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Junior Sailing Newsletter #17

Optimist, P Class and Starling

Hello junior sailors,

This Weekend:

This weekend many of our Opti sailors will be heading south to Picton for the Interisland Challenge. This is one of the national ranking regattas, so good results will be important. We wish you all the best for the regatta. Sail hard & fast and keep the top six inches turned on...! At WBBC we will be running two general handicap races for all classes.

Race Officers: Clyde Bennett and George Willcock

Next weekend is the Taipo shield at Muritai. This is a great regatta and we encourage everybody to head over to the other side of the harbour. Registration is from 9.00am with the first race scheduled to start at 10.30am. There are three races planned. Please note that the Opti clinic that was previously advertised for this weekend will not be happening. There will be some low key racing run at WBBC for those that can't get across to Eastbourne.

Optisquad:

Optisquad will run again this weekend. Optisquad is aimed at sailors who have completed a 'Learn to Sail' course and are still coming to grips with sailing before moving into the Green Fleet. Optisquad starts at **9.00am** at the Worser Bay Boating Club.

Upcoming Events:

- **6th March, Taipo Shield, Muritai**
- **13th March 2010, Worser Bay Series Racing**
- **13th & 14th March, Mighty River Power Regatta, Taupo**
- **13th & 14th March, Auckland Champs, Howick (NZIODA National ranking regatta)**
- **20th March 2010, Worser Bay Series Racing**
- **21st March 2010, Hebtro Trophy (see note below)**
- **27th March 2010, Wellington Junior Champs, Muritai**
- **31st March to 6th April, NZIODA Optimist National Championships,**
Entries close Friday 19th March 2010. Refer to web site www.optimistnationals.org.nz
- **10th April 2010, Worser Bay Series Racing**
- **17th April 2010, Worser Bay Series Racing reserve day**
- **24th April 2010, Worser Bay Champions of Champions**

WBBC Series and Championship Results:

Some of you will have noticed that we do not have the latest Series and Championship results up on the club web site. We apologise for this. We are having some computer issues which has resulted in not being able to upload the latest results. The good news is that this has now been fixed and we

hope to have everything loaded and up to date next week. To date we have completed 11 Series races and are now up to date with all races for all classes. Points are very close and with only four races to complete it is still wide open as to who will be the class champions... Remember that your best ten races count for the overall championship, so if you have missed a few Series races then it would pay to sail the remaining four.

Upcoming Regattas:

There are a number of major regattas coming up that sailors should be considering travelling to...especially Opti sailors who are looking to perform well at the Optimist Nationals in Easter and are looking to get a National ranking for selection in the NZIODA teams (refer information below regarding team selection). These regattas generally attract the top sailors from around the country and it is a good opportunity to gauge your skills as well as get in some much needed 'BIG FLEET' sailing. Regattas that sailors should be considering include...

- Optimist Inter-Island Challenge and the Top of the South Youth Champs: 26th to 28th Feb (NZIODA National ranking regatta).
- Auckland Champs: 13th & 14th March. (NZIODA National ranking regatta).

Wellington Junior Champs:

The Wellington Junior Champs have now been rescheduled to **Saturday 27th March**, to be sailed at Muritai Yacht Club. This will cater for all junior classes, including Opti Green fleet. We will pass on more information as it comes to hand. There will be no junior racing at WBBC this weekend as everyone will be at Muritai.

Hebto Trophy: 21st March 2010

This is the major fundraising event for WBBC with all money raised going directly to the Learn To Sail programme for junior sailors. The format involves the keel boats from RPNYC coming around to WBBC and racing around a short course. All the boats are sponsored and junior sailors have the opportunity to sail on one of the big boats during the racing. It is a huge day and definitely being part of. Mark the date in your diary now...! We will bring you more information as it becomes available about how you can be involved in the day and how to register to sail on one of the keelers.

