



The Wisp

25 January 2023

Hello from the GBC!



From the Commodore...
Welcome, again, to 2023

I haven't been writing Wisps over the last few weeks, but there's been plenty happening at and around the GBC. We've run school holiday programmes and Opti clinics, and GBC sailors have been having fun all over the country. More about all that below.

Last Friday there was a fantastic late afternoon high tide. The coaches had finished their week's work and so it was time for skurfing. Other members windsurfed, and a couple of Starlings went out for a blast. Kids swam and fished (and waved for the camera). Parents decided it was a nice spot for a Friday night drink and fish'n'chips dinner.

I was reminded of what a special place we share. It was an epic evening on the deck: we should do it more often.

Good luck to friends of the GBC up at the Bay of Islands Sailing Week – Simon Manning (Kaizen), Roger Sims (Heartlight), Oliver Davidson (on Bullistic) and anyone else we've forgotten about. Have fun: you'll need to come back to work soon!

Finally, good luck to all the GBC sailors competing in the Opti and Starling Auckland Champs this weekend at Kohimarama. There will be a big team of GBC competitors. If you want to join them, hurry! Late entries close on Friday night. Enter [here](#).

I hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful break from work and that you're fully rested to charge back into GBC activities again. See you on deck!

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Fun in the sun!

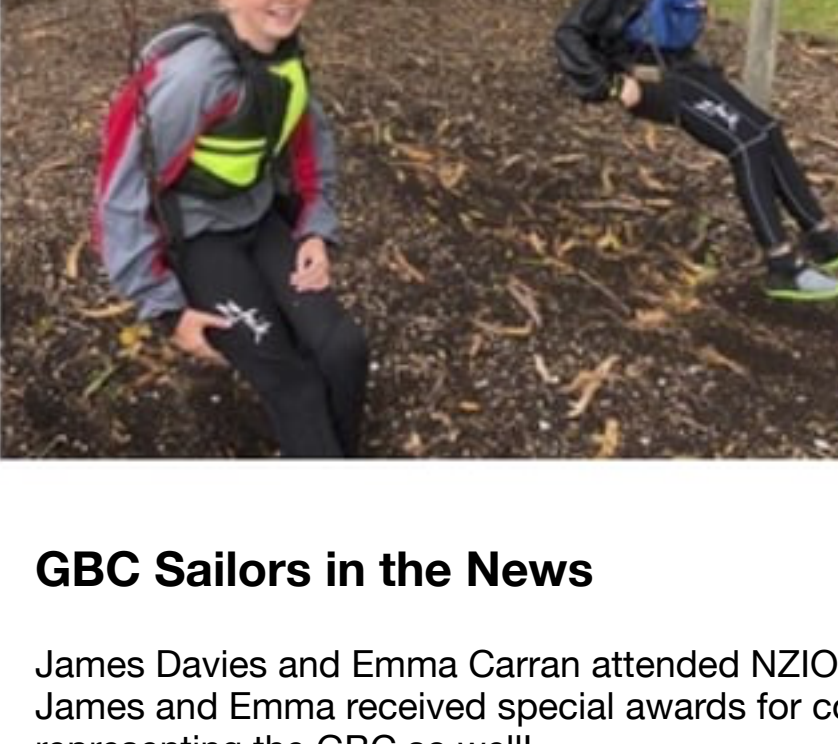


Thanks, Coaches

Huge thanks to our dynamic coaching team – Lydia Boyd, Jack Webber, Rory Sims, Sophie Eaton, Sam Gowen, Oliver Davidson, and Bec Morgan. You've done a great job delivering our Introduction to Sailing programme and Opti clinics over the last two weeks.

You've put a smile on lots of kids' faces and helped us attract a new crop of youngsters to continue the 75-year (almost) journey of the GBC.

Emma and James D Hiking Practice at Eastern Beach?



James McB



GBC Sailors in the News

James Davies and Emma Carran attended NZIODA camp at Eastern Beach earlier this month. Both James and Emma received special awards for cooperation, sportsmanship and helpfulness. Thanks for representing the GBC so well!

