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YNZ NEWS

2012 Commodores Conference Invitation



Following the highly successful 2009 event, the 2012 Yachting New Zealand Commodores Conference is an opportunity to meet with other leaders of our sport, to plan, network, and develop ways that we can move ahead and improve.

Commodores from all Yachting New Zealand affiliated clubs are invited and this free one-day event will be held in Auckland on Saturday 19th May 2011, with the venue to be confirmed. In 2009 the theme was 'Success – the vision and the journey' and for 2012 we will build on and elaborate on the same ideas in a programme that will be developed over the following months.

We hope that all commodores will be able to join us for what promises to be a valuable and important event.

Meals and refreshments for all attendees are provided, as is accommodation for those outside of Auckland. Travel subsidies are available for people flying in or driving longer distances.

[More information is available online.](#)

If you have any questions, or to request a registration form, please contact Beth Orton at reception@yachtingnz.org.nz or phone (09) 361 1471.

Actions and Advice on Aquaculture

Yachting New Zealand has received a lot of feedback from our recent position paper on aquaculture. It is great that while publicising the issues and our position on this subject that we are also raising awareness.

YNZ encourage clubs to get in contact with their regional council to see how they can have input in to the process. This could be done in a number of ways including suggesting changes to the Regional Coastal Plan, being added to the Interested Parties list for new applications, or making submissions on applications in your area.

Waikato Times have reported that tendering for new space for fin fish farming off Coromandel could take space as early as February next year.

Recently Yachting New Zealand made a submission on an application by Westpac Mussels Distributors to establish a 125ha mussel farm on the eastern side of Stephenson Island, near Whangaroa Harbour in Northland. A copy of YNZ's submission can be [found here](#)

A useful tool to help keep you informed of new applications for marine farms is to sign up to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's email alert service. Simply send an email to uae@maf.govt.nz to receive the updates. For more information visit the [Ministry of Fisheries website](#)

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NEW: Disability Supplement for Learn to Sail



Yachting New Zealand has recently developed a Learn to Sail supplement to enable sailors with a disability to complete the level one and two syllabus.

It is intended to be used only by people whose physical disability is preventing them from completing items on the checklist, such as the capsize, and providing an alternate teaching point and checklist for those instances.

The main syllabus checklist should be used wherever possible.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the YNZ Learn to Sail Syllabus and to download the supplement.

RSO's on the Road



The NZCT Regional Support Officers will be out and about at events across the country this summer. This is a great time to get in touch with your RSO and discuss any ideas or ways they may be able to help your club or region, or any issues they may be able to help your club work through.

Here is where you will find them out there at clubs:

Kim Admore

January

10th-16th Murrays Bay Sailing Club – P Class Tanner & Tauranga Cups
18th-21st Whangarei Cruising Club – Hartley 16 Nationals
28-30th Maraetai Sailing Club – Starling North Island Championships

February

3rd-7th Royal Akarana Yacht Club – Sail Auckland
11th-12th Kohimaramara Yacht Club – Junior Sail Auckland

March

23rd-26th Bay of Islands Yacht Club – Splash and Starling Regatta
April 15th-20th Algies Bay – NZ Secondary Schools Teams Racing Nationals

Wayne Holdt

January

5th-10th Napier Sailing Club - Optimist World Championships
28th Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club - Optimist Teams Racing Regatta

February

12th Wanganui Sailing Club – Wanganui Regatta
25th-26th Waitara Yacht Club - Waitara Regatta,

March

4th Wanganui Sailing Club - Wanganui Junior Regatta
17th-18th Gisborne Yacht Club - Poverty Bay Champs

Kate Spackman

January

22th-25th Nelson Yacht Club – Nelson Regatta

February

3rd – 6th Pigeon Bay Boating Club – 59th Anniversary
4th-5th Charteris Bay Yacht Club – South Island Age Group Regatta
18th-19th Timaru Yacht Club - Timaru Age Group Regatta
25th-26th Queen Charlotte Yacht Club – South Island Champs Interislander Challenge

March

10th-11th Naval Point Club Lyttleton - 420 Nationals
15th-18th Naval Point Club Lyttleton - Finn Nationals

