

April 2016

**CHARTERIS BAY YACHT CLUB
NEWSLETTER - BAY NEWZ****Farewell 2015/2016 Sailing Season**

A big thank you to all our club members and especially the committee for another successful sailing season. Also well done to Noels for getting the facebook page up and running and posting some great stuff. Great to have the club in the modern arena.

Closing Day

Closing day is Sunday 17th April, be great to see all those available there. 1130 start with the official closing & BBQ at approximately 1500.

Senior	HC Smart Cup (2 Races)
Jun/Int/Optis	Nesbit Cup (2 Races)
Parents in Optis	Brandt Tankard

Reports from the Coaches**Learn To Sail 1**

This terms learn to sail one was a great success, with all of our younger learners achieving their goals with style. The weather wasn't always on our side but it certainly didn't put these little optimists off.

All six students learned new skills with ease and developed them over the term, building confidence each session. I'm sure they're all going to be awesome sailors and hope to see them at the club again in the future.

Mums and Dads should be proud!

A big thank you to all of the parents who got wet getting the boats in and out

Regards
Noel

Learn To Sail 2

In Learn to Sail 2 I had a great bunch of girls and it has been a pleasure to coach them. They have all improved hugely over the six sessions I coached them. They have learnt to sail their boats fast and I hope they enjoyed it as well. There is always room for improvement and I would love to see them all back next season in Green Fleet.

Regards
Fergus Frame

Green Fleet

In the last term, Green Fleet have really improved their upwind speed and boat control with tacking and gybing.

They all managed to go out even in the windy conditions and were a great bunch to coach. Congratulations to Megan Bailey for winning the Canterbury Optimist Champs Green Fleet and the Timaru Age Group Regatta Green Fleet.

I look forward to more coaching with you guys again next year.

Regards

Dougal Frame

Open Fleet

This year's open fleet programme was revamped to incorporate more of the tactical aspects of sailing, including several theory sessions and the use of video learning, as well as bringing in some new and exciting ideas. This year we had a three day overnight camp at the club in January which was a great success allowing the group to bond well and further develop their sailing skills and approach to racing. At the summer camp this year we also staged the inaugural 'Amazing Race' which was both competitive and a lot of fun. It was great to also have the help of Ben (ex-opti sailor) sharing his experience with the sailors as well.

At the nationals up in Auckland at Easter, the sailors battled a 180 strong fleet in tricky light westerly winds and tidal conditions. Overall, the team had mixed results – but all came out of the event enjoying themselves and having fun. Special congratulations to David Buchanan who placed 3rd and qualified for the Worlds in Portugal in June, to Will Hadfield who placed 8th and will be heading over to Antigua for the North American Champs in July, and to Annabel Limbrick who qualified for the Girls Development Team and will travel to Melbourne later this year.

A huge thanks need to be said from me to all of the opti parents for their tremendous ongoing support throughout the season, both for putting in their own time and effort in taking the sailors to the trainings and on the circuit around the country to the various regattas; and also for keeping me in check at times.

I hope that the kids have learned a lot, gained some confidence and enthusiasm with their sailing, and will hopefully continue to go forward in the sport in the years to come. This year's open fleet has been a great group and it has been a real pleasure to work with such an awesome group of kids and their families over the season.

I wish the very best of luck to all of the sailors heading overseas in the next few months, and to those sailors leaving the optimist class this year every success with their future endeavours.

Regards

Jayvee Buchanan

CBYC and the Optimist

This month we have had a wonderful article in NZ Boating which well told the story of the Optimist in New Zealand and the pivotal role played by LOTSW stalwart Paul Pritchett. We can all feel very proud of what Paul has done for the class and for our club. Thanks Paul!

The story was written by one of our Catamaran sailors Matt Vance. If you get but the latest edition of NZ Boating you will also be able to read of Matt's refurbishment of Whitney Rose.



Rescue Boat Training

The club will be running rescue boat training for members in September and October. The initial training will be open to anyone 15 years and over. We will also be running refresher training for every one who has already completed the training. The training is both fun and enlightening - you do not need to have any previous experience. Both sailing and non-sailing members are invited to join in.

The club's ability to run racing and other on-water activities depends on having a large pool of people trained and competent in running our rescue boats. With the advent of the new Health and Safety at Work regulations we will not be able to run events if we do not have enough rescue boats with competent skipper available. We will also not be sending rescue boats away to events if they do not have competent skippers available to drive them. Please email Mike Pearson (mike@gbtinternational.co.nz) with what dates you will be available in September and October.

420 National Championships

Charteris Bay was well represented at the 2016 420 Nationals regatta which was held at Kohimarama Yacht Club in Auckland from Thursday the 10th of March to Sunday the 13th .

Ben Baynes teamed up with Zac Schiewe, Fergus Frame with Max McLachlan (from NPCL), Scott Morrison & Louis Nel sailed together & Marina Kenton-Smith sailed with Cara Higginbottom (NPCL).

Luckily the rental house was just around the corner from the Kohi club.

The boats were rigged on the lawn outside & we had an interesting experience of then walking them down the road around to the Yacht Club. Cars on the very busy Tamaki Drive were happy to give way as the boats had to be walked down the middle of the road to avoid the masts in the trees.



(Louis lining the boats up ready for the walk to the Club.)

A very mixed week of mostly light to medium winds with the weekend sea-state a veritable washing machine as the commercial ferrys were joined by a huge multitude of sailing boats, motor boats & jet skis all adding to the congestion.

Day 1 started off with a medium breeze that built to a solid 18-20 knots for the final race. The following day started with some heavy rain and wind squalls but it settled down around midday and sailors were treated to breezes of 10-15knots. This produced an opportunity for RO Steve Pyatt to put in an extra race, meaning four races were held. Day 3 was a stunning Auckland day with shifty breezes of 8-15 knots and the final day started light and ended light with only two races needed to complete the regatta. With the start for both races in 5-8 knots the sailors went on to be challenged in oscillating breezes of 1-8 knots and it made for some tricky sailing.

Josh Berry and Henry Haslett (MBSC/WBC) won the Regatta with 10 wins from 12 races. 1st NZ Girls Team were Courtney & Brianna Reynolds-Smith (4th overall). Both teams will represent NZ at the Youth Worlds later in 2016.

Top Canterbury boat was Ben & Zac in 7th, Fergus n Max were 9th with Scott n Loui (the youngest team) in 12th & Marina & Cara (the newest team – only together for 4 weeks prior to the Regatta) in 13th.

While numbers were down the Regatta provided heaps of experience for all these young sailors for the future.

Thanks to RO Steve Pyatt for his skill in managing the regatta, Kohimarama Yacht Club and Class President Richard Cave for hosting a successful 2016 420 Class Nationals.

Kohi on a low tide day.

And we think we've got problems at CBYC with our tide – photo courtesy of Donna Kenton-Smith



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The 2016 Nationals Optimist Team



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