Fresh from the P-Class nationals, James McBride has jumped into a Starling. After just a couple of evening sails at the GBC, James headed to the Starling Traveller Series regatta at Howick last weekend. In challenging conditions, James finished in 3rd place in the Starling Development fleet. And because too much sailing is not nearly enough, he sailed back to the GBC from Howick after prize giving. Well done, James.

Congratulations to Aidan Beauchamp for finishing inside the top 20 youths in a very competitive fleet at the ILCA 6 (formerly Laser Radial) National Champs.

Tuesday Night Training - Starts 31 January 2023

Tuesday night training for race fleets (Opti Green, Opti Open, Starling Green, Starling Open) starts next week, on Tuesday 31 January.

If you were registered in Term 4, you'll automatically be registered for this term. Please contact David Davies if you want to withdraw.

If you weren't registered in Term 4 but want to come to training, please register now. To register, [log in to your account](#) and go to Register Now and select the sailor, and under "Choose Fleets", select "Midweek coaching".

Please ask your sailors to arrive at the club as early as they can, to get set up.

We know that lots of parents are unavailable at 4pm. But if you can get down to the club, please come along and help. We're going to try to get the kids on the water as quickly as possible this term, to make the most of the sessions (and maybe get us home a bit earlier).

Any questions about Tuesday nights, please call David Davies on 021 922 102.



GBC Starlings at Motuihe in 2021

Starling Motuihe Camp - 17 February 2023

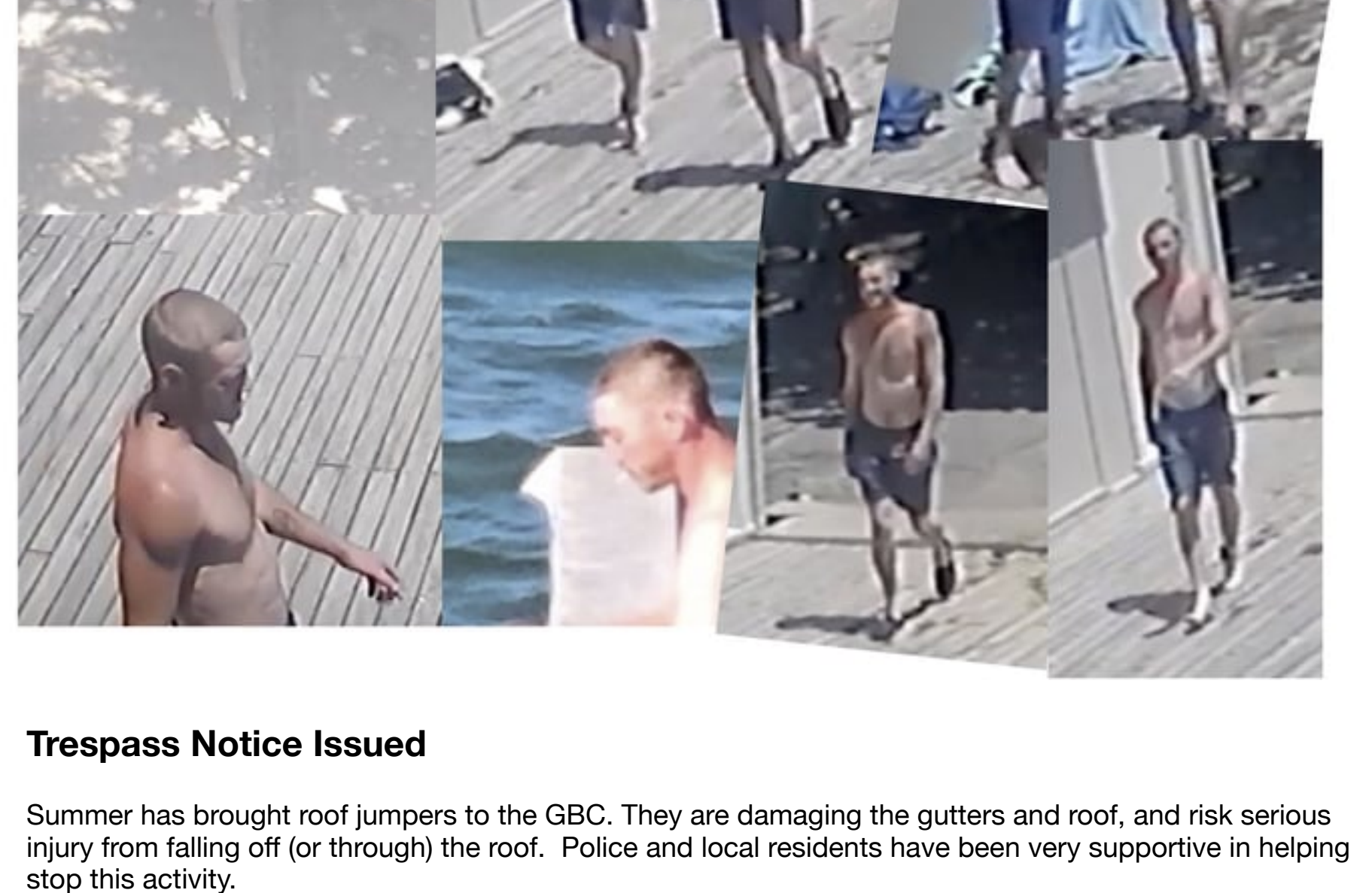
The annual Starling Motuihe camp will be held from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th February. This year, due to our small (but quickly growing) Starling fleet, we are opening it up to senior Opti sailors. You need to be at least 13 years old and be confident to sail a Feva across to Motuihe. Opti sailors will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis - we have very limited spots on the Fevas.

