



The Wisp

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From the Commodore...

Welcome to 2023

Just a quick update this week, because I'm pretending to still be on holiday. There are a few opportunities for coaching clinics at the club (see below) and a couple of upcoming regattas to remember.

Well done to James McBride for flying the GBC burgee at the Tauranga Cup (P-Class National Champs) in Plimmerton last week. It's great to have a GBC sailor at that historic event again.

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School Holiday Opti Clinics - Upskillers

We're holding two school holiday Opti clinics for sailors that were Opti Upskillers in Term 4 of 2022. Places are limited - so you get great coaching. But be in quick!

Clinic one will run from Monday 16 January to Wednesday 18 January, from 1pm to 4pm each day. Clinic two will run from Monday 23 January to Wednesday 25 January, from 9am to 12pm each day.

Cost is \$60 per day.

To register, please enter your details in this [Google doc](#).

School Holiday Opti Clinics - Race Fleets

We're also holding two school holiday Opti clinics for our race fleets - Opti Green and Opti Open.

Clinic one will run on Thursday 19 January and Friday 20 January, from 1pm to 4pm each day. Clinic two will run on Thursday 26 January and Friday 27 January, from 9am to 12pm each day.

Again, cost is \$60 per day. These clinics will be perfect preparation for the Optimist Auckland Champs at Kohimarama, starting on Saturday 28 January.

To register, please enter your details in this [Google doc](#).

Upcoming Regattas

We are now in the thick of the regatta season! Two local regattas to consider are:

- [Starling Travellers Series at Howick](#), Saturday 21 January and Sunday 22 January
- [Optimist and Starling Auckland Champs at Kohimarama](#), Friday 28 January to Monday 30 January

There will be a big team of GBC folk at Kohimarama for the Optimist and Starling Auckland Champs. We'll be taking support RHIBs and setting up a shore base. For more information, contact David Davies on 021 922 102.



Have You Outgrown your Opti?

We have a few sailors that have outgrown their Opti and will be looking at a new boat now or at the end of the season. The good news is that there is life after Optis – and it's faster with less balling! For most people at GBC, the next step will be a Starling. But you could also consider a P-Class, or RS Feva, Mistral or many other classes.

We invite you to a meeting with our Starling fleet convenor, Simon Tucker, to discuss next steps, on Tuesday 31 January at 6:30pm at the club.

Adult Learn to Sail - Get in on the Fun!

Do you look at your kids sailing at the GBC and say to yourself, "I wish I could do that." Well now you can! GBC is offering an Adult Learn to Sail class on six Tuesday evenings in Term 1, 2023. The classes start on Tuesday, 14 February. For more information, contact Simon Tucker on 021 814 839.

