

13 September 2022

This Sunday is Opening Day!

We hope you've enjoyed a winter of netball, football, rugby, hockey, skiing or whatever else you do to distract you from your separation from the GBC. But that's all over now, because it's time to go sailing on the Tamaki River again! And maybe win some silverware. Woohoo!

Racing fleets, please be rigged and ready for briefing at 11am.

Upskillers, please be dressed for sailing at 11am. We'll get your boats out as soon as the racing fleets clear the decks.

Spring sailing in Auckland can be challenging... dress for warmth but remember your sunblock! Parents, please dress to get wet too. There is a north-easterly forecast, so we'll need lots of help on the ramps.

The duty team is *Connolly*. The roster is posted [here](#). Simon Tucker is overseas this week, so we have Roger Sims as special guest Race Officer. Thanks, Roger!

Last Year's Opening Day Trophy Winners



J24 Sailing

On Sunday 25 September, there is no sailing at the GBC. Instead, we're going to run some races in BBYC's fleet of J24 keelboats.

The J24 is billed as the world's most popular keelboat class, with over 5,500 boats built and over 50,000 people sailing them in more than 40 countries. A group of GBC's youth sailors and coaches has spent the winter racing the J24s around the harbour, and they're keen to show off these fun little keelboats to our junior sailors.

We'll meet at BBYC at 10am and aim to be back at BBYC by 2:30pm.

Cost is \$30. To register, please put your name on the list [here](#).

We only have room for sailors on board the J24s. But there will be a few places for parent volunteers on support RHIBs. To make the day work, we need volunteers to operate Duck 1 as a start boat and Duck 2 as a mark layer boat. We also need to have two experienced keelboat sailors on each J24. If you can help out, please put your name on the list [here](#).



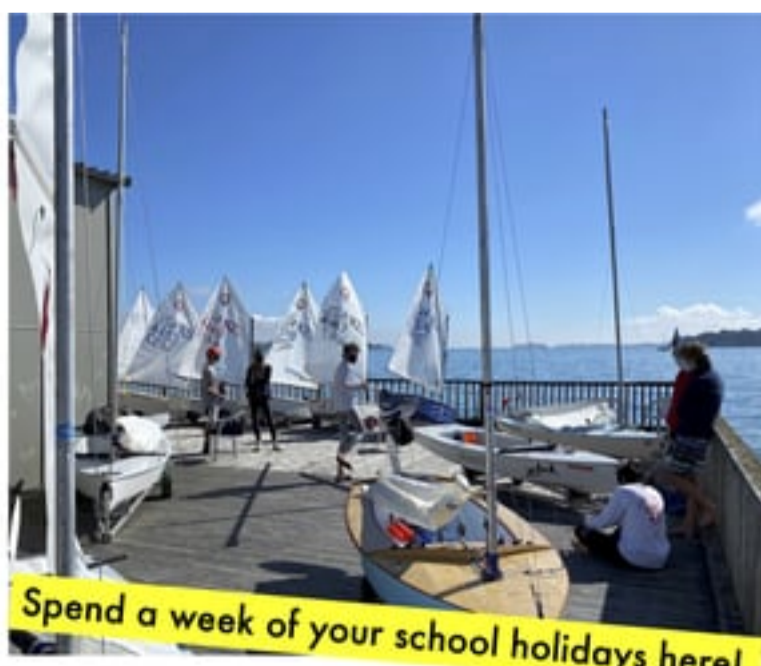
Aidan and his J24 crew

Holiday Opti Clinics

Feedback from the Season Start-Up was that many sailors would be keen on sailing in the school holidays. So we've put together a clinic for each fleet.

All clinics will run from Monday 3 October to Friday 7 October, from 1pm to 4pm each day. Cost is \$300 for the week. If we need to cancel a day for bad weather, we'll give you a pro-rata refund.

We only have 6 places in each fleet, so get in quick! To register, [log in to your account](#) and go to Register Now and select Holiday Programme. If you have any issues, please email David Davies at membersgbc@gmail.com.



Spend a week of your school holidays here!



Opportunity for Duke of Edinburgh Service Hours

The club needs a cleaner. In recent years, this has been done by a local teenager to fulfil the service component of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

The cleaning takes approximately one hour per week. Timing is completely flexible; the cleaning can be done any time between Sunday evening and the following Friday afternoon. The job would best suit someone living within walking or cycling distance of the club, or with their driver's licence.

If you know of someone interested in service hours, please ask them to email Cath Costello at cath@wedgewoodwhite.com.