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His Worship The Mayor
Christchurch City Council
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Dear Sir

CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY PLAN 2004:

The Canterbury Yachting Association is a Regional Sports Association responsible for coordinating Regional and National sailing events. We have eleven affiliated clubs with approximately 2000 members. Most of the club members are resident in Christchurch, these include several nationally qualified and international yachting officials. These people are willing and well qualified to manage regattas from club level up to and including National events.

The only venue associated with Christchurch City where sailing is not dictated by the state of the tides is at Naval Point in Lyttelton, and by default all the large and important events managed by CYA are hosted through the Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

The most recent of these was the Nuplex P-Class and Starling Nationals where we catered for almost 200 youth sailors and their families competing in four events between December 27 2003 and 10 January 2004. Hosting these events in Canterbury enabled many more of our local youth sailors to participate and increase their skills in a very competitive environment. We were also able to demonstrate the depth and quality of the race management skills available in our local clubs. The organization and hosting of these regattas with input from all the local clubs was so successful that Yachting New Zealand, the National Association for sailing in New Zealand asked if we would consider being the organizing authority for the 2004 / 2005 events. (The venue for 2004 / 2005 has since been announced as Tauranga. The organizing committee for the Christchurch regattas provided all our planning information to assist the Tauranga Boating Club to host these events).

Planning for the 2004/2005 sailing season has several prestigious National and Regional events on the calendar at Naval Point. These provisionally include:

Farr 3.7 Nationals	Finn Class Nationals
Tornado Class Nationals	470 Class Nationals
Canterbury Keelboat Presidents Cup Regatta	
Young 88 Keelboat South Island Championships.	

In addition Yachting New Zealand will be hosting South Island Youth development workshops and the National Youth Trials to select sailors for the world events at Naval Point in 2005.

Canterbury Yachting Association has purchased several 420 sailing dinghies as the first step in establishing a Canterbury Sailing Academy. A modified programme was introduced from January 2004 utilizing the five boats available for our most promising youth sailors after school and over the weekends from Naval Point Club. Most of the participants in this programme went on to compete in the National Youth Trials with commendable results. The CYA 420's were also made available for training the two secondary school teams chosen to represent Canterbury at the National Secondary Schools Teams Racing Regatta.

The Canterbury Sailing Academy will be running a full programme in the 2004/2005 season from Naval Point to help Christchurch sailors from all levels and ages improve their skills and enjoyment of sailing. This can only be achieved if we have suitable access to the excellent sailing waters available, and input from volunteer members of our affiliated clubs.

During 2002 CYA presented a submission to the Christchurch City Council Draft Financial Plan, and we were delighted with the provision made to develop safe access to Lyttelton Harbour. Our 2002 submission was able to demonstrate the City Plan and the objectives of the Canterbury Yachting Association had similar goals, which would be met by the provision of safe and accessible small boating facilities in Lyttelton.

We submit there is now an opportunity for the Christchurch City Council to recognize the potential to coordinate the development of the waterfront at Lyttelton to ensure that both the commercial and recreational needs are met. We believe that it is essential for the local authorities, and the business and recreational interests to work together developing the waterfront at Lyttelton into a resource to benefit everyone in the community.

Canterbury Yachting Association wishes to present an oral submission.

Yours sincerely


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Secretary.