



The Wisp

22 November 2022

Happiness is a coach with a burger!



From the Commodore... **Champagne Sailing!**

Special guest star race officer, Richard Beauchamp, described last Sunday as, "Champagne conditions". Well, they certainly were wet at times!

But our coaches didn't need Champagne, they had burgers! Which is a segue into saying an enormous "thank-you" to our wonderful galley crew and BBQ team. And to say "thank-you" to our coaches (some of whom are pictured above) that have worked really hard this year to support our youngsters. You deserved that burger (and the second one that most of you nabbed!).

This Saturday at the Club

This Saturday, we have another day of our Feva and Mistral (and anything else) Saturday Series with BBYC. Our Saturday sailing is intended to be fun, informal racing, with starts and finishes off the GBC deck. We're expecting about four Fevas from BBYC this week, it promises to be a nice racing fleet.

Come down to the club to race a Feva, Mistral or any adult class. You can hire a club Feva for \$30 for the day. Sign up [here](#).

Register your entry [here](#) so we know you're coming. Or contact Paul Webber (021 996 394 or paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com) for more information.

Please be ready to launch immediately after a very brief briefing at 9:00am. First warning signal will be 9:30am.

This Sunday at the Club

This Sunday there is no racing at the GBC. Race fleets are away at the Maraetai leg of the Junior East Auckland Series (see the information below).

Upskillers and Learn to Sail will operate at the club as usual. Please be ready for the 9:00am briefing.

Maraetai Leg of the Junior East Auckland Series

On Sunday, November 27, the race fleets will head to Maraetai for the first leg of the Junior East Auckland Series. The Junior East Auckland Series is a fun inter-club competition between GBC, Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Howick Sailing Club, and Maraetai Sailing Club. The Notice of Race for the series is [here](#).

- Registration opens at 11:30am (entry fee is \$10 for Opti and Starling, \$15 for Feva).
- Briefing is 12:15pm
- First warning is 1:00pm

There will be a prize giving following racing.

If this is your first time travelling to a regatta with an Opti, there will be plenty of help from the GBC team. We can help you load your Opti on to a roof-rack or trailer on Sunday morning. Please get in touch with David Davies on 021 922 102 if you need a hand.

We're keen to create a "GBC base" on the grass reserve at Maraetai. **If anyone has a gazebo or shade tent that they could bring, we'd really appreciate it.** Again, please get in touch with David Davies to let us know you can help.

Urgent - Electrician Needed

The Zip water heater at the club has stopped working. We need a hot chocolate hero!

The galley team thinks that we need to replace the heating element in the Zip, which is a job for a registered electrician. Can you help? Do you know someone that can help? If so, please get in touch with Lucy Carran on 0274 445 3249.



Save the smiles!

Help Wanted - Starling Match Racing Auckland Championships

On Saturday 17 December, GBC is hosting the 2022 Starling Match Racing Auckland Championships.

We have a great race management team, and umpires organised. But we're looking for a couple of additional volunteers to help us out. **We need someone to help launch and recover the centre-console RHIBs used by the umpires (you could also go out on the water to watch and help move marks if you want). We're also looking for one or two people to run the galley for the day.**

The Starling Match Racing Auckland Championships is an annual regatta to select a representative from the Auckland region to attend the 2023 Starling Match Racing National Championships.

We can't hold big fleet regattas at GBC. This regatta is one of the ways that GBC gives back to the Auckland sailing community.

Match racing is a one-on-one battle between two boats over a short course. There is great viewing from the GBC deck. This is always a great day to come and watch.

If you can help, please get in touch with Paul Webber on 021 996 394 or paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com.



GBC's Rory Sims in last year's Starling Match Racing Auckland Champs

GBC's Website has a "Cancellation Bar"

There is a blue bar on the GBC website that we use to communicate urgent messages. If you're wondering whether a sailing session or club training is going ahead, check out the front page of the GBC website.



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*** TUESDAY NIGHT TRAINING IS CANCELLED ***



Remember to check the "cancellation bar".