



THE ARROW

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10 March Dirty Dog

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Commodores Column

This is my first column as GBC Commodore, and I would like to start by thanking Tom Kool for his two years in the job. It is always hard to find volunteers for this time consuming position, and Tom tackled the task with enthusiasm and dedication.

My recollections of GBC yachting stretch back to the late 1950s and early 1960s, when as a youngster I remember watching my father and older brothers sail at the club. In those days there was a mixed fleet of Q Class, Pennants, Arrows, Cherubs, P Class, Kitty Cats, Zephyrs, Sabots, Flying Ants and Frostbites sailed by locals from the immediate neighbourhood. Many of these classes no longer exist in racing fleets, and many current members live further than walking distance from the club, but what remains is the ethos from the old days. The club was always a friendly place where people simply came down to Anderson's Bay to have fun in boats. Some came to race, some for a sail and some to simply socialise. It is remarkable that this same spirit lives on almost sixty years after the club was founded.

Currently the club is undergoing some interesting changes. The foundations are in the process of replacement and repair and the deck will be extended in preparation for the planned club expansion. With fresh piles, the structure should be good for another 35 years. On the membership front, the Diocesan Sailing Club are considering joining our sailing programme with the result that both GBC and Diocesan sailors will benefit from larger fleets. Their visit on the first day of sailing for 2007 was very successful with fresh enthusiasm and new faces adding an interesting variation to our race day.

The Starling Class, which is administered nationally by the GBC is facing some fascinating challenges, with an approach from a Chinese manufacturer keen on building these boats and selling them through their worldwide distributors. There is a long way to go before this happens, but it would be remarkable if a class born at the GBC were able to spread worldwide.

On the Deck Dinner "A Pile Warming Party"

Venue: GBC

When: 31st March

Time: 6.30pm

Cost: \$45/hd

see inside for details

See the GBC website for a revised sailing programme

<http://>

www.geocities.com/gbcyachting/

Early February a number of adults as well as our senior Starling sailors went through the Yachting NZ Club Instructor Course. On Sunday it was great to see these volunteers contributing to the club teaching, coaching and racing activities. Long may this enthusiasm continue.

Brian Peet,
Commodore.

Mucking In: All hands on deck, including the Commodore to construct the frame for the truck which transported Starlings to the Nationals in Nelson in January



From the Sailing Master

The Rainbow is coming in late 2007

Twelve months ago GBC members learnt that the 50' 1898 Logan cutter was back in Auckland and undergoing a major restoration with a view to being launched in near original condition, including gaff rig, in the summer of 2007 / 08.

The restoration is proceeding with some pace now as Rainbow goes back together. While no particularly nasty, hidden issues have arisen the restoration has involved the refastening (a mere 6,000 copper rivets and roves), replacement of all deck beams, keel floors, inner gunwhale, garboard, bib and a rebuild of the interior. Perhaps we should have a quiz as to what names refer to what bits on the boat ?

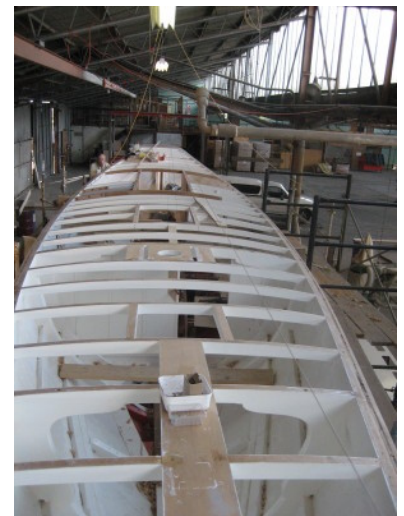
Currently the hull is completed but for caulking and painting, the interior is almost finished, the deck beams in place and the deck is being trial fitted before painting.

The deck will be going on Rainbow after 5 March so I thought GBC members might be interested in looking at her while still a 'convertible'. Contact Dave Glen glen_dl@xtra.co.nz ph 5286478



Arrangements will be made for GBC members to view Rainbow before the deck goes on in late March.