We depart Friday after school from GBC, with all sailors sailing a Starling or Feva. We return Sunday in the early afternoon.

Cost will be approximately \$60 per sailor.

If you to come along for some island fun, contact Mike Cooper on mike79723@gmail.com.

Roof Wreckers



Trespass Notice Issued

Summer has brought roof jumpers to the GBC. They are damaging the gutters and roof, and risk serious injury from falling off (or through) the roof. Police and local residents have been very supportive in helping stop this activity.

If you see someone on the clubhouse roof, please call 111 and ask for police. Tell the police that there are people on the roof of the Glenowrie Boating Club, damaging our property and putting their own safety at risk. The police will give you a reference number and respond. Please do not confront any roof climber you encounter.

The police have asked that we provide CCTV footage of reported incidents. Once you've reported the incident to the police, please call Cath Costello on 021 996 394. Please tell her what time you saw the climbers and the police report reference number. Cath will download the CCTV footage of the climbers and add it to the police report.

Two of the roof climbers (pictured above) are known to police. They have been issued with a trespass notice. If you see either of these gents climbing on the club, please call 111, ask for police and quote reference P053357178. You can find that reference number on a poster on the notice board in the club, or from the copy of this Wisp on the GBC website.

Please note that all members of the public are always allowed on the rigging decks.

Do you know someone that should be sailing?



Learn to Sail - Starts 12 February 2023

Our awesome Learn to Sail course kicks off on Sunday 12 February 2023. Spread the word to your friends, neighbours, cousins and school friends.

The GBC is a great place to spend part of your Sunday! Term 1 is the best time to learn.

There's more information [here](#).

Register [here](#).

Adult Learn to Sail - Starts 14 February

There are only three places left in GBC's Adult Learn to Sail course. The course will be held on six Tuesday evenings in Term 1, 2023, starting on Tuesday, 14 February.

This course is suitable for adults, older teens, or for a parent that wants to learn along side their child.

For more information, contact Simon Tucker on 021 814 839.



This could be you!

Rent the Club House

The GBC club house is available to rent. This is a quirky and unique location for your small business meeting, club meeting, card night, art group, etc. Stunning views over the Tamaki and Hauraki Gulf to inspire and delight.

We have space for up to 30 people in various configurations. We have a full kitchen (but we call it a galley), and bathrooms, a TV, whiteboard and character!

Cost is \$125 for up to 4 hours or \$250 for up to 8 hours.

For more information or to book, please contact Cath Costello on 021 556 394 or cath@wedgewoodwhite.com.

A room with a view!

