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Charteris Bay Yacht Club Newsletter — Bay Newz

75th Anniversary Weekend 25th 26th January 2014

75 years ago, four bach owners met at Gerald Anderson's place at Paradise Bay to consider the formation of a yacht club on their side of Lyttelton Harbour. The club opened a week later on 28th February 1939. On the 29th January 1939 the first race was sailed under the club's banner.

Paul Pritchett initiated an anniversary committee which put together a programme which catered for a wide range of members and friends both young and old.

Lunch, socialising, and photos, at the Club on Saturday, were followed by an Anniversary dinner at the Diamond Harbour Community Centre in the evening at which Harold Bennett spoke to an audience of over 100 on his behind the scenes experiences running the America's Cup.

Sunday's highlight was when about 70 participants took the cruise on the Tug Lyttelton which culminated in an excellent lunch down the Harbour at Breese Bay. This was followed by more discussion, fellowship and the regatta prize giving back at the clubhouse in the late afternoon.

On both days a junior regatta catering for Optis from the club and further afield sailed in the Bay in quite challenging wind conditions.

One former member summed up his experiences at the club in the early 1960's as "C.B.Y.C. is a family yacht club where Mum would join in making tea in the kitchen, Dad would start the races with the old shotgun or working out handicap results in those pre calculator days! Adults like Harold Smart who would take kids out in his Idlealong, God that had some weather helm; Ian Currie who would follow kids around on the water, Orb White who regarded the new pick up boat as his personal toy, Dave and Maureen Fisher who looked no further than the female members of their family to name their yachts; Paul Pritchett who let me helm Topaz in a junior race, Elliott Sinclair who towed Martin and Bruce, Ted Mace, Jeff Ware in their P Classes to and from Church Bay for each race day. Richard and John Fisher, Murray Prestney, The Rountree brothers, Sue Currie..... Apart from a computer in the start box, an air horn replacing the shotgun and no Idlealong's still sailing in the Bay little has changed over the last half century.

All in all a marvellous weekend of reminiscence and nostalgia, meeting old friends and making new for the 150 participants who were welcomed and hosted for the weekend by Commodore Nigel Soper and his team of willing helpers.

Bill Studholme.



Calendar of Events

February

Thursday 13th	Grey Fleet
Sat 15th - Sun 16th	Timaru Age Group Regatta
Fri 21st - Sun 24th	Interislander Challenge
Saturday 22nd	LTS 1 & 2
Sunday 23rd	Club Day
Wednesday 26th	Green Fleet

As always the LOTSW work diligently every Wednesday at the Club. Their time is greatly appreciated.



March

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th	LTS 1 & 2
Wednesday 5th	Grey Fleet
Thursday 6th	Grey Fleet
Sat 8th - Sun 9th	Canty Opti Champs
Sunday 9th	Club Day
Wednesday 12th	Green Fleet
Mon 17th & Tues 18th	LTS 1 & 2
Wed 19th & Thurs 20th	Grey Fleet
Sunday 23rd	Club Day
Sunday 30th	Club Day Champs

Regattas This Year

P– Class Nationals

Harry Corston represented CBYC at the P Class Nationals held in Tauranga from the 7—11 January. Well done Harry being placed 10th.

National Laser Champs

The 2014 NZ Nationals Laser Champs were held in Nelson this year from the 16th—19th January. Members from the club attending this event included; Greg Cortson, Sefton Cole, Charles Corston and Ali Nightingale. Click [here](#) to see complete results.

Auckland Champs

A group of our Opti /Starling sailors made the trip to Kohimarama Yacht Club on the weekend of the 25th/26th/27th January to compete at the Winger Subaru Auckland Optimist and Starling Champs 2014. Results available to view by following these two links; [Opti Results](#) and [Starling Results](#). Check out the action shots below from the event.



Oceanbridge Sail Auckland - 1—4 February

Sail Auckland incorporates Olympic, Paralympic and Invited Fleets. Charteris Bay sailors competed in the Laser Radial class and the Paralympic 2.4mR class. 31 boats were in the laser radial fleet – Woman, Masters, Girls and Boys. Out Sailors performed well with the following results; Sefton Cole 6th overall, 2nd NZ youth male, Ali Nightingale 12th overall 1st NZ girl, Charles Corston 13th overall and Greg Corston finishing 19h.

Brett Willcock competed in the Paralympic section sailing in a 2.4mRhad. He had a stunning regatta placing 1st in some very tight races. All results for Sail Auckland available [here](#).

SIAG 2014

The club held a very successful South Island Age Group regatta last weekend with sailors travelling from Nelson to Dunedin and in-between. Well done to all our members. [Results](#) on the website.

January Camp/Learn to Sail

After a very successful January Camp where nearly 50 sailors participated in the 3 day programme, we are now underway with our Term 1 Learn to Sail and Green Fleet sailing.

It is exciting to see the number of young sailors who have moved into Green Fleet this term. We are running two groups of 6 at this level to best develop the emerging talents of these sailors. One group sails on Wednesdays and Sundays, with the main coach being Roger Redmond. Steve Hogg also provides valuable input with this group and has been busy supporting the group at the recent SIAG regatta. The other Green Fleet group completed LTS2 in Term 4 last year with Isaac Fowler. He is continuing to work with them this term and is enjoying seeing the sailors develop their skills. Both the Green Fleet groups are aiming to participate in some of the local regattas being run out of CBYC between now and the end of the season. This will be a first for many of the sailors and a good chance for them to experience sailing around a course with plenty of on water support.

We are also running a Learn to Sail 2 programme this term. This involves a couple of longer Saturday sessions and also fortnightly Monday and Tuesdays where the tide allows. All of these sailors completed Learn to Sail1 either in Term 4 or at our January Camp so great to see that they are keen to keep the learning going. Roger Redmond also coaches this group.

This season, Alister Rowlands decided it was time to get his oldest daughter, Sophie into an opti so the club has been fortunate to have his expertise to add to the coaching line up. Alister started working with a group of 5 beginners in Term 4 and they've all had such a positive experience that want more. Look out for this group down by the end shed on club days.



Brett Willcock working with his January Camp group



Ducks in a row... Isaac Fowler's Term 4, LTS2 group



Steve Hogg and Islay Fowler coaching LTS1 at January Camp

Adventure Sail Group

While the adventure sail group lost a session to a howling southerly and then had minimal wind for another, the group has been progressing steadily with forays reaching across to Cass bay and even Pile bay on the recent club cruising day, although it was well and truly lunch time by the time we'd landed in Pile bay. This was finished off with an energetic game of beach cricket to get warm again. Both these trips were met with somewhat challenging conditions, particularly on the return leg, but this has also seen the groups confidence increase despite the odd capsizes. They have made a great start to improving their sailing and filling in the outline maps scrawled onto the whiteboard for most briefings.

**A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALI NIGHTINGALE
FOR BEING CHOSEN FOR THE YOUTH WORLDS.**

If you have any items for the newsletter please forward then to Rebecca Baynes at gary.rebecca@xtra.co.nz. Next newsletter due out end of March.
