



The Wisp

16 November 2022

Philippa and Amber sail over the horizon!



From the Commodore... **Green Fleet Rockets!**

After all those raucous northeasterlies recently, it was nice to have some different conditions on Sunday. The light westerly breeze allowed the light air fliers to show off their skills. And what a performance from Philippa and Amber to fly around Browns Island, beating all the Opti Open sailors by a huge margin! Well done girls!

Good luck to Blake Cooper and Marlon Porteous, who are sailing at Manly this weekend in the Starling North Island Championships.

This Sunday at the Club

This Sunday there are more trophies up for grabs for the "Spring Champs" day. Race fleets, please be rigged and ready to launch before the 1:00pm briefing. We need to clear the decks quickly to allow the training fleets to get set up.

Upskillers and Learn to Sail, please arrive for the 1:00pm for briefing. We'll get your boats out once the race fleets clear the decks.

And please plan to hang around after sailing for our BBQ dinner on deck. Thanks to all those families that have pre-ordered burgers. Please bring cash to purchase them from the galley.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic dinner and use the BBQ. Everyone is invited, including our Learn to Sail families, grandparents, and friends. Bring a chilly bin with a cold drink and get to know some of the other GBC families. High tide is 5:12pm, so there will be plenty of opportunity for swimming after the boats are packed away!

Upcoming Events

On Saturday **November 26**, we'll be holding our next Feva and Mistral Series event with BBYC. All two-handed and adult classes welcome. Please be rigged and ready by 9:00am. For more information, email Paul Webber on paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com.

On Sunday **November 27**, the race fleets will head to Maraetai for the first leg of the East Auckland Series. The East Auckland Series is a fun inter-club competition between GBC, Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Howick Sailing Club, and Maraetai Sailing Club. There's a trophy (picture below) and bragging rights for the club with the best results across Opti and Starling fleets. It's a low-key introduction to regattas and a perfect dress rehearsal for the Sir Peter Blake Regatta the following weekend. For more information, get in touch with your [fleet convenor](#). Upskillers and Learn to Sail will sail at the club as usual.

On the weekend of **December 3 and December 4**, the race fleets will head to Torbay for the Sir Peter Blake Regatta. Get your entry in [here](#). Again, Upskillers and Learn to Sail will sail at the club as usual.

