

**The Calliope Sea Scout Group
The Ship
King Edward Parade
DEVONPORT**



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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CALLIOPE SEA SCOUT GROUP

We won the Earl Jellicoe Silver Trident for the best Sea Scout Troop in New Zealand. This was presented by his Excellency the Governor General, Sir Charles Fergusson at the District Parade at the Drill Hall, Auckland on Saturday June 2nd. Officers were Mr Iverson – Master, Mr Rod Haselden – Senior Mate, Mr G. Tipping – Mate, and Mr K Hinder – Mate.

Mr Iverson resigned in 1932 and Mr Wilkinson was appointed Scout Leader.

1939 – The Troop was re-organised with Mr Thode as Master. Then came War, we still had access to the Dockyard and carried on with our instruction and boat work.

With the War effort at the Dockyard we found it rather hard on accommodation, but the navy usually found some hut or shed for our use and we could use the Navy Gym. At that time the only boat we had was a 17ft Sea Scout cutter built by Col. Wild at Stanley Bay and the occasional use of a navy whaler or cutter.

1951 – We attended our first Dominion Camp and Regatta at Motuhie, (this was the fourth Dominion Camp). This was attended by troops from all over New Zealand.

1953 – We attended the fifth Dominion Camp and Regatta at Bluff. 21 boys and one A.S.M Mr P Hart spent 3 days and nights travelling. Arriving at the camp, minus camping gear, tents and cooking equipment and personal gear, plus 1 case of the measles. On the return journey we had a bus trip around Wellington and arrived back at the station minus 1 boy. One boy found and arrived at the train just in time. A good time was had by all.

1955 – We attended the sixth Dominion Camp at Gisborne. Mr Barnes as A.S.M. About this time with only one boat, most of our camping gear was at Beachhaven. A lovely camp site was used by most of the North Shore Troops; A stream running through a swimming pool (cold) and a salt water lagoon at the bottom to which we sometimes sailed and rowed our boat and camped.

Our mode of transport at that time was walking and cycling. Later we progressed to cars thanks to parents and Mr Pettersen as A.S.M, with a trailer to carry our camping gear, we camped on many weekends, holidays and at Christmas.

1957 – Dominion Camp and Regatta at Wellington, plenty of mud and rain and one case of suspected appendicitis sent to Wellington Hospital. We also had under care 7 boys from the Whangarei Sea Scouts.

1961 – Both Dominion Camp and Regatta at Akaroa, we had only 5 boys at this camp, but managed to with the Senior Lifesaving and were placed 2nd in the Junior Lifesaving.

1962 – Mr R.H. Iverson resigned and handed over to Mr Sandy Bell as Scout Master.

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I would like to add a word of thanks to Mr. L Thode for persuading Captain Woods to start Calliope Sea Scouts and all the effort they put in to get things started, to the Harbour Board, the Navy Officers and men who helped in all sorts of ways, to our many friends, to the ladies and gentlemen who served on our troop committees and social committees, to our parents and to the boys, thanks !