

The Editor "Rip"

Your note, i.e. Veterans Corner, has stirred up enough memories to bore the entire membership, for now and well into the future.

I joined the Club circ 1946. It was when my father, Hughie, purchased Atalanta. (Another story).

I attended Wellington Technical Coll 1941-44. One of my class mates, Dick McMorrin (Kim's father) lived above Balena Bay.

(West side of Evans Bay). He persuaded me to purchase a little 7ft (2.134 m) yacht. Imagine, a present day sixteen year old youth in a yacht about as long as he was tall? This vessel was in the timber rack at the side of the Boat Builders shed. His name was Albert Sang. The opperation there grew up to become Craft-Construction Ltd.

One walked from the Oriental Bay 'Tram terminus' to Balena Bay! Another Tech mate suggested that we take the 'Tauranga' to the Central Fire Station, where he lived in a flat, now called an apartment. The station appartments had a flat paved roof and was effectively their backyard, clothes lines and all.

The plan was to jointly, do the vessel up and make a profit! In the hoisting to the roof our slings slipped and the vessel landed on the top edge of a concrete dividing wall. Wrecking wood etc. A valuable part of the grand learning curve!

Not all was lost with this "Tauranga" exercise because at the southern end of Balena Bay were several private slipways. One of these held Atalanta. Her cradle was sinking into the gravel. She caught my father, Hughie's eye. She had been laid up in 1939 and basically forgotten but she suddenly became part of the family. £200.0.0 (\$4000).

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