David Glen
Sailing Master



Optimist Report

The LTS has quickly picked up after the lengthy summer break. Indeed, several of the LTS have made such progress in skills and confidence that we have decided after last weekend's sailing to move them up into the Learn to Race fleet. Our congratulations and best wishes go with:

Rebecca Dreadon, Zeki Saldiray, Katie Todd, Anna Tyndall

The others in the LTS squad show good promise and can be seen to be gaining confidence each week. With the coaching assistance of John Kirkman and Frankie Lardies, I have no doubt that the rest of the LTS comprising Stephanie Kirkman, Leyla Kumble, Ben Laverack and Louis Mayo will make good progress and enjoy their sailing in the remainder of the season.

Remember: Plan, Push, Plant, Pivot, Push, Point – the key to good tacking !!

Dave Glen



George Novis, Russell Wilson and Simon Powell sail out of Islington Bay

Our Open Fleet of 3: including Holly Novis, Harry Craigie and Andrew Todd have been having a lot of fun mixing up the finishing order on the race track. This weekend they really went AWOL and chose an Arrow to travel to the GBC camp on Rangitoto Island. More news on Rangitoto Camp next issue. We wish Andrew well in the Secondary school regatta this week.



Dirty Dog Regatta 2007

10TH March 2007, Eastern Beach

GBC will be running the 10th edition of its annual Dirty Dog Regatta on **Saturday, 10 March 2007**. Again this year 'the Dirty Dog' will be part of the Auckland Champs because the tides and the regatta calendar unfortunately do not permit 'the Dirty Dog' to be hosted at GBC.

For those who are new to GBC, the Dirty Dog Regatta has become an iconic event in the national Opti calendar. For the last few years we have had over 200 Opti sailors participate in the regatta. The event has been running now for 10 years and has established itself as a must do regatta for Opti sailors and has always been promoted as a great regatta for sailors coming out of LTS and into Green fleet (and the prospect of winning a smart pair of sunnies or sharing in other spot prizes was a big draw card). With the growth in numbers over the years, we have recently seen fleets of over 100 racing in both the Open and Green fleets.

With the 2007 Dirty Dog regatta being scheduled for Eastern Beach on 10 March, the burden on GBC members will be somewhat less than if we hosted the event at GBC – the numbers have grown too high. Nonetheless we will require support from as many parents, Starling sailors and Arrow sailors as possible, and certainly from those of you that will have sailors participating on the day.

And who should participate in the Dirty Dog? Every Opti sailor in the Open, Green and LTR fleets at GBC should be looking to participate!! For those in the LTR fleet, the Green Fleet courses at the Dirty Dog will not be too demanding for you. It is a great regatta to sail in, and you have the luxury in the Green Fleet to sail just on Saturday, 10 March, if you choose – you do not have to sail two days as part of the Auckland Champs. The Auckland Champs, for both the Open and Green Fleets are sailed over both Sat & Sun but Green Fleet sailors can choose only to sail on Saturday for the Dirty Dog Regatta.

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!

All parents, Starling sailors and Arrow sailors are urged to give your earnest consideration as to what you can do to help GBC host the regatta. Let's share the load and enjoy ourselves for this 10th Dirty Dog. Please consider if you are able to help with traffic management, entries, results processing, race management or general patrol boats.

Please contact David Glen are volunteer your services. His mobile is 021 507410 and email is david.glen@southernspars.com

Website

Our website: is constantly being updated. We encourage you to use it to keep up with Club Activities. <http://www.geocities.com/gbcyachting/>

- The Arrow - Club newsletter
- Sailing Programme
- Club Results - now being posted regularly
- Resail - the place to buy and sell boats
- Notices of Race
- Regatta results - where GBC sailors have competed
- Useful links - weather forecasts etc

To contact the webmaster Steve Sharpes, email Steve@quilting.co.nz

Starlings

This season has been an interesting time for our Starling fleet. A number of last year's regulars have moved on to other classes or pursuits and replacement from the Optimist fleet has been minimal due to the smaller Opti fleet sizes. Despite this we have had good sailing in what has been a very windy and difficult pre Christmas start to the season.

The first racing away was the Fist Full of Dollars regatta at Torbay followed by the Hibiscus Coast Youth Regatta at Manly. Vinnie was our strongest performer at both these regattas and powerful sailing lead to two series wins. Bobby, Hamish, Tom, and Emily also competed and all had flashes of brilliance. The North Islands in Napier over Labour Weekend saw a good turnout from the club with Paul, Vinnie, Bobby, Jake, Tom, Emily and Hamish trekking south for the regatta. Paul was our top performer finishing ninth out of sixty-three, with Vinnie just two places back. At the Starling match racing selections, Vinnie won the regatta in very testing conditions and won the right to represent Auckland at the National Match Racing Champs in Nelson. Unfortunately a mast in the water from gear failure proved to be a bit of an impediment and halted any chance of a good result for Vinnie.

