



# The Wisp

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## Orca ahoy!



From the Commodore...

### Orca Everywhere!

Another busy weekend for GBC sailors but this one was better, because we had Orca!

At the GBC, the Learn to Sail and Upskillers group were just getting ready to launch, when the big black dolphins came cruising by. It was a small pod - just mum, dad and a baby - but it was breathtaking.

Meanwhile, our race fleets headed to Maraetai for the first leg of the East Auckland Series. And they had a visit from Orca too!

Congratulations to team GBC for sticking it out in difficult conditions. The team spirit, sportsmanship and sailing skills made the club proud! In Opti Green, our 5 GBC sailors all finished in the top 7. A remarkable achievement. Special shout outs to Philippa Wiltshire for winning Opti Green, and to Marlon Porteous who won a sportsmanship award for retiring from race 1 (despite getting the gun) when he realised he had sailed the wrong course.

GBC finished as the second placed club for the Ivan Raos Memorial Trophy. Let's try to go one better in a couple of weeks when we hold our leg of the series at the GBC.

## Thar she blows



### This Sunday at the Club

This weekend, there is no racing at the GBC, because the race fleets are off to Torbay for the Sir Peter Blake Regatta.

Learn to Sail and Upskillers fleets are at the club as usual. Your briefing time is 1pm.



### The Sir Peter Blake Regatta

**Entries close at 10pm tonight.** If you want to go to the regatta and haven't entered, you only have a few hours left. Enter [here](#).

GBC will have a great fleet of at least 15 sailors across Opti Green, Opti Open, Starling Development, Starling Open, Laser Radial and 29er classes.

David Davies will be in touch with families attending to let you know about plans and logistics. Any issues, please get in touch with David at [dgandljdavies@gmail.com](mailto:dgandljdavies@gmail.com).