NZIODA Team Selection Process & Class Development 2009/10:

Over the 2008/09 season a selection process for Optimist teams travelling to overseas regattas was introduced. A ranking system is now used, with the selected regattas notified at the start of the season so as many sailors as possible can participate in the ranking regattas. Sailors wanting to be considered for overseas teams will need to compete in the selected ranking regattas to ensure they place as high as possible in the national rankings.

The ranking regattas for 2009-2010 are:

- 2009 North Island Championships - 20%
- 2010 Interislander Optimist Challenge - 20%
- 2010 Auckland Champs - 20%

Sailors can compete in two or three of these regattas and select their best two results to count towards their ranking points (40% of total).

- 2010 Optimist National Championships - 60%. This regatta is compulsory and is not able to be dropped.

The top 5 sailors at the NZ National Championships will make the Worlds team. Other national teams will be selected from the final rankings, excluding the five sailors in the Worlds team. There is also an opportunity for some of the younger sailors to get selected for the development teams. These are selected based on results at the National Championships and not on the national rankings.

Selection Policy: Teams 1 to 4

The NZIODA teams selected to represent NZ are generally the top 15 to 20 sailors from the National ranking. As part of an NZIODA team, the sailors will be invited to training clinics and regatta's where NZIODA will assist in the funding where possible.

Selection Policy: Development Teams

NZIODA will invite some sailors to participate in development squads. These will be selected solely from results from the NZ Optimist Nationals and not from the ranking list. These teams will be supported by NZIODA wherever possible but are not funded by NZIODA. Development regattas include;

- Noumea Nationals - Top 5 in the 11 yrs and under age group, and the top 5 in the 12 year olds in the Open fleet at the Nationals.
- Singapore Nationals – Offered to the top 5 sailors not ranked in teams 1 to 4.
- Australian Nationals – Offered to the next 5 sailors after the Singapore team not ranked in teams 1 to 4.

If you have any questions relating to this please feel free to contact Richard Middleton ph 3887175 (hm)

Need a New Optimist Sail...?:

Napier Sailing Club have arranged a deal with North Sails to purchase their sails at a reduced amount and have extended the opportunity to sailors at WBBC. If you are interested in purchasing a new sail (for the Nationals...?) then contact Greg Wright on 380 9429 (hm) or embers1322@xtra.co.nz

Local Coaching:

The local weekly after school coaching programme is still running for Optis, P Class and Starlings. Optis are coached on Tuesday afternoon with P's and Starlings on Thursday.

Please be rigged and ready to go by 4.30pm...!

Boat Storage:

If you have not been allocated boat storage and would like some please contact Richard Middleton on richard@novakmiddleton.co.nz with the details of your boat, including the sail number, as well as your contact details.

The latest boat storage layout plans can be accessed on the WBBC web site.

Boats For Sale:

- **P Class 971**
Fibreglass hull in good condition, ready to sail and race. The boat comes with a 'green' carbon mast, one set of foils, two sails, boat cover, etc. The boat is currently stored at the club. \$2,500 ono. For more details contact Tim Rosenberg on 029 273-2264. If you would like to look at the boat you can also contact Richard Middleton on 021 491-470
- **Optimist 4352**
Ex charter, sailed one season since sold from charter. Great condition, includes trailer, full covers. \$3500. Ph: Jo 021662272
- **Optimist 4254**
Top racing boat. Ziegelmayr hull, N1 foils and tiller extension, Optimax spars including a spare boom and sprit, and two Olympic radial sails - 1 training sail and 1 race sail (only been used for one Nationals). Top and bottom covers, covers for foils and spars, and beach trolley.
All in excellent condition and very well set up, \$4,000. Available now.
Contact John Eastman 027 567 4488
- **Starling 1125**
'Virtual Reality' Elliot hull, A cert, 2 masts, 4 sails, 2 centreboards, 1 rudder, 1 boom. Competitive boat with good race record. \$3,500. Contact Simon Novak 021 491470

That's all for now...happy sailing