The Nationals in Nelson were a challenge from a logistical point of view, however Kevin Andrews came to the rescue at the ninth hour with the use of a friend's furniture truck. By using the framing from GBC shed three (shortly to be torn down) we were able to ship nine Starlings, the Starlet and the new GBC 1 inflatable. It was a tight squeeze but all the boats made the round trip without damage. The regatta was a bit of a challenge from the point of weather conditions; unfolding completely opposite to those quoted in the advertising brochure. It was novel on the same day to see a race run out of time limit for some competitors, then a later race abandoned when winds exceeded thirty knots.

This year there were 109 entries, necessitating splitting the fleets into Gold and Silver. Once again Vinnie was our club's top finisher in 13th with his best placing a 3rd. George has made a very good start to sailing Starlings and with little experience in these boats managed 25th. Bobbie broke his Silver fleet jinx to record a 48th in the Gold fleet. Tom, Hamish, Lauren and Emily all benefited from racing in the Silver fleet where they all had glimpses at racing at or near the front of a large fleet. Tom managed a couple of 1st placings to finish 2nd, with Hamish 4th, Lauren 14th, and Emily 29th. All the Glendowie sailors at the regatta reported having a great time and were a credit to the club.

Back at the GBC, some great club racing has seen some fresh faces winning races. Dave, Thomas and Andrew have all had some good wins and it has been nice to see Michael S showing great skills coming to terms with his new boat. Michael B completed his first race and given his short time in the boat, is doing really well. Learn to sail Starlings are also going well with Yasmin, Charlotte, Phillip, Michael and Nicholas all making solid progress under Bobbie and Lauren's coaching. Ben has also been assisting by coaching the race fleet. It is great to see our senior youth members taking the responsibility of instructing the younger less experienced sailors.

Two guest visits by the Diocesan Sailing Club boosted numbers and provided some fresh faces for our Sunday sailing. At this stage they are still undecided whether to join us on a more permanent basis as some of their sailors living on the North Shore will need to work through some logistical issues.

Brian Peet
Starling Convener.



The 2007 Starling nationals Team who sailed in Nelson

Kawau Starling Camp

To start the long holidays on the 6th December three GBC members went to Kawau Island to join a youth training clinic using Elliot 6's. There were three positions: bowman, mainsheet and skipper. I was on the mainsheet, George as skipper and Tom as the bowman. There were four teams, one from Tauranga, Queenstown, Southland and of course GBC. When we stepped onto the island every one was shy and not talking but by the end we all were friends and on top of that we could sail the 6 metre boats. There were only two other girls and we were all part of mixed teams.

The girls slept inside the Lidguard house while the boys had to sleep in a big white tent, which wekas thought to be their toilet! Every day at 7:00am we would get up and by 8:00 had to be ready for breakfast at the yacht club. Some mornings we braved the water and went for a swim to wake us up. Sailing was from about 9:30 till 5 or 6:00 at night.



Grinding on Oracle



Rounding the boy sailing an Elliot 6

It was great weather for it and we had lots of wind every day, in fact we sailed round Kawau Island in about 30knots of wind.

On the GBC boat there was no rest from hiking hard and doing what the skipper ordered and by the end of the week I could really feel my legs. One day we saw dolphins and they swam around and under our boats. Our coach knew Chris Dixon and we were lucky enough to sail a few races against Chris Dixon and the crew of Oracle, they got into the Elliot 6's.....Those Americans aren't THAT good a sailors....we managed to beat most of them!!!!. We also had the chance to sail on Oracle with the crew -. It was an awesome experience. We got to grind, steer with the large wheel, go under the deck and be bowmen. Over all the clinic was a fantastic experience and hiking hard now has a new meaning to me. It was a great clinic to do and I would strongly encourage others to participate if they have the privilege. Thank you Yachting NZ.

By Emily Martin

ARROWS

As this is the first post Christmas newsletter I hope all sailors had a great break and were rearing to get back on the water.

