



From the Commodore...

Blustery Holiday Fun!

There was plenty of school holiday action at the club last week. Despite a few days of high winds, we managed to get on the water for most of the week. And a southerly blast with single-digit temperatures just made the hot chocolates more yummy!

Race clinics for Optis were a great success. And our "Introduction to Sailing" holiday programme saw another 10 young sailors introduced to speed and spray at the GBC.

Thanks to the parents that volunteered their time as deck officers, and special thanks to our coaches Rory, Jack H-S, Tim, Natasha, Sam, Oliver, and Thomas.

Good luck to those heading to the [Stack Winter Champs](#) regatta at Murrays Bay. Everyone else, see you on deck on Sunday.

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This Sunday at GBC

Racing fleets, this Sunday is the first week of our Sprint Series. We'll try to squeeze in five short action-packed races. Please be rigged and ready for briefing at 9am.

Upskillers, please be dressed for sailing at 9am. We'll get your boats out as soon as the racing fleets clear the decks.

As always, please remember that spring sailing in Auckland can be challenging... dress for warmth but remember your sunblock!

The duty team is *Reid*. The roster is posted [here](#). Parents, even if you are not on duty, please dress to get wet! We always need lots of help on the ramps to launch and recover boats.

Tuesday Night Training

During Term 4 and Term 1, we offer training / coaching on Tuesday afternoons for race fleet sailors. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and practice techniques away from the race course. Sailors meet straight after school, and need to be rigged and ready to launch by 4:30pm. We're off the water before 7:30pm and generally ready to leave before 8:00pm.

Tuesday night training begins next week. To register, [sign in to your account](#), select "Register", then under "Fleet" at Step 1, select "Midweek Coaching" and a fleet. For help contact David Davies at membersgbc@gmail.com.



Opti Dollies

Over the winter Hugh Webber and his grandfather John built 20 Opti "dollies" for the club. These dollies attach to the transom of an Opti, allowing coaches and young sailors to safely move and store the boats. 12 dollies will be used to store our new training Optimists. The remainder are on sale from the galley for \$80 each.

The production line included almost 700 saw cuts, more than 1,000 drill operations, more than 1,000 screw operations and plenty of sanding, gluing and clamping. It was a big job. Thanks Hugh and John!

Register Now for Learn to Sail in Term 1 2023

Term 1 2023 may seem like a long way away, but it'll be here before you know it!

This term's "Learn to Sail" programme is full, so we've opened registrations for our Term 1 2023 programme. If you have a sibling or friend that wants to learn to sail next year, please get them to sign up now. Don't delay, this programme fills up very fast! Register [here](#).

GBC Sailors at the Secondary School Teams Sailing Nationals

Congratulations to GBC sailors Aidan Beauchamp and Ben Brewer (pictured), members of the Glendowie College team that finished 3rd at the Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships. That result qualified Glendowie College to sail against Australia's best at the Inter-Dominion Championships. Well, done!

Also at Algies Bay for the Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships were Lachlan Marker and Sophie Eaton, representing St Kentigern College.



Jack Manning at the Match Racing National Championships

Congratulations also to GBC's Jack Manning, who was part of Josh Hide's crew (pictured below) that finished 3rd at the Match Racing National Championships this weekend. This is a prestigious event, with some famous names on the trophy. Josh Hide's team scored a couple of victories over world number three, Nick Egnot-Johnson but eventually lost their semifinal. The event was won by Reuben Corbett (coach/manager of the RNZYS Youth Training Programme) who has been ranked inside the top 10 in the world, so a podium finish from this youth crew is a very good result!

Jack sails better than he swims!



NZIODA North Island Opti Clinic

Registrations are now open for the annual NZIODA North Island Opti Clinic, which runs from 10 to 13 January 2023.

The NZIODA North Island Opti Clinic is a 4-day residential clinic, staying at Willow Park, Eastern Beach. The clinic is suitable for Green, White and Open fleet sailors and the focus is on fun and making friends. The clinic is run by great coaches who have experience working with NZIODA's overseas travelling and development teams.

The cost is \$600 per sailor. There is more information on the clinic [here](#). The closing date for registrations is 18 November 2022 and you can register [here](#).

Starling for Sale

1041 "Spitfire" built by Keith Elliot. 41.5kg. Last sailed around 10 years ago and dry stored inside a factory since then. Recently refurbished. Asking price is \$2,500.

The boat comes with a sail with reefing points, so it would be a great buy for a new/light sailor that wants to transition to Starling.

For more information, please see the [TradeMe listing](#) or call Steve Sharp on 021 835 745.



Insurance

Please be aware that the GBC does not carry insurance for boats stored at the club.

Your boats can likely be covered by your household contents insurance. This will cover fire, theft from the club and damage while sailing. However, your household contents insurance probably won't cover damage to third parties (i.e. costs of repairing damage to another boat caused by you).

If you want to have comprehensive third-party cover for your boat, Aon has a specific product. You can obtain a quote by clicking through the [link on the Yachting New Zealand website](#).