

NEW MEMBER BOATS

Dick Richards welcomes Stephen Martin, *Take Five*, and Mark Robertson, *Horopito*.

Two new members have been welcomed into the racing fleet. Stephen Martin brought his competitive Jutson 950 to the club in 2010 and Mark Robertson arrived late last year with his brand new J 111, also certain to be a challenger around the cans.

Stephen Martin's Jutson 950, K16, SA562S, is: LOA 9.55 m., LWL 8.1 m, beam 3.2 m, draft 2.1 m, displacement 3.4 tonne, sail area upwind 60-65 sq m, downwind, 90.0 – 120.0 sq m. The boat came from the board of Scott Jutson, arguably one of Australia's foremost yacht and powerboat designers with a string of credits ranging from 18 foot skiffs to the legendary *Brindabella*.

Both Paul Collins and Craig Makby have been on the boat from day one and have sailed together with John Tonkin for many years. They have been joined by Ioana, Terry, Stephen, Leanne and Claire. Craig also crewed for Steve in their successful campaign for the Winter Short Handed series held at the CYC in 2011.

A brief interlude with Herons (sounds familiar?) introduced Steve to sailing but he quickly moved to trailer sailers on the lakes at Goolwa where he competed his Flinders 7.8 m. regularly in the Milang – Goolwa races before bringing the boat to Adelaide. In 2004 he joined the CYC and crewed on *Mojo*, *Cloud Nine* and *Shining Sea* and in 2010



Take 5 underway



Take 5 works the spinnaker

he decided to purchase the Jutson 950 which was moored in Pittwater. He found the unpredictable catabatic wind squalls of Pittwater a little trying and quickly brought the boat to Adelaide and the Squadron.

Take Five has won the last two Winter Series with the CYC in her class and gained 3rd in the point score and 2nd in the club series in 2010/2011. The boat did not do well in last years' Lincoln Race but Steve was pleased to finish with the boat and crew intact. They blew the spinnaker in a wild ride south at 14 kts. two hours into the race but continued on after cleaning up the mess on the foredeck to complete the race within 24 hours. The return trip was also heavy with rough seas and a 25 kt.plus headwind in Investigator Strait.

Steve has worked for Stratco for most of his career, is married to Cheryl and has two children, Dylan and Bronwen. It will be interesting to see if they follow their Mother's passion for horses or Steve's love of the sea.

Horopito, owned by Mark Robertson is named after the New Zealand flowering shrub, an ancient medicinal plant traditionally used by the Maori that is both fiery hot to the taste and has juice that stings the bare skin!

J boats are designed by the remarkable American Rod Johnstone and have remained in the forefront of racing since the J 24 prototype was launched in 1976. The J 111 is a recent design already popular worldwide. *Horopito's* measurements are: LOA 11.0 m, LWL 9.97 m, beam 3.29 m, draft 2.19 m, displacement 4.216 tonne, sail area upwind 69.8 sq. m, downwind 167 .0 sq. m, Spinnaker 130 sq. m.

The J 111 is restricted to seven crew members for racing and Mark hopes to recruit at least six members who want to race the boat competitively in the coming Winter Series. At present he has a small number of keen hands including Michael Crozer.

Mark is a New Zealander where he practised as wine maker, but is now resident in Adelaide with his wife Jane, daughter Margo and two sons, George and Billy. He is already involved with Treasury Wine Estates.

As a boy Mark learned to sail in the New Zealand 2.13 m. P-Class trainer designed by Harry Highet, first launched in 1923, before moving to a Starling, Lasers and then a variety of keelboats including a Maxi designed by one of New Zealand's best, Greg Elliot. His family has always been involved with boats, both cruising and racing, and when Mark is not involved with wine, his family or *Horopito* he is a passionate Windsurfer.



Horopito underway