2006 ended with the Spring Champs which ended up being held and due to conflicting regattas and numbers saw only 3 Arrows compete. Congratulations to new owner Craig Robinson in Brue who took out the double with Aronui second and Dave Staples in Alibi third.

Great to see Blue Streak back on the water after school exams. Stephen has also ventured into the wild blue yonder to spend a night camping at Motuhie – great effort.

This year started with 3 boats entering the Auckland Anniversary Regatta. While Chas in Pukeko had the luxury of trailing his boat to Kohimarama, Dean in Pelorus and myself made the gruelling trek from GBC. The weather was ideal for sailing and even though there were only three of us we nearly out numbered the Starling and P Class fleets! It would be great to get a good fleet for next year.

Three seems to be the magic number with Arrows as the last sailing day which was to include the Holder Cup ended up as 2 points races. Stephen in Blue Streak ably assisted by mum Alison as forward hand showed both Aronui and Pukeko a clean pair of heels in races 2 and 3. I enjoyed the company of former Arrow sailor Roger Powell sailing with me in the last two races.

The On the Deck dinner has been postponed (date to be advised) maybe we could see a good turnout of Arrow sailors (and wives) for the event.

Looking forward to seeing more boats on the water with the settled weather and hope to see Ian Parkes back after convalescing from a bad bike accident (not his fault) – get well soon.

John Woodyear-Smith
Arrow Convenor.

420 REPORT

Carl Evans and Peter Burling have successfully defended their title winning the 420 World Championships for 2007 and Jo Aleh and Olivia Powrie joined them as Women's 420 World Champions for 2007.

The New Zealand team has dominated the event from start to finish in the Open and the Women's events, both fleets stacked with top class international competition. 17 nations and five continents were represented at the World Championships event staged in New Zealand for the first time. Kiwis got the top three placings and six of the top ten placings in both fleets. It wasn't till I saw "all kiwis" in the podium that I realised what an achievement it was.

But, in my opinion, the best bit at the prize giving was the haka performed by the boys at the end of the ceremony. I'm sure the overseas sailors went home more scared than any All Blacks opposition!!

Our own GBC team consisted of two and a half crews: Paul Nicholls and Ben Lowe, Frankie Lardies and Simon Stanley-Harris and Josh Impey who crewed with Kanne Illingworth (Kohi). There were 67 boats in the Open fleet and after 14 races they were separated in halves into Gold and Silver fleet. Paul and Ben finished 21 and Frankie and Simon 11 in the Silver Fleet. Josh retired earlier during the Pre-Wolds as he left for the UK for a gap year. During the pre-Wolds Josh was lucky enough to meet some English sailors that belong to the sailing club that is 5 minutes walking from where he's going to work and live. Well done Josh and best wishes for your trip! Our team performed extremely well considering the late arrival of their boats and the short time they had to learn about how to set the rig and sail them. The 420 is a very "technical" (whatever that means) boat with a complex rig and a lot of ropes and gadgets to adjust, if something is not spot-on the boat will go slow. The experts say that a new crew needs at least 250 hours of well planned coaching and training to get up to speed.

The 420 is an established performance two person trapeze and spinnaker racing dinghy. There are 56,000 world-wide. This popular dinghy is sailed at school, club, open, national and international levels in Fleet and Teams Racing. The 420 is the ISAF Youth World Championship boat and a youth development boat in 43 countries.

The 420 is used for the World Teams Racing Championships and now for teams racing at a secondary school and inter club competition level in New Zealand. Despite being new to New Zealand it is fast becoming a major yacht class due to its all round performance and these multi-use attributes. Indeed the 420 Class were the largest of all the Youth fleets at the Yachting New Zealand, Youth Sail 2005 and 2006 event. Specification Length 4.2 m, Beam 1.63 m, Mast 6.26 m, Sails Main 10.25m², Jib 2.8 m², Spinnaker 9 m², Bare hull weight 80 kg min, Sailing weight 100 kg min, The ideal competitive combined crew weight is 110-145.

The class is going through a transition period as 18 of the crews that sailed at the Worlds have already moved into 470s (the 2008 470 Worlds will be in Australia next summer). Also, many sailors returned to their preferred classes and others went back into "retirement", remember that the class is open age.