Stacey Hall

January

5th Marakura Yacht Club (Te Anau) – New Zealand Trailer Yacht Championships
25th Bluff Yacht Club- Mid Week Sailing
28th Wakatipu Yacht Club – Dinghy Regatta

March

7th Lake Dunstan Boat Club – Summer Twilight Series
8th Wanaka Yacht Club – Summer Twilight Series
10th Riverton Sailing Club – South Island Champs
11th Waihola Yacht Club – Bridge to Bridge
17th Vauxhaull Yacht Club – Cup Day
18th Otago Yacht Club – Michael Haggitt Trophy
26th-30th Ravensbourne Boating Club – Secondary Schools Sunburst Regatta

There are contact details for all the NZCT Regional Support Officers on their own section of the [Yachting New Zealand website](#)

Season's Greetings from YNZ



As another year draws to a close, the boating season is just starting to heat up. In these last weeks of December, the NZL Sailing Team will be completing the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships and the Optimist World Championships will commence.

Many boaties will be preparing their craft for holiday cruising or regattas.

The Yachting New Zealand Staff and Board wish you all Happy Holidays and Safe Boating this summer!

The YNZ office will close for the holidays at 5:00 December 22nd and open again at 8:30am on January 9th.

INTERNATIONAL SAILING

NZL Sailing Team at ISAF World Championships



The Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships are just over half way completed now, and drawing from results so far, NZ has been qualified in five of the ten Olympic events for 2012.

Paul Snow Hansen with Jason Saunders (men's 470) and Sara Winther (Laser Radial) achieved campaign best results at this event, finishing in eighth and tenth overall correspondingly.

"Paul and Jason were the youngest and least experienced 470 team in the gold fleet, the top 40 in the world, and so they were boxing outside their weight category." Hamish Willcox, coach of Paul and Jason is pleased with their outcome at this regatta.

"They have come a long way in a very short time, they've only really been in the 470 for two and a half years and the exciting thing is we don't know how far they can raise the bar. The result of this performance is that they can realistically aim for a medal in 2012." Hamish concluded.

Sara Winther's coach Mark Orams was also happy with the outcomes of this event. "I'm really pleased that Sara has had a career best at this regatta, this is the first time she made the top ten at a World Championship."

Mark continued: "She's worked really hard over the last 18 months and in particular the thing I'm most proud of is that she's one of the smallest girls in the fleet, and to make the top ten in a place such as this is something she can be very proud of too."

Stephanie Hazard, Jenna Hansen and Susannah Pyatt finished their match racing regatta on December 13th with an impressive ninth place overall. At the Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships, these three girls have qualified New Zealand a spot at the 2012 Olympic Games.

"It was a very very long event" Susannah said after their last day of racing today. "All the teams were so even, each day was important."

Although they narrowly missed out on the quarter final round due to a tie break (top eight teams only), this is not an achievement to be taken lightly. The fleet has been extremely

competitive; an illustration of this is that the team that won the Olympic test event this year was unable to even qualify their country.

"It was mixed emotions when we got off the water. We were stoked to have just qualified the nation convincingly, but it was nerve-wracking waiting for the other results to come in to see if we made the next round" Said Susannah.

To achieve these overall places here off the shores of Fremantle is no small feat at all, especially when considering the calibre of competitors. The boats that were on the start line this week are the same ones that will be winning the medals at the 2012 Olympic Games.

The Men's RS:X, Laser, 49er and Women's 470 will continue racing until December 18th.

'Like' the NZL Sailing Team on Facebook or follow @nzlsailingteam on twitter for the news and results as they happen.

Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

New Zealand's Final Standings

470 Men

8th Gold Fleet - Paul Snow-Hansen and Jason Saunders (13, 10, 12, 16, 18, 14)

16th Silver Fleet- James Turner and Matthew Jones (9, 20, 11, 17, 7)

17th Silver Fleet - Luke Stevenson and Sam Bullock (4, 11, 17, 8, 41DNF)

29th Silver Fleet- Gareth Moore and Ben Goodwin (22, 31, 21, 29, 24)

32nd Silver Fleet- Mike Snow-Hansen and Derek Snow (31, 41DNF, 34, 27, 26)

Laser Radial

10th Gold Fleet - Sara Winther (4, 26, 15, 15, 15, 22)

38th Gold Fleet - Miranda Powrie (45, 8, 32, 39, 48)

4th Silver Fleet - Rachel Basevi (1, 8, 52DNS, 6)

Finn

21st Gold Fleet -Dan Slater (23, 7, 20, 19, 18)

28th Gold Fleet-Matt Coutts (26, 30, 18, 37OCS, 21)

10th Silver Fleet- Nik Burfoot (12, 4, 16, 17, 6)

21st Silver Fleet- Brad Douglas (23, 17, 17, 15, 37DNC)

28th Silver Fleet- Rob Coutts (32, 28, 25, 19, 20)

RS:X Womens

26th Gold Fleet - Steff Williams (34, 27, 23, 21, 16)

1st Silver Fleet -Natalia Kosinska (1, 2, 9, 2, 1)

7th Silver Fleet- Justina Sellers (4, 17, 3, 7, 5)

Womens Match Racing

Stephanie Hazard, Jenna Hansen, Susannah Pyatt

9th overall- final result

New Zealand's current standings

(before racing December 14)

49er- 67 Teams

4th Peter Burling and Blair Tuke (5, 3, 2, 16, 6, 6)

28th Marcus Hansen and Josh Porebski (34DNC, 13, 18, 17, 11, 5)

61st Chris Burgess and Rohan Swanson (26, 29, 34DNC, 22, 29, 30)

470 Women- 48 Teams

10th Jo Aleh and Olivia Powrie (7, 4, 14, 25)

41st Vicki Francis and Erica Dawson (32, 43, 43, 44)

Men's Laser- 147 Competitors

8th Andrew Murdoch (6, 7, 7, 4)

12th Mike Bullot (12, 4, 2, 12)

20th Andrew Maloney (17, 5, 2, 13)

21st Sam Meech (12, 11, 4, 10)

28th Josh Junior (7, 3, 5, 32)

95th Tom Saunders (26, 35, 12, 50DNF)

RS:X Men's- 89 Competitors

4th Tom Ashley (2, 7, 3, 2)

12th JP Tobin (6, 4, 6, 10)

57th Antonio Cozzolino (26, 32, 25, 33)

80th Carl Evans (38, 47DNF, 34, 38)

Visit the Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships for results, tracking, live updates, and much more news from on and off the water. www.perth2011.com

Napier Gears Up for the Opti Worlds 2011



Napier is getting ready for the World Championship Optimist Sailing at the end of this month.

The young New Zealand sailors: Leonard Takahashi-Fry, Markus Somerville and William McKenzie (all from Auckland) Isaac McHardie from Hamilton and Nathaniel Deverell from the Bay of Islands have all arrived to start training in the Napier waters.

International sailors will be arriving in Napier from 15 December onwards, and many local

nationalities will greet and welcome their former home country, which gives it a very warm touch.

And that is exactly what the organisers want to achieve. "Previously these events have been run at Five Star resorts, or other flash locations. We felt that the focus was out of balance" says Pete Dawson, the Chairman for the OptiWorlds. "We want to show the IODA and the world that New Zealand has the right mix: good facilities, friendly hosts and excellent sailing conditions!"

This event is also good for New Zealand: after the Worlds, all coach boats, which are newly built, go to local sailing clubs to be used by the next generation of champions.

Preparations are in full swing for the Christmas Celebrations for 200 people, in Kiwi style out at Eskdale. "We expect the sailors to be very focused" says Nigel Rippey - Event Director. "We will offer them a Kiwi Christmas Lunch and then they can go back to training again. All very low key".

"The team racing, on 4 and 5 January, will take place very close to the beach. The public will be able to see all the action, real time" says Mr Dawson. "But just in case you can't be in Napier, log on to the website and follow all the racing real time. Each boat will be equipped with a GPS tracker".

