



# The Wisp

14 December 2022

## Up the River Champions



From the Commodore...

### Half a Season Down!

Congratulations to our Up the River champions (pictured above), who demonstrated some nice skills in tricky conditions. And a shout-out to new Opti Green sailor, Tyler Warren, who sailed into 3rd place in just his second outing with this competitive fleet.

After sailing, Matt Carran and Richard Beauchamp (pictured below) spent a couple of hours making sure the warps and connectors for our mark anchors are ship shape for the second half of the season. Thanks, guys! There is a colour coded system to differentiate between RHIB and mark anchors. If you're on mark-laying duty, please check with Matt to find out how it works.

This is the last club sailing weekend of the year. Can you believe it?

I think this will also be the last Wisp of the year. So let me take this opportunity to thank everyone that has helped out on deck, on the water, in the RHIB shed, in the galley or in any capacity. You make the club a great place for our community to go sailing.

Have a wonderful Christmas, a relaxing break and we'll see you in 2023.

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## Where does a frustrated sailor go?

# Anchor Management



### This Saturday at the Club

On Saturday, we're holding the Starling Match Racing Auckland Champs. There is usually good viewing off the deck. The knock-out stages should be happening in the early afternoon. Come down and have a look.

We also have an opportunity for some young sailors to spend some time on umpire RHIBs. This is a chance to see match racing at very close range, learn some rules, and put the flags up for penalties. If your youngster is interested, please contact Paul Webber at paul.webber@wedgewoodwhite.com.

### This Sunday at the Club

On Sunday, we have the GBC Leg of the East Auckland Series at our club. We'll do battle with sailors from Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Howick Sailing Club and Maraetai Sailing Club for the Ivan Raos Memorial Trophy. It's always heaps of fun! For race fleets, please be dressed, rigged and ready to launch before a briefing at 12:15pm.

There is a prize giving after racing. And we're stoking up the BBQ again with hot ham buns and BBQ sausages available for purchase. Hang around and share some Christmas cheer.

Learn-to-Sail and Upskillers, please report at 1:00pm for your final session of the year!

### Dates for Your Diary

The regatta season kicks off in earnest in January. Of particular relevance to our sailors are:

- 28 to 30 January – Opti and Starling Auckland Champs at Kohimarama Yacht Club
- 11 to 12 February – Junior Sail Auckland, also at Kohimarama Yacht Club

We also have a few families planning to do a road-trip to Picton:

- 17 to 19 February – Interislander Regatta at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club

Please put those dates in your diary. There will be more details about these regattas (and other fun stuff at the club) in a Wisp in the New Year.



Faster is better!

### Have You Outgrown your Opti?

We have a few sailors that have outgrown their Opti and will be looking at a new boat in the New Year (or at the end of the season). The good news is that there is life after Optis – and it's faster with less bailing! 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's Learn to Sail in 2023 - 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.

### Give the Gift of Sailing!

A Learn to Sail class is a great Christmas present for your niece or nephew, neighbour or friend. Our Sunday Learn to Sail programmes start on 12 February and will fill up fast. Register [here](#).