



THE ARROW

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Dates to Diary

4th March	Opti Nats Entries Cut Off
5th March	Dirty Dog
5th & 6th March	Auckland Champs
12th March	City of Sails Regatta
24th-28th March	Opti Nats



Starling Team at the Nationals 2005

Lamon Peet, Emma Lowe, Danielle Chapman, Vincent Saunders, Bobby Gordon, Simon Stanley-Harris, Ben Lowe

Commodores Column

Summer holidays seem a long time ago. I hope you all managed to have some rest and relaxation during that break. What a fantastic start to the second half of the season, sunny skies and some good breezes albeit variable. Many of you have been busy attending the various regattas including the Starling Nationals that have been run in January and February. GBC sailors certainly made their presence felt with some very encouraging results. It was wonderful to see such a good turn out for the Spring Champs in all classes.

In January GBC hosted the Noumea exchange with five Optimist sailors staying in Auckland with their host families for around 10 days. Included in their stay was participating in the four day OPTICLINIC held at Eastern Beach. The highly coveted round-the-island race was this year won by GBC. Thank you to the families who participated in the exchange.

March the 5th is the combined Auckland Champs (Saturday and Sunday)

hosted by Howick Sailing Club, and our very own Dirty Dog Regatta. These regattas will be held at Eastern Beach. Please contact Dave Glenn (021 507 410) if you are able to help in any way – many hands make light work!

Our annual “on the deck dinner” was a great success. The elements were against us so we actually dined upstairs to the sumptuous food prepared by Jo Sharps and staff! Thank you to those of you who came, again it was good to see some new faces. A huge thank you to Michelle Chapman and her team for organising a fantastic evening.

Last weekend saw the annual GBC Browns Island Camp. One of the biggest turn outs for a long time with 34 children and young people, and 17 adults participating. Things got off to a slightly shaky start when a senior member of the committee (who shall remain nameless) whilst trying to start Ahu lost touch with the dinghy that had transported the said committee member out there! Quick thinking by Robbie Craigie remedied the situation. The group managed to collect several bags of rubbish, and returned weary but happy midday on Sunday. Once again a sterling effort on Michelle’s part for coordinating the event.

On a sadder note it was with shock that we learnt of the tragic passing away of George Young a stalwart of GBC – our sympathies go to George’s family and Fiona. See page 6 for Georges obituary.

The duty roster has been distributed by John Woodyear-Smith. Please read it to make sure you and other household members are aware of your duties and can swap if you are not available.

Tom Kool

Report from the Sailing Master

It is very pleasing to see the commitment and progress being made across all classes in the past few months, and we have managed to complete the Spring Champs !

The Starling class was well represented and performed with credit at the Nationals in Tauranga early in the New Year. As guardians / custodians for the Starling Class rule, GBC has an important role to play in the Starling Class and special mention and credit must be given to Brian Peet for his efforts as measurement representative at the Nationals. Brian, with the very able assistance of his brother David, performed this critical role with great aplomb, often in the presence of some rather agitated boat owners (i.e. parents, not 'jockeys'). It was also great to see John Peet and Des Townson, as the two founders of the Starling Class, in attendance and taking obvious pride in where the Starling Class has developed to.

In the Arrow class, the Arrow convenor and his

lieutenants are to be commended for launching the Arrow sailing training sessions. Hopefully these will foster greater confidence and participation by more Arrow owners.

In the Optimist class the lead-up to the OptiNats is gathering pace, with many Opti sailors now committed to attending regattas most weeks in preparation for the trek north to Taipa (Doubtless Bay, near Coopers Beach if you have any doubts). In addition to the Open fleet, NZIODA will be trialling a Green Fleet at the OptiNats this year to provide an opportunity for club Green Fleet and LTR sailors to have some exposure at the OptiNats.

The post-Xmas Green Fleet and LTR squad are now underway, and were well represented in the flotilla that visited Browns Island last weekend.

Top sailing,

David Glen

Starlings

The Starling fleet has had a busy time over December and January. During the holidays training was organised for both general practice and as a build-up to the Nationals. These days were well attended and feedback about Jonathan Rankin's coaching was positive.

A few of our team were able to attend the Nationals at Tauranga for what was a record turnout of 154 entries. The class designer Des Townson and class founder John Peet were blown away by the strength of the class and were floored that a concept that was hatched over a kitchen table in 1968 had grown to the level seen at this regatta.

All of our sailors sailed well given their newness to the class and the difficult challenges the Tauranga Harbour presented. The wind ranged from 1-2 knots to a final day of 30 knots. The tides were of similar strength !!!! Ben was the best GBC performer coming 21st and shaking the fleet tree by winning one race and coming second in another. This was in a virtually stock standard glass boat and had many from outside our club caught by surprise. (We all knew better.) Marlow Leseigneur from Noumea used the Glen's Starling and came 38th with an amazing performance for a person that had never sailed a Starling before. His best placing was a 6th

and showed what is possible for an experienced sailor. Simon was 49th with a best placing of 9th showing that mixing it with the best is very achievable. Bobby was 69th with consistent results frequently circulating during the races in the twenties. Vinnie was close behind in 71st with a couple of very good performances in the tens that showed his true potential. Danielle at 76th had a solid consistent regatta and was frequently mixing it the high twenties. Lauren and Emma both had a bit of a struggle with the conditions and finished 124th and 143rd respectively. As with the other GBC team, they both had races where they finished much higher than their average, showing that the potential to mix it further up the fleet is very achievable. The team was boosted by Josh's appearance as a supporter and we all felt for him having to miss the regatta after his unfortunate accident at Kawau.