Opti Worlds Chairman Pete Dawson is thrilled by the support received from volunteers. "It is a typical Kiwi event where everyone pulls together to create a world class event".

Napier Mayor Barbara Arnott is excited to host the World Championship this year. A regular sailor herself, Ms Arnott says: "Napier is keen to support young talent and we always welcome international visitors in the Art Deco Capital of the World".

"We invite the public to enjoy the Opening Ceremony on New Year's Eve where all 50 countries will carry their own national flag and will be welcomed in a typical Kiwi way: warm and enthusiastic".

www.optiworldsnz.com

Wellington crew win international event



Tim Coltman and his crew of Emma Berry and Matthew Clough are the latest in a line of sailors to experience success by winning the Musto International Youth Match Racing Championship on Sydney Harbour, defeating the defending champion Jay Griffin from the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

It was a replay of last year's grand final but with a different outcome for Coltman this time round. Coltman needed only four matches to defeat Griffin, getting the lead early in the grand final by winning the first two matches and forcing Griffin to fight hard

for the title.

"That was an epic battle!" Coltman said after the finals. "We were pretty happy to get two race wins on the scorecard. Jay fought back - as he always does - and took the third match."

"It really was a case of deja-vu in the fourth (and last) match. Jay had the lead up to the top mark and got a penalty for going inside us at the mark. He then also managed to get another penalty which meant he immediately had to wipe off one," Coltman added.

"We had to fight hard to hold Jay out on the downwind leg and my bowman Matt and I were freaking out as we were in exactly the same position last year and lost. We'd learnt from last year and managed to take the win by a whisker."

The team's win comes on the back of recent victories for Wellington in the Youth National Match Racing Championships and the Open National Match Racing Championship.

"The Port Nicholson Yachting Trust has been working with the club, the Wellington City Council and High Performance Sport New Zealand to develop these sailors over the last few years and we are delighted to see them achieving consistent success on the international and national stages," said Dean Stanley CEO of Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

"We are now working hard on a plan to launch the Wellington Spirit Yacht Racing Team onto the World Match Racing Tour and see if they can bring that trophy to Wellington as well. Watch this space!"



Rolex Sydney Hobart Fleet Stands at 89

Entries have now closed for this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and from the original 100 applications, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia has confirmed a quality international fleet of 89 yachts is being fine tuned for the Boxing Day dash south.

From the close of nominations to the close of entries, typically 10 percent of yachts are withdrawn each year for a variety reasons.

The owners of Alibi, Helsal III and Questionable Logic were the last to opt out of this year's starters and riders list prior to last Friday's 5pm close of paperwork.

Some doubt was hanging over Michael Martin's Sayer 40 LMR Solar from Lake Macquarie, which suffered a compression fold in the mast during a training sail in foul weather off Stockton Beach, Newcastle, that brought the rig down.

While it's a tight timeline, LMR Solar's crew is on track to hear the 1pm blast of cannon fire from close quarters on 26 December. A brand new aluminium Whale Spars mast is scheduled to be installed on the 16th of this month and the sail wardrobe is due to arrive from Malaysia three days later, leaving a week to put the spanking new set up to the test.

"Christmas is a speed bump compared to this," Martin admitted today.

"Then again, I would rather it happened off Stockton Beach than in the middle of Bass Strait."

Martin has used the incident as an opportunity to modify the boat's rig, removing the runners.

One of the race regulars and a former line honours winner (2003) will be on the start line sporting a brand new look. Grant Wharington's 98ft Wild Thing has had more than its fair share of Hobart drama over the years, but like a cat with nine lives the boat, and its wily skipper, have endured.

Wild Thing has been resprayed black and will be heading south with fewer sails. Wharington, whose passion for the great ocean race has never waned, believes his calculated decision to sail with minimal crew and cloth might give him an edge over the powerful Wild Oats XI and Investec Loyal in the line honours stakes.

Two name changes have been submitted to race organisers, Louis and Marc Ryckmans' GP42 Yeah Baby is now called Accenture (Yeah Baby) and Tony Levett's Sydney 38, Eleni, will race as TSA Management.

In last year's Rolex Sydney Hobart, 87 yachts took their places on the two Sydney Harbour start lines, with 18 of those subsequently retiring.

