



The Wisp

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Some of team GBC at the SPBR



From the Commodore...

Sir Peter Blake Regatta and more...

Another huge weekend for GBC sailors and their support crews!

The Sir Peter Blake Regatta was its normal amazing chaotic mix of fun, great racing, spot prizes and logistical challenges at a lovely little beach.

Congratulations to all the sailors. I'm sure you had a great time and learned lots about big regattas... food, water, sunblock, early nights, concentrating through long days, pirate songs and recognising those sagging start lines (see our Hot Tip below). Shout outs to Aidan Beauchamp who finished 7th in the ILCA 6 (formerly Laser Radial) and Amber Hughes who finished 7th in a huge fleet of Opti green sailors.

Thanks to everybody that helped with logistics and supporting our sailors on the water. Special thanks to Brian Boyle for heading to Torbay on both days to help out even though Ciara had to withdraw from the regatta with injury.

Back at the GBC, more than 25 sailors enjoyed the first weekend of summer proper, with sunshine and a great breeze. Our Upskillers headed to Karaka Bay for swim and beach clean-up, before a nice sail home.

Summer is here!

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.

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.

Please call or email Paul Webber (021 996 394 or paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com) to confirm that you're coming. There will be a very brief briefing at 9:00am. First warning signal will be at 9:30am.

Up the River 1960s Style



Photo: John Peet collection

This Sunday at the Club

This Sunday we're holding our annual Up the River race. This race has been a feature of the GBC calendar for more than 50 years! There are trophies for Opti Green, Opti Open, Starling Green and Starling Open. Come down and win some silverware!

Racing fleets, please be rigged and dressed, ready to launch by 9:00am.

Learn to Sail and Upskillers, please report at the later time of 9:30am. We're conscious that the LTS and Upskillers fleet are having to wait until the race fleets have cleared the deck. We want to trial starting a bit later so there's less mucking around for you.

Help Needed - Deck Officers for our Introduction to Sailing Programme

We're planning to run two weeks of Introduction to Sailing holiday programme in January 2023.

We'll open the club in the afternoons of the week of 16 January and for the mornings of the week of 23 January. We need a volunteer to support our amazing coaches on each day. If you can spare half a day to hang out at the GBC, we'd be most grateful.

If you can help out, please get in touch with Cath on 021 556 394 or cath@wedgewoodwhite.com.

Saggy is bad!



Hot Tip: Don't Get Stuck in the Sag

Thanks to Jenna Menzies and Tracy Cooper for getting this great photo to illustrate line sag. The photo was taken a few seconds before the start of a race on Saturday. The dotted line shows the start line, the curve shows how the fleet lined up.

Boats in the middle of the sag were tens of boat lengths behind before the race had started. It's pretty hard to win from there! Needless to say, Opti 4782 had a great race (and a pretty good regatta).

Sailors, talk to your coaches about how line sag forms and how to make sure you're up on the line at the gun (hint: transits!).

Have you seen this bike?

Sarah Pemberton's bike was stolen from outside the GBC on Sunday. It is a Torpedo7 Vortex 2 Women's V3 MTB in Gloss White, with turquoise "Torpedo7" branding.

If you saw it being escorted away on Sunday or find it abandoned somewhere in the local area, please get in touch with Max Pemberton on 027 764 2385.



Opti for Sale

The famous Hana B'nana is for sale. She has achieved some good results over this past year, including at the Sir Peter Blake Regatta last week. The boat is currently in a locker at the GBC and is ready to race. Perfect for a new Upskiller. Includes the beach trolley. \$1,000. Please call Rob Hughes on 021 969 104.



Foil Covers and Boat Covers

One of our members has spotted that BG Sails and Flags is having a clearance of foil bags (\$70) and boat covers (\$140). If you're looking for a foil cover or boat cover, get in touch with Brent Gillies on 021 2013144 or info@bgsails.co.nz.

