



The Wisp

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Our swallow chicks...



From the Commodore...

Welcome Back to Club Sundays!

We all know that one swallow does not a summer make. But we have five at the GBC - two parents and three chicks - so surely summer must be just around the corner!

Sunday is the first week of our Term 1 "Learn to Sail" (YNZ Level 1), "Upskillers" (YNZ Level 2) and "Adventurers" (YNZ Level 3) courses. We are looking forward to kicking off the second half of the season! Matt Carran has water blasted the ramps (thanks Matt!), which is the GBC version of putting the welcome mat out.

- Learn to Sail AM - Arrive for a 9am briefing.
- Learn to Sail PM - Arrive for a 1pm briefing.
- Upskillers - Please be dressed for sailing at 1pm. The coaches will help you get your new boats down and rig them. How exciting!
- Adventurers - You know the drill now! Please be rigged and dressed for sailing at 1pm.

Of course, being this summer, we might be thrown a curve-ball! We're keeping an eye on a new tropical cyclone heading our way. If Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle follows the current forecast path, we could be experiencing big waves, heavy rain and gale force winds by Sunday. In that case, we'll need to postpone until next week and try to arrange a make-up Saturday later in the term.

Keep an eye on the GBC website's "cancellation bar" (more details below) for updates.

Fingers crossed for a nice day!

Magnificent Matt



Junior Sail Auckland

Good luck for GBC race fleets heading to Junior Sail Auckland at Kohimarama on 11 and 12 February. If you haven't entered yet, you can still request a late entry. Regatta details are [here](#).

Anthony McBride is GBC's regatta coordinator for this one. You can get hold of him on 021 521 013 or anthonypmcbride@gmail.com.

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".

Binoculars Wanted

Was your new year's resolution to declutter your life? Do you have a pair of old binoculars looking for a new home? If so, please consider donating them to the club. Our current pair is not working. If you can help, please call Cath Costello on 021 556 394.

Opti Rigs in the Rig Racks

We have a bumper crop of active Optis at the club. This means that space in the rig rack is at a premium. Members can only store one assembled rig in the rig rack. Additional rigs must be stored in your locker (disassembled) or stored off-site.

If you've changed your boat (or you're using a sail number that's different to what you previously specified), please get in touch with Chanel Finnigan on 022 153 6110 so she can keep the records straight.



Opti for Sale

David Le Pelley is selling Luna Eclipse. David says, "A good Green Fleet Opti 3988 in reasonable condition. This one has built-in side tanks with internal buoyancy bags. Comes with training sail (average condition) and race sail (good condition). The race sail has number 398 as there is occasionally somebody else racing with 3988! Foils in reasonable condition. This boat is great for starting out, and quite capable of winning Green Fleet. You're welcome to view in Meadowbank - contact me for details. I'm happy to deliver in central Auckland. Asking \$1,500 on TradeMe but discount for GBC members - only \$1,400!"

There are more photos [here](#).

Contact David on 021 889 503.