of Marine Studies. There will also be a lot of training on board the yacht SIMPLY WILD, currently chartering in the Able Tasman/Marlborough Sounds. SLT Coldren and his wife, Kimberly, sailed the yacht to NZ from Canada in 2001. They had no intention of stopping here, but they fell in love with Nelson, where they feel privileged to pass on their passion for the sea to the sea cadets of TALISMAN.