

2022 Activities Program Opened in Exhilarating Style

Sunday 16 January brought together 21 members and visiting friends John Levy NZL 108 and Selwyn Clements from Radio Yacht Squadron Nelson for PRSC's 4th Opening Day. Laurie collected Rita to setup PRSC's colourful and comprehensive foreshore facilities on Lakeside Drive for Race Area A, ready for the warm, 10 to 18 knot North Easterly wind – perfect for radio yacht racing.

Laurie launched Rata and with Tex's help, laid a course for the day. Yachts took to the water to assess the conditions, choose rigs and practice around the course until Commodore Paul called for the Opening Ceremony. Paul welcomed everyone, including our first new member of the year Clyde Rogers sailing IOM NZL 03, and went on to unpack the Activities Program and sponsorship support for 2022. Paul concluded with a rousing "I declare the PRSC Activities Program OPEN for 2022. Go well all those who sail in it."

A morning session of races got underway for 5 DF95s and 11 IOMs in separate races.

The skippers of one class officiated for the other class, swapping roles every two races.

After 6 races, the Opening Day Lunch-on-the-Club was enjoyed by all in glorious sunshine. The food gave everyone new energy for the afternoon session of races which finished around 2.30pm.



Bruce's trimaran produced bursts of speed and flights of fancy in the style of the America's Cup. A video of NZL 93's blistering pace is on the Club's website and Facebook account.

As always, the racing was intended to be relaxing. "Yeah right..." So, results were taken and are on the website, for each session and each class. Congratulations to IOMer Brent (NZL 193) for both sessions and DF 95ers Mark (NZL 52) in the morning and Darryl (NZL 79) in the afternoon.

Noted: they both just squeaked in from Peter Nichol (NZL 125).