

Waimakariri Sailing Club -Congratulates Emirates Team New Zealand and Joseph Sullivan a cyclor on Emirates Team New Zealand

From this start (see below) to America's Cup Team Winner, Joseph holding the Auld Mug with Team members at the Christchurch victory parade.



Joseph and his family were members of the Waimakariri Sailing Club when they sailed their Sunburst (Torquay) in the 1990's. Joseph and his brother Brayden, were in the Learn to Sail classes run by Ron Mackie. Shown in the picture above from left are Brayden and Joseph (Crew) winners of the 1994 Senior Opening Day Cup, and Hayden Walls winner of the Junior Cup

Ron Mackie club Patron catches up with Joseph at the Christchurch Victory parade. Ron says

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One of the press photographers actually took one with me between them."

Many Waimak club members and families were at the parade to welcome home the America's Cup.