

The Australian 12 Metre Group.
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This is the first monthly Newsletter of “The Australian 12 Metre Group”. It has been set up to do one thing only and that is to spread NEWS and INFORMATION about all the different classes of 12 metre. We know other organizations have done this in other countries with some success and we want to have a similar outcome in this country, Australia. We want to make it very clear that we as a group only want to give out 12 Metre news & information.

Our Aims are to encourage and have more 12 metres on the water, racing and sailing and we can achieve this aim through spreading the 12 Metre news that is going around. And there's plenty of that around, if you have been missing out, well now is your chance. Perhaps, create some of our own info from many of the different 12 Metre classes in Australia (yes, there is more than one). The aim of this organization is to have each Class / Type kept informed EC12, Nautic 12, A2 and Victor's little OM 12 Metre Aussie 11, to form the basis of the 12 Metres Owners. Other classes that might be interested could be 6 Metre Owners for example.

We envisage that each class / type will have a voice. When you come to us regularly, you can have a voice and receive info for / about your 12 metre. So to kick it off: Here is the first reports:

NAUTIC 12s:

Well this is something we didn't expect. A place where we tell all the 12 Metre classes and those interested in it what we are doing as a class. There are about 14 of our class in Australia at the moment. Some of us are on a regular racing program, like in Sydney. Others in VIC and WA are still trying to reach a status in their areas. We have a regular WEB page for those interested in our class and this is www.rcyachts.net/nautic12/ On this WEB link you will find NAUTIC 12 Class Rules Etc and ways to register your boat with the Nautic 12 Association.

We have as a class has only been going about 12 months and while we are growing steadily, we believe within two years we may be ranking with the bigger 12 metre class, anyway that's what we are working for. The most common question is from non 12 metre people is “how many boats have you

got “. They are surprised when we tell them ten. Our class rules and stuff are on www.rcyachts.net/nautic12/.

For those that need to know Triple Y Yachts sells Nautic 12s at the following prices, delivered to your door:

Completely finished, tuned, Ready to sail (with out radio)AUD \$2200.

Hull – Undercoated, Leaded, Rudder fitted. AUD \$ 750.

Hull - As above, painted one colour. AUD \$ 950

With each yacht goes a Polo shirt with Nautic 12 on it in your size.

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Here is a good news story. The NZRYA or (New Zealand radio yachting to you) has just elected a new National Committee. The Secretary and the Treasurer are NZ NAUTIC 12 sailors. Bob Atkinson and Neville Beetson. We wish them well in their latest endeavour.

Ancient One.

A2.

This is an off- shoot from the original boat; it is not quite clear yet what this class is actually going to do! I have one of these models in my boathouse at the present. After having a quick look see (of the hull) with the other Nautic sailors at Scarborough Park last Wednesday, we came to the conclusion that the two boats (Nautics &A2) were not close in measurements or looks but they could compare in TYPE. Anyway, time will tell what happens with A2 as a class.

This First Newsletter includes a Photo of an Australian 11 half model presented to George MacGoogan by the (full-sized) Australia 11 syndicate for helping them out in 82’/83’.

EAST COAST 12s:

Well, the new EC12 rules 2008 have finally been printed and the rego forms are available from your friendly EC12 club Secretary. The Class has received a new class coordinator as well, Leigh Grove.

We have a report from our correspondent from the ACT. His report is: I am delighted to have this opportunity to contribute to the promotion of 12 Metre classes in our region and wish you all the success with promotion on your local level. Any increase (regardless of how small) is a benefit to all clubs. The consequences of inaction has been past history and we certainly don’t need to repeat that experience.

The ACT currently supports two clubs, the Canberra Model Yacht Club (CMYC) and the National Capital Radio Yacht Club (NCRYC). The newly formed NCRYC has a total of twelve 12 metres, ten EC12s and two Australian 11's. Of the ten EC12s, four are in Canberra with the remaining six owned by our members located at Tuross Heads NSW. Tuross Member Rob Rixon is an ARYA approved manufacturer producing hulls from his Lakesedge mould. To further production of EC12 hulls Colin Durran also an NCRYC member has been approved also by the ARYA for acceptance as an approved Manufacturer. More to follow as information comes to hand.

On a final note, The NCRYC will be conducting the ACT EC12 Territory Championship to be held at the NSW, Tuross Lakeside Tourist Park on the 12th & 13th July 2008. This has the potential of becoming a signature event for the club and in particular it provides us with an opportunity to highlight the class, promote & enjoy the area. Enjoy your sailing.

Viking.

MORE:

The National EC12 championship is being held in Queensland in May. If you are interested in attending, refer to this Web Page "introduction" for details.

I have been refurbishing an old 1984 EC12, KA31 of late. This has still got the older type Storm Rig on it, with the main boom kicked up. In many ways a far better idea for Open Water EC12 sailing than is presently used. I will bring you more info about this rig in further newsletters.

Ancient one.

The VICTOR'S AUSSIE 11 KIT BOAT.

We have got some of these little models in our club, "Ancient Mariners" in Sydney. We have another one being built now (April 2). There is another couple being sailed by members of the 12metre group in Victoria. This is a cheap way to get into R/C 12 metres, (about \$320). We have been doing a "build series" on this Forum web page with this little boat. We have found the performance quite startling and as we get better at building this boat, it will become immensely popular. As we get going on this little class we will tell you more. In some proportions it is the same as the Soling OM in size/sail area. We are in the process of formulating some simple rating rules and we have started a register of yacht numbers for this little one. We think it is the perfect vehicle for older 12 Metres' as they get beyond carrying the bigger

models and it could become a novice/ Old Salts class for the 12's. Stay tuned for this class, we think it is going places. We got ours from H stores in Sydney.

Lastly, for this month, for 12 Metre Groupies. Have a look at an old 6 metre yacht photo. Not quite a 12 metre but interesting, Circa 1955.

See you next month? If you have any info you want to pass on, my Email is shcrewes@bigpond.net.au

How about you print this off and show a friend?

The Steering Committee.