



# The Wisp

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From the Commodore...

## Tyler Wins Opti Green at Junior Sail Auckland!

In a week when almost all sailing has been cancelled, congratulations to the GBC sailors that squeezed one day's Junior Sail Auckland racing in before Cyclone Gabrielle crashed the party. Tyler Warren finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Green Fleet, closely followed by Tome Lithgow in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Outstanding sailing, you two! In Opti Open, Brooke Cooper was first girl and Philippa Wiltshire (stepping up to the big time) just missed out on a podium as 4<sup>th</sup> girl. In the 29er class, Lachlan Marker (with RAYC's Morgan Lay) finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to KYC for hosting us at their club again.

GBC's Lachlan Marker has been invited to skipper an entry in the Harken Youth Match Racing Cup at RNZYS. Lachlan was selected on the basis of a couple of excellent performances in the Secondary School Keelboat Champs and Mastercard Youth Training Week. And he's picked GBC's Oliver Davidson to be part of his crew. They'll be competing against a big fleet of young match racers, including GBC alumni, Jack Manning and Rory Sims. The racing starts tomorrow. Good luck, chaps.

Finally, good luck to the GBC team heading off on their road trip to the Interislander at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club.



## This Sunday at the GBC

The Department of Conservation has closed the campsite on Motuihe, so our Starling camp has been cancelled. On the bright side, that means we can see you all bright and early for seasons points racing on Sunday.

- Learn to Sail AM – please arrive for a 9am briefing
- Learn to Sail PM – please arrive for a 1pm briefing
- Upskillers – please be dressed, ready for sailing at 9am (coaches will help you get your boats down and rig them)
- Adventurers - please be rigged and ready for our 9am briefing
- Racing fleets - please be rigged and ready for our 9am briefing



Slightly Second Hand

## Optimist Mast Wanted

Over the break, we have been looking at the club lease Optimists. One has a completely dead mast. If anyone has an old mast they want to get rid of, please call Cath Costello on 021 556 394.

## Reuse our Sails

We also have five sails that are no longer serviceable as sails. But the cloth retains heaps of strength and is waterproof. If you'd like to repurpose these former sails as shade cloth, material for your wearable arts project, or cut them up for garden ties, please also get in touch. Otherwise, they will become landfill.

## Water Blaster Help Wanted on Saturday

Richard Beauchamp is bringing his water blaster to the club on Saturday at midday (low tide) to clean up the southeast ramp. Thanks, Richard! We're looking for a volunteer to use the club's water blaster to clean the concrete ramp. If you can help out, please call Cath Costello on 021 556 394.

## Situations Vacant

We have a few roles at the club that we need to fill. The club can't function without the support of a team of volunteers. Please consider helping out your club and community by volunteering a bit (more) of your time.

**Learn to Sail Conventor** – We're looking for a friendly face to welcome new families to our club, and help them get started on their GBC journey. The role involves advertising LTS and holiday programmes to schools and on social media, fielding enquiries, and meeting and greeting new sailors and their families when they arrive at the club. Be the face of GBC!

**GBC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coordinator** – Next season is GBC's 75<sup>th</sup> season, and we'd like to celebrate that! As coordinator you will.... umm.... coordinate a team of people and projects to celebrate 75 years of encouraging boating on the Tamaki River. Projects might include: a dinner for members past and present, a website/page with some GBC history and photos, some merchandise or a little regatta. You won't have to do all of this! We just need someone to take the lead to bring the team together.

**Treasurer** – Our awesome Treasurer, Craig Young, will be stepping down after our AGM at the end of the season. If you are interested in taking on this role, please let us know. It would be great to shadow Craig for a few months before taking over the role after the AGM.

**Fundraising Guru** - GBC funds much of our equipment through grants from charities that support community organisations. We need someone to manage the grant application process and explore other ways to raise funds. This year we'll purchase a new safety RHIB and we've got a large amount of pile and deck work to get funded.

If you are interested in any of these roles, or for more information, please call Cath Costello on 021 556 394.

## Farewell Arrow Aroha

Arrow Aroha has been gathering dust at the GBC for more than a decade. We've checked with as many former members as we can find, going back a long way but cannot locate the owner. If you know anything about the ownership or history of Aroha, please get in touch with Cath Costello on 021 556 394.

If we do not find the owner within 14 days, the committee will dispose of the hull. We'll likely offer it to wooden boat enthusiasts and AUT's maritime engineering faculty (we know that a superior Arrow is on its way to the Auckland Maritime Museum). If you have any interest in acquiring the hull, please call Cath.