The last time we won the Ivan Raos Memorial Trophy



RHIB Shed Pack Down

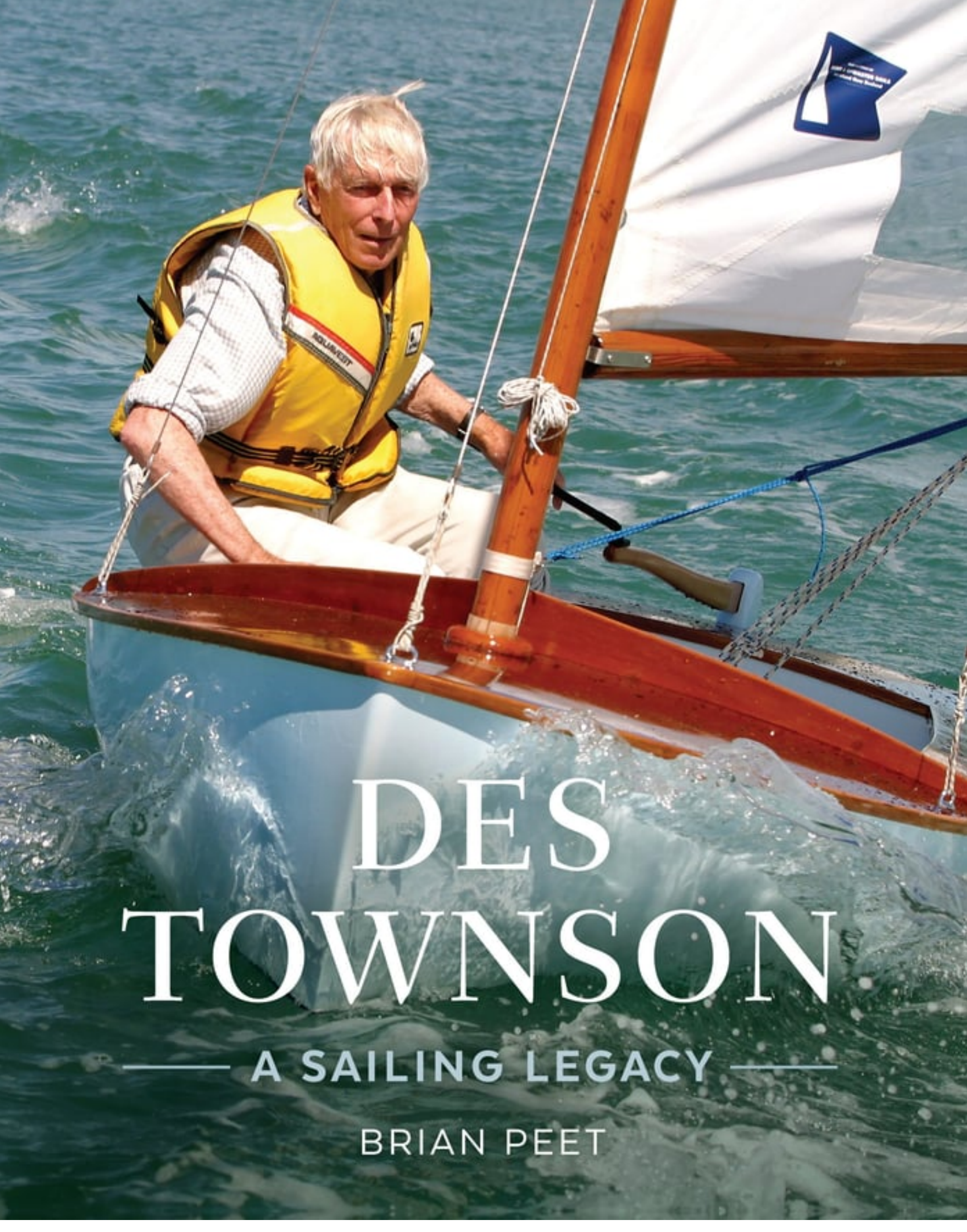
If you're rostered on to a safety boat role (either skipper or mate), please note that your duty includes both set-up and pack-down of the RHIBs. We ask that you leave your station only after the RHIB shed has been fully tidied and all safety equipment is stowed away, including fuel tanks. If you have any questions about your job, please have a chat to the Race Officer (she/he will be packing up the gear beside you) or the Deck Officer.

Please Drive Slowly in Glendowie Road

We've had a request from local residents to ask members to drive slowly in Glendowie Road. Please be safe and considerate when arriving and leaving the club.



Buy a Great Christmas Present and Raise Money for the Club!



Des Townson was a yacht designer and boatbuilder icon of New Zealand's boating history. Des created some 74 individual designs ranging from racing centre-boarders to keelboats and powerboats, with more than 3,700 vessels built. His work has stood the test of time: you can still see Mistrals and Starlings at the GBC. The Starling and Zephyr classes have been sailing for more than 50 years, and are as strong as ever.

Brian Peet has written a fabulous biography, *Des Townson: A Sailing Legacy*. This is a great Christmas gift for any maritime history buff or budding yacht designer. It is even more special for a Glendowie Boating Club family: there are plenty of pictures of the club and Andersons Bay in the background.

Both Des and Brian have a special connection to the club. Des gifted the Starling to the GBC, a gift that supported the club for many years through income from the sale of plans. Brian has been a member forever (honorary life member, these days) and was a commodore about 15 years ago.

Des Townson: A Sailing Legacy can be purchased directly from Brian for \$80. For every book bought by a GBC member, Brian will donate \$30 to the club! Please get in touch with Brian on 027 622 3334 or peetfamily@orcon.net.nz to purchase a copy. Don't forget to tell him that you're from the GBC!

Lawrence Schaffler, Editor, Boating NZ. "Townson – the man, the sailor, the designer, the builder – is wonderfully presented in Peet's biography. He writes with an easy, conversational style and includes plenty of warm, colourful anecdotes which I'm sure will be news to even the most seasoned of Townson scholars."

Roger McMillan, Editor, www.mysailing.com.au. "This is a book that every Kiwi sailor should buy. It's magnificently illustrated with photos and drawings of many of the designs and it chronicles the life of an interesting and significant contributor to the sport of sailing. Peet is an excellent story-teller. The book is well-written, with a good balance of anecdotes and technical detail."

Roy Dickson, International Yachtsman. "An absolutely fabulous book. I've read many yachting design books and none of them gets close to what Brian Peet has created."