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Built by Robert Fung, launched in 1969, named the “Nereides”, sailed the Caribbean and the Pacific, then to Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Eric and Sharon Teague purchased the William Garden designed Porpoise, the “Nereides” in New Zealand at the end of the ‘90’s. We met Eric and Sharon at the beginning of September after an email was sent to Mission Adventure Trust regarding a boat to be donated to a trust working with children in New Zealand.

Eric and Sharon had determined to invest the ship in the future of New Zealand by donating her to a charitable trust, as a gift of love. We met them on a wet day in Whangarei to discuss the possibility of our trust receiving their love gift. Two weeks later, the “Nereides” was gifted



to the children of New Zealand, to be held in trust by MAT. The Porpoise design is described as “a comfortable home on the sea” sailing ship. Because of the roomy nature and ease of sailing she is

ideal for use as an additional sail training vessel.

She is a 16m (52ft) ketch rig (two masts, small mast at the stern) teak boat weighing in at about 17 tonnes, designed to sleep six and could easily be fitted for more.

Once we have got Maggie into survey we will concentrate on getting her into survey as well. Her name will be changed to the “Moirā” (meaning “gentle”) to honour the person who gifted the first money to purchase Maggie.

MAT will set up a scholarship in Eric and Sharon’s name (the Teague Scholarship) to honour their love gift to the children of New Zealand.

Kowhai Festival

The Maggie and the Moira had their first public outing at the Kowhai Festival in Warkworth October 10. It was our first ‘public’ event showing who we are and what we do.



The two classic looking wooden boats tied up at the wharf generated a lot of interest and allowed our team to share our vision with a large range of people.

The festival also gave the crews a chance to navigate some challenging river ways and hone important ship handling skills in confined working areas.

DVD’s are available

if you would like to show potential partners about our vision and need. These wonderful 10min



DVD’s showcase our vision in ways words simply can’t convey in print. Please call us to discuss how we might do a presentation for an interested person or potential partner for MAT.

We have documentation about the vision, the business side of things and how we expect to achieve all we have talked about. We are always keen to connect with people who have a passion for what we are doing.

Auckland Open Day

Over Labour weekend, (24 to 26 October) Maggie will be birthed at Pier 1 at the Hobson West Marina (think Viaduct) in downtown Auckland. Please come and see Maggie up close. More information will be coming out about this in a separate note. Please feel free to invite anyone who you think would be interested in seeing more of this venture.

Developing a culture that includes

We continue to be thrilled at the number of people who share our passion for the following generations! In order to welcome so many people into the team we are writing a description of the Mission Adventure culture. We hope this and other aids will style a team that is both inclusive and intentional about passing on the values of honour and freedom we wish sow into our communities.

Next steps

- Promoting MAT to the people who will use our services to schools, clubs, special interest groups.
- Applying for grants funding for equipment and work needed for survey. We’d like help with this work.
- Developing and writing a range of programmes for the various groups we are going to serve.

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