

November 2015

**CHARTERIS BAY YACHT CLUB
NEWSLETTER - BAY NEWZ****From the Commodore**

From the committee, welcome all to another season of sailing at Charteris Bay. We are all looking forward to some warmer weather and great sailing conditions. Already we have had a well-attended opening day, a very successful Spring camp and a number of club sailing days. We would once again like to take this opportunity to thank the men and ladies from the Last of the Summer Wine group who have been busy beavers over the last few months making sure the club is in ship shape condition. Without this group the club would struggle to keep up with the maintenance. Also we would like to thank those who attended our winter working bees, while the working bees weren't quite as hectic as last year we still managed to get through Nigel's comprehensive "things to do" list. A reminder to all club members – any help around the club is always greatly appreciated and we would not exist without members input.

As you have no doubt noticed the exit driveway is now under repair by Johnston's Engineering and Solid Bearing Concrete. Progress has been interrupted with the requirement of some retaining but we expect work to be back into full swing shortly and we are working very hard to ensure the job is completed asap and with as little interruption to the club as possible.

With regards to the Te Wharau wharf, the LOTSW have kindly agreed to take on this project. The bracing timber has been ordered and we hope to start work on the next favourable tide.

Coming up is the newly named Nesbit Family Regatta and Championship weekend which we hope will draw plenty of keen sailors and also hope the weather Gods are kind.

On the following Friday, the 27th we are planning a new initiative – Charteris Bay Boat Show where members and those who are interested in sailing can come along on Friday night and try out different sailing boats

We hope to have available for all to have a try - Flying Fifteens, Hobbie Cat, Topaz Omega, Ross 780, Lasers along with rides on Little Toot and Te Wharau. More details to follow soon so be sure to keep that evening free.

Happy Sailing

Hamish Thomas
Commodore

Calendar for 2015/2016

November 2015

Saturday 21st	CBYC Championship Weekend
Sunday 22nd	CBYC Championship Weekend
Mon 23rd/Tue 24th	LTS1/2
Wednesday 25th	Green Fleet/Grey Fleet
Friday 27th	Charteris Bay Boat Show/Sail n Social



December

Saturday 5th	Club Sailing
Sunday 6th	Club Sailing
Mon 7th/Tue 8th	LTS 1/2
Wednesday 9th	Green Fleet/Grey Fleet
Friday 11th	Sail n Social
Sat 12th/Sun 13th	P and Starling class South Island Champs NPCL
Thur 17th—Mon 21st	SI Optimist Clinic 2015—Wainui YMCA
Saturday 26th	Church Bay Race

January

Sat 2nd—Mon 4th	CBYC Summer Camp
Sunday 10th	Club Picnic and Games
Sunday 17th	Club Sailing
Saturday 30th	SI Age Group Regatta
Sunday 31st	SI Age Group Regatta

Green Fleet

Hunter, Oliver, Hugh, Olive, Gabby, Felix and Megan have all signed up for the Green Fleet sailing. Our focus this term is to continue to learn the basics but also to look ahead to their first club race & possibly the CBYC Regatta on the 21st and 22nd of November

First day out we had great sailing weather and went over some of the basic skills to find out where everyone was up to in their sailing. A mixed group but all capable sailors there was some pretty good sailing with great skills but also some points to work on after a couple of nose dives.

The following session we had very little wind so we headed into the Start Box to go over the starting sequence, flags, hooters & timing. Great to have a hand from Open Fleeter, Jack Drage, who helped out & then ran a start for us to watch from the jetty. On to the water for a short period & then the wind died again so it was back to the Club.

Looking forward to our next session when we hope to have our first starts.

Jeff Morrison



CBYC Spring Camp – 5/6/7 October

Wow – were we lucky or what??

28 sailors, 11 coaches, instructors & helpers and the many on shore helpers & parents turned up at the yacht club on Monday morning to face a 30-35 knot southerly. Not the ideal start to the Spring Camp that we had hoped.

Groups were sorted, instructors & coaches allocated & on shore lessons started, with many of the instructors ending firmly tied – with of course the correct knots – to their chairs.

By midday the southerly had died & when we launched an ideal 6-8 knot NE was filling in – perfect LTS weather. An awesome afternoon of sailing followed with the Open Fleet not off the water until after 3.30pm.

Tuesday morning no wind at all so back to the onshore knots & rigging practice. Once again just on lunchtime in came the NE. A couple of knots more than the day before & sailing perfection. After some great practice exercises all the LTS groups joined forces & the 17 sailors headed to Quail Island for a run round & play on the rope swing.

Great to see the grins on their faces as they sailed back in 12+ knots hiking hard on their reach towards the Yacht Club.

Wednesday started with a light and variable NW which built as the day progressed. First on the water just after 10am was the LTS1 group who were sailing very well for first timers – a great show of skills after a couple of days on the water. The timing of their return to shore was perfect as the NW blew in just as they landed.