By Lisa Ratcliff/Rolex Sydney Hobart media

LOCAL SAILING NEWS

P Class thrives at Sir Peter Blake Regatta



In a showing that surely would have appealed to Sir Peter Blake one of the largest fleets of P Class in recent times (outside the Nationals) converged at the Sir Peter Blake Regatta 3-4 December to contest the P Class North Island Championship.

A high calibre fleet of young sailors from all around the North Island and the two time Sir Peter Blake Cup winner Jayvee Buchanan (Charteris Bay) from Christchurch duked it out over 6 races for the honour of being the North Island Champion.

Saturday presented the sailors with a steady NE breeze of around 12kts but a relatively confused sea state that meant boat handling both up and down wind was critical to maintaining good boat speed. Over the three races on Saturday a large blanket was all that was required to cover the main protagonists.

It was clear that around a dozen sailors would be taking it in turns to contest the podium finishes in each race but it was Nick Egnot-Johnson (Murrays Bay Sailing Club) in Supertramp that was showing the way with two bullets and a 4th to set the early pace with Tim Adair (Murrays Bay Sailing Club) in Mirage and Jayvee (P14) keeping Nick very honest.

Sunday's forecast promised some extreme sailing but it didn't quite eventuate. Wet and miserable it certainly was, and that was just being on a support boat, but the promised breeze didn't quite reach expectations except for the final race of the day.

Again the large (wet) blanket could be thrown over the first 12 boats most of the time. The final race of the day saw a fair bit of action on the downwinds as the breeze picked up to the high teens and the sea state made for some tricky conditions so even the front runners were having plenty of moments.

Nick didn't have it all his own way and the final race went to Eliza Wilkinson (Kohimarama Yacht Club) to provide a bit of gender balance to proceedings. Nevertheless with a 1, 2 and 3 on Day 2 Nick saw off Tim by 3 points to take out the title of P Class North Island Champion for 2011. In fact it seems if North Island is in the title then Nick is your man, having taken out the Opti North Island in October – rumour has it Mum and Dad are lining up a Starling for Starling North Islands at Auckland Anniversary weekend (not really)!

Aside from the action at the front there were some great duels all the way down through the fleet and great to see the enthusiasm with which all the boats were being sailed.

So a great prelude to P Nationals (Tanner and Tauranga Cup) being held at Murrays Bay Sailing Club 11-16 January when we hope to see 50 plus Ps hitting the water. There's plenty of life left in this iconic little boat particularly when they are being sailed by many of New Zealand's finest young sailing talent.

New M-Class yachts launched at RAYC



The 18' M-Class, affectionately known as the "Emmy", was first launched back in 1922, some 89 years ago. The classic clinker, which as per the class rules must be built in kauri, are better described as a piece of furniture rather than competitive racing yachts.

On a perfect Auckland summers day the Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC) hosted the launch of two new Emmys, "Menace" (Howard Spencer) and "Monsoon" (Hamish

Milne). RAYC is the home of the M-Class and the yachts are permanently stored on the large boat ramp at The Landing on Okahu Bay.

RAYC Commodore Matthew Woodley began the ceremony and acknowledged the long standing relationship between the club and the class dating back to 1978. Commodore Woodley also thanked Hyundai NZ for their support of the M-Class and their new relationship with RAYC. It was noted that the launch was a significant time in history and unlikely to happen again due the difficulty in sourcing the quality kauri which is required for the hulls and also the unique craftsmanship demanded of the boat builders.

Owen Reid who built these Emmys has been a long fan of the class. "I've built four of these boats now and whilst these may be my last, I could never rule out building another," said Reid.

M-Class Association President Bruce Craies spoke of the significance of this boat launch. "The class is alive and well and it would be great to see 20 Emmys racing on the same day again. Congratulations to Howard and Hamish on their new boats, this is just a great day for the class," said Craies.

Howard Spencer, owner and skipper of "Menace" thanked everyone for attending the historical launch. "The Emmy is a great class and I'm proud to be a part of it. It's been a long road in launching these boats and Hamish and I are just so glad that this day has come," said Spencer.