Even though only 8 boats competed at Sail Auckland, the fleet of 420s is expected to rebuild quickly as new sailors graduate from the optis and P-Class and Starling sailors are tempted to try a two handed boat. For those of you that haven't had a go yet I suggest you do it at some stage as the challenges of sailing with someone else in the same boat are really worthwhile taking.

Many thanks to Peter Nicholls for all the good work during the season.

Peter put a lot of work and enthusiasm organizing coaches, boats, spares parts, sailors and parents. Not a job for the heart fainted!

Also, thank you to the committee and club members for their support and interest in the class and the sailors.

Marcelo Lardies

Left Ben and Paul
Right Simon and Frankie



420 Worlds

Right: Ben and Paul sailed for Samoa

Left: Ben and Paul with spinnakers up

Below: Simon and Frankie



Board Sailing

The club is keen to push forward with the introduction of windsurfing to the club. A number of you have already taken advantage of the introductory sessions organised for the 1st half of the season at Buckland's Beach – if anyone is interested to do these for this part of the season please contact me.

We have secured a windsurfing coach for club based coaching who is a past GBC member and a current RSX sailor (the Olympic windsurfing class). Scott Davies is available for Sunday coaching.

As is the case with other classes in the club, coaching will attract some club subsidy with the balance being divided by the number of sailors taking part. Scott will focus on improving skills and introducing (for those new to sailing) and refining (for those who have sailed previously) racing technique.

You will require your own board. The club endorses the techno board however if you have an alternative board we are still keen to see you.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the club and we are keen to keep progressing with the initiative. So if you are interested in coaching either at the club or at Bucklands beach windsurfing school with Sam please contact Tom Kool ASAP on: tom.kool@xtra.co.nz or home Ph 524 8084, mobile after hours 027 27 67957

Building report

GLENDOWIE BOATING CLUB BUILDING UPDATE – IN BRIEF

The much awaited building alterations are now underway and although it is only Stage 1 of a number of stages we can feel content on completion of these works that the building is here to stay.

The scope of the works includes upgrade and or repair of all the piles under the current club, extension to the north deck, repairs to the ramp and extensive decks to the south and south west.

The new deck beside Shed 3 will ultimately become another shed, with a new galley and changing facilities. The deck to the south west also has ramped access to the water providing access for the Patrol Boats.

As part of this stage Shed 4 (the Opti shed) will be demolished. However, it is intended to replace it in the next stage.

The basis of this work is that the club have provided for all the future work above deck level and the original concern that sparked this process that of the building's structural integrity, will have been dealt with.

The current works will be completed in five week's time. The next stages will carry on once further funding is in place.

Dave De La Mare

Calling All Closet Accountants

Susan Lowe the Club Treasurer has served on the Committee for three years and would like to retire at the end of the season after the annual accounts are published in July. Her children have moved on to pursue other interests. To facilitate an easy transition we would like to identify a successor at an early stage.

For more details of this and other possible positions on the Committee please contact any current Committee member or Susan 521 7477 or Brian Peet 520 3618. WE NEED YOUR HELP!
New members are especially welcome.

Note from the Editor

Any news, interesting happenings and photos please keep them rolling in to elmore@xtra.co.nz

Rib For Sale

For sale GBC duck 5 Patrol boat

AQUAPRO 1401 SEAMASTER
4.1m rigid inflatable
Serial # # XWIF1427K797
jockey console 2 seat
centre controls
vhf (not working)
Likely sale by tender

Yamaha 2 stroke 25hp
YAMAHA 25NMH # 6L2 L 306209 V
\$1000 spent recently on motor
road trailer & lighting bar
good operating condition
Expressions of interest to Rob Craigie Ph
021523767

On The Deck Dinner

Saturday 31st March for the "pile warming" on the deck dinner. An opportunity to meet and socialise with the adult members /friends of Glendowie Boating Club.

Time: from 6.30

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Professionally Catered Cocktail Party - finger food

- Superb venue on sun bathed back deck with full tide!
- Supper served at approximately 9.30pm
- Bring your own Drinks and something warm for later in evening

TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE, with numbers please phone Lois 6220437

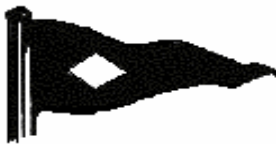
Cheque to GBC c/- Lois Martin 6 Huapai St One Tree Hill can pay be cheque on the night.

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