The LTS2 & Green Groups were both sailing out from the Club when the gusts grew & they all sailed successfully home or stayed out & played in the wind. Big smiles from both groups as they reached back and forth before eventually landing.

The gusty reach from under Quail Island saw the open fleet fly home with a couple of Dads working hard to get their child's boats home the right way up.

Unfortunately the relay had to be canned due to the onshore wind but the BBQ & wind-up went very well.

Sailing is a weather dependant sport so congratulations to the sailors for keeping on & enjoying the variable & at times challenging conditions.

Many thanks to the great team of willing helpers, coaches, instructors, both on the water & off. We look forward to seeing you all again at the Summer Camp in January.

Kim, David, Jeff.

Sail and Social

A reminder that the club holds a sail and social evening, dates are as follows; Fri 27 Nov, Fri 11 Dec, Fri 12 Feb, Fri 26 Feb, Fri 11 March. Each night starts about 6pm, come for sailing, BBQ and socialising, everyone welcome. For more information please contact the club.

Learn to Sail One – Term Four

Learn to Sail one has hit the ground running in term four! A lot of the group took part in the spring camp during the holidays and it is great to see so many people coming back for some term time sailing. With the group containing no boys it is definitely as much social as it is sailing for the six girls but that is what it is all about! We have been working on tacking at the start of this term with hopefully gybes and up winds to come later on.

Big thanks to all the parents that have been down at the club helping out!
Isaac Fowler

Trained Rescue Boat Operators

We are trying to put together a comprehensive list of all our members that have completed the YNZ rescue boat operators course. CBYC have usually used Ross May for this training but it is possible that there may also be members who have been trained elsewhere. To help us put our records in order can you please send Mike Pearson a short email to tell him when and where you were trained. Mike's email is mike@gbtinternational.co.nz

Rib Handling

At the last Committee meeting it was noted that when using the ribs – it is essential to PAUSE when changing from Forward to Reverse & vice versa. Everyone needs to be aware of this & not to put their boats into a position where an abrupt change of gear is necessary.

Bob's Boat

Bob's Boat has been replaced with a new Aquapro Inflatable as pictured here when launched. Driven by Scott Morrison and crewed by David Buchannan after launching.



The purchase costs of the new Rib were kindly supported by Nick Coultas from 'Beach Road Automotive' in New Brighton. The connection and history was that a fund was established when Nicks Father Bob Coultas passed away more than 10 years ago and the fund at that time covered the costs of the original 'Bobs Boat'.

Big thanks to Nick for keeping the memory going!!

The new rib has been named 'BB2' and will continue to be used for learn to sail groups for many more years to follow.

Also thanks to the Soper's for their contribution.

Superyacht Crewing:

Sailing an optimist can eventually lead to a career in sailing. Club member Sefton Cole (19 yrs.) is currently working on a yacht in Spain as a deckhand/mate. He sails across the Atlantic this week to spend the next 6 months in the Caribbean. Sefton started sailing aged 6 and sailed Optimist, P's, Starling, Lasers and 420 teams as well as coaching at the club. Sefton completed a superyacht crew course at Mahurangi polytechnic before heading off to Europe. His sailing and coaching background played a large part in his ability to gain work.



Youth Trials.

Ali Nightingale and Travers Cole, laser radial sailors, had a busy school holidays competing in the Winter Champs In Auckland followed by the Youth Selection regatta also at Murray's Bay in Auckland. Previously the selection for the NZ youth spot for laser radial sailors was chosen from the Nationals and Sail Auckland. Ali has been first female for a number of years and was selected in 2014 to represent NZ at the youth worlds.

This year the Youth Worlds is in December and so one special selection regatta was held following the Winter champs. Ali placed 6th overall and 1st female at the winter champs and Travers was 9th overall. In the youth selection regatta Ali was placed 9th overall and first female and Travers was placed 7th overall.

Ali was again selected to represent NZ at the youth worlds. Well done Ali.

2015 Travelling Teams—Antigua and Qatar

Last season in the Optimist circuit the Club had 5 sailors qualify for travelling teams. Zac Scheiwe, Harry Corston, Ben Baynes, Will Hadfield and David Buchanan were all successful in their campaign. Zac and Harry travelled to Antigua and Will's to Qatar. Ben and David declined their invitations. This was a huge achievement, well done boys.



Zac making teams racing decisions



Will and crew riding a camel



Opening Ceremony in Qatar

North Island Optimist Champs—Napier Sailing Club

Well the season has kicked off for the Open Optimist Fleet with the first ranking regatta being the NI Championships held in Napier. 9 open fleet sailors travelled to Napier; Ruby Baynes, David Buchanan, Jack Drage, Ollie Gillmore, Will Hadfield, Antonia Hill, Annabel and Rubert Limbrick and Riaan Nel. The children had a great time with some good results. Thanks to all the parents who helped.



The Sailors, coach and Ben



Gary Baynes loaded to the max returning from Napier, 29er on top, 2 x optics in back of ute and rib on the back!