The yachts were officially launched with traditional champagne and over the bow and both had their first taste of salt water as they were carefully floated into the glistening waters of Okahu Bay.

The survival of the M-Class seems to be a subtle and finely tuned mixture of good design, tradition, comradeship and plain honest fun, coupled with the gradual introduction of modern ideas without ever sacrificing the classes' essential character.

The Emmys race each Sunday from Royal Akarana Yacht Club. For more information or to enquire about crewing please contact RAYC on 524 9945 or email racing@rayc.org.nz

Disabled Sailors ... Have a Go!



Last week, disabled students from Wellington primary and intermediate schools had the opportunity to experience sailing through the Yachting NZ "Sailing...Have a Go" schools programme.

Pictured left: John Andrews, volunteer for Sailability Wellington, takes a young boy for his first sail in an Access 303 adaptive sailing dinghy.

The programme ran two sessions: Seaview Marina Wednesday 7th December and Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club Thursday 8th December. This is the second year such a program has been offered to disabled students in Wellington.

Halberg Trust and Yachting NZ are working in partnership to make these opportunities available to Wellington's young disabled community. Sir Murray Halberg believes "Every New Zealander, no matter what their ability, has the right to participate in the sport or active recreation pursuit of their choice – there are no exceptions".

This belief aligns well with Sir Peter Blake's idea and desire that all children should have an opportunity to experience the thrills and spills of sailing. Halberg Trust Activity Funding has supported some of the schools by covering the extra costs for some students to participate in this YNZ "Sailing...Have a Go" program.

The YNZ "Sailing...Have a Go" instructors ensure that students will gain water confidence and sail optimists dinghies as a pair, as well as offering an experience on the WETA trimaran.

Last year many schools commented on how brilliant the yachting experience was, and requested further opportunities to introduce students to yachting. Some parents followed up this opportunity by enrolling their children in ongoing adaptive yachting opportunities.

Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Adviser, Marguerite Christophers says these opportunities would not be possible without a number of valued supporters.

"I would like to extend my thanks to the yachting club volunteers for donating their time, and I wish to acknowledge the Eagles Golfing Society for their ongoing fundraising efforts which allow the Activity Fund to directly benefit our disabled youth's participation in opportunities such as the YNZ Have a Go...Sailing programme."

BOI Clubs race to Clash at the Cove



Opua Cruising Club is organising a race to Marsden Cove on 2nd March 2012, to coincide with the Clash at the Cove regatta at Marsden Cove from 2nd to 4th March. The Clash at the Cove regatta will see boats from Auckland join with Northland boats to compete in a series of races over the first weekend in March.

Starting in the region of the Brampton Buoy near Russell, at 10:00 on Friday 2nd March 2012, the Bay of Islands feeder race will see competitors heading out of the Bay and down the coast to Whangarei Heads. Two other feeder races – one from Auckland and

one from Gulf Harbour – mean boats from three different areas will arrive in Marsden Cove at around the same time on Friday, ready to compete in the regatta on Saturday morning.

Opua Cruising Club is extending invitations to all Far North clubs, including Kerikeri Cruising Club, Russell Boating Club and the Bay of Islands Yacht Club at Waitangi, to take part in the feeder race and regatta. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Opua Cruising Club to register your interest by emailing info@opuacruisingclub.co.nz.

More details will be available soon, along with a Notice of Race and Entry Form, which will be made available on the OCC website at <http://opuacruisingclub.co.nz>.

The Clash at the Cove is Marsden Cove's first ever 'big boat regatta', and it's hoped the event will see a huge number of entries, thanks to support from the Onerahi Yacht Club in Whangarei, Richmond and Gulf Harbour in Auckland, and now the Bay of Islands clubs as well. All boats entered in the regatta will be offered a free berth at Marsden Cove marina for the duration of the event. For more information visit <http://www.clashatthecove.co.nz>.

TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES

YNZ Instructor Course- Auckland in January

The Club Instructor Course qualifies you to teach the Yachting New Zealand Learn to Sail Dinghy courses Level one and two.

Yachting New Zealand will be running a Club Instructors course at Torbay Sailing Club on the 21st and 22nd January 2012.

In order to attend a Yachting New Zealand Club Instructor course, participants are required to be:

- over 18 years old (15-17 for Assistant Instructor qualification)
- a member of a yacht club/organisation affiliated to Yachting New Zealand
- a competent small boat sailor (dinghy)

More information and registration forms can be found online the YNZ [Upcoming Courses webpage](#)

Registrations are due by January 13th. The cost is \$125.

Could you be YNZ's new NZCT Regional Support Officer?

As earlier advertised, Yachting New Zealand is wishing to employ a fifth NZCT Regional Support Officer to increase the support we are able to deliver to clubs. We are seeking someone to work in the Northland, Auckland, Waikato/Thames areas.

We have now acquired funding to make this a full time 12 month fixed term role and due to this are extending the application period. Previous applicants need not reapply.

This is a key role for YNZ, providing on the ground support to clubs and sailors, helping build club capability, growing participation and raise awareness throughout schools and the community.

We require someone who is truly passionate about sailing and growing the sport in New Zealand; someone who knows yacht clubs, is fresh thinking and has a creative approach to growing the sport, is able to work with a wide variety of people (young and old) and can be the face of Yachting New Zealand in the regions.

The successful candidate will need to be able to work outside of "normal working hours" as this role requires weekend and after hours work.

Information on the role including a [Job Description is available](#) from the Yachting New Zealand website.

Applications by email should go to dianne@yachtingnz.org.nz or by post to Attn: Dianne Logan, Yachting New Zealand, Box 91209, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142. Any queries can be directed to Andrew Clouston at andrew@yachtingnz.org.nz or (09) 361 4021.

Applications now close on January 6 2012.

Sighted help required for Blind Sailors

Did you know that NZ has several world championship titles in Blind Sailing? This is your chance to get involved with assisting the next group of sailors who are progressing towards the Blind Sailing World Championships in 2013.

Blind Sailing New Zealand is seeking sighted tacticians and volunteers to assist with the 2012 NZ Blind Sailing Championships in Auckland February 18/19 2012.

Long term volunteer positions are also sought all over New Zealand, but this regatta is a great chance to get some experience and learn all about blind and vision impaired sailing.

For more information please contact Kristine Lederis at Yachting New Zealand Kristine@yachtingnz.org.nz

Photo of the fortnight



Coach Neeta towing in eight Optis at 7.30pm after an extended training session (where they ran out of wind).

Another gorgeous evening sail in Picton!

Thanks Antonia Grigg (Secretary at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club) for sending through this great shot.

Send through your top photos for the next briefings to Kristine@yachtingnz.org.nz

EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Here is a look at some of the upcoming sailing events in NZ. Submit your event- or see more events on the YNZ Online Calendar

[North Harbour Starling Match Racing Trials](#)

Dec 17 Narrowneck Beach, Devonport

[Napier Sailing Club New Year Regatta](#)

Dec 28-29 Napier Sailing Club

[Optimist World Championships](#)

Dec 30 - Jan 19 Napier Sailing Club

[Clarks Beach New Year Regatta](#)

Jan 1-3 Clarks Beach Yacht Club

[2012 Paper Tiger National Championship](#)

Jan 1 - 6 New Plymouth Yacht Club

[NZ Trailer Yacht Championships](#)

Jan 5 - 6 Marakura Yacht Club

[2012 Starling Match Racing Championships](#)

Jan 10-13 Murrays Bay Sailing Club

[A Class Catamaran National Championships](#)

Jan 10- 13 Mercury Bay Boating Club

[NZ P Class Tanner Cup Interprovincial Championships](#)

Jan 11-13 Murrays Bay Sailing Club

[2012 NZ P Class Tauranga Cup National Championships](#)

Jan 13- 16 Murrays Bay Sailing Club

[Wanaka Roys Bay Regatta Island Endurance Races](#)

Jan 12- 15 Wanaka Yacht Club

[Hamilton Yacht Club Opti Sail 2012](#)

Jan 17-20 Hamilton Lake

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