Weekday training has been shifted to Friday after our coach was requisitioned for Opti training. This will remain until the end of daylight saving.

Brian Peet

Welcome back to the summer sailing season.

Training

The school holidays are over and the squad of 16 sailors are training every Wednesday night under the guidance of Mike Judd and Chris Macky. Chris will be taking the GBC race squad to the Nationals in Taipa. The squad are also undertaking physical fitness training every Thursday night under the watchful eye of a personal trainer. There are certainly some very tired sailors by week's end.

Club Sailing

A very successful race day was held on Sunday, 13th February at the club with the Spring Champs being extended to now include four races (with one drop). Ashleigh Lamberg shone throughout with a great performance, chasing the leaders hard in all races. In one race she lead around the third mark just as the race was abandoned. Well done Ashleigh.

We now anticipate a large number of sailors racing at club level with the learn to race fleet progressing through to the green fleet.

New Caledonia Exchange

Five sailors from Noumea made the trip down under this season with some familiar faces returning for their second and third times. They participated in the sailing clinic at Eastern Beach in January with the highlight of the visit being the Round Browns Island race. At long last, after several years, GBC won the Calin Cup – congratulations to Frankie Lardies & George Kool (1st & 2nd respectively).

Taipa Regatta – 22nd & 23rd January

Five members of the Opti Race Squad ventured to the far north to sample the conditions at the venue for the 2005 Opti Nationals. The weather was warm and sunny and the venue proved exceptional. The locals were happy to see us and we all enjoyed the pleasant surroundings and of course the fish & chips at Mangonui. Frankie, George & Paul Nicholls all finished in the top 10. Jake Stanley-Harris had a great series finishing 17th overall with a best place of 5th.

Sail Auckland Regatta

This two day Regatta was exceptionally windy this year with recorded gusts to 32 kts. Carl Evans from Kohi managed to dominate with a convincing win over Paul Snow-Hanson. Again the strong

winds favoured our *heavies* Frankie and Paul with a 6th and 9th placing respectively. George managed to hang on for 16th and Hamish Andrews had a great result with a 26th. Well done Hamish.

Eastern Beach Regatta

Again strong winds were encountered but still warm and sunny. Both George & Paul sailed well finishing 4th & 5th and close behind Paul Snow-Hansen and Carl Evans, both members of the NZ 2004 World Opti team. Emily Martin also showed great improvement finishing 26th. A great result Emily.

Auckland Boys & Girls Championship (Saturday 19th February 2005)

The boys turned out at Murrays Bay for some close racing in light to moderate winds. Daniel Wilcox from Murrays Bay again showed top form taking the four-race series from fellow Worlds team member Paul Snow-Hansen. Frankie showed consistent form to win the last race and both he and Paul finished in the top 10.

The Girls Championship was hosted by Kohimarama Yacht Club in perfect light to moderate nor easterly conditions. GBC was represented in the Open Fleet by Ashleigh Lamberg and Emily Martin and in the Green Fleet by Rosie Kool, Chloe Lowe, Ana Reid and Alice Rasmussen.

In the Open Fleet racing was extremely close especially between the first eight boats. Ashleigh displayed some outstanding sailing and had a great regatta coming second overall to Suzannah Pyatt, with placings of 1, 2, 4 and 3 with Alexandra Maloney from Kerikeri placing third overall and Emily Martin taking 18th place.

In the Green Fleet our girls sailed extremely well with Rosie finishing 4th, Chloe 7th, Ana 8th and Alice 12th.

GBC Opti Race Squad for the Nationals 2005

If you are heading to Taipa for the Nationals then it is essential to gain as much sailing time as possible. There are only two major Regattas left to practice your sailing skills.

Regattas Prior to The Nationals

The Dirty Dog Regatta and the **Auckland Champs** combined will be held at Eastern Beach on March 5 and 6 2005. Don't forget to get your entries in early. This is a great opportunity to refine your

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Optimist (cont'd)

skills before the big trip to Taipa at Easter.

City Of Sails Regatta at Kohi on Saturday March 12 (One day only).

The 2005 Opti Nationals 25 - 28 March – Taipa Sailing Club

The big event of the season is fast approaching. This year the Opti Nats are being held in Taipa, Doubtless Bay in the Far North from Thursday 24 to Monday 28 March 2005 (Easter Weekend)

Entries must be received by 4th March 2005. Due to the large numbers entering, there will be **NO LATE ENTRIES** this year with the total fleet restricted to 240 sailors. It is important to post your entry imme-

diately!! The entry form is available on the Web at www.taipaoptiregatta2005.co.nz Please contact Peter Nicholls with your travel plans and confirmation of number of sailors so that the club can arrange support boats.

IMPORTANT Don't forget to check all your equipment. Check your hull, mast, boom, all ropes, sail, foils, air bags, bailers. Also check that your trailer tyre is inflated. It is a long haul over the soft sand to the water. Don't leave this to your parents. It is the sailor's responsibility to ensure that their equipment does not fail.

See you all on the water

Peter Nicholls

Learn to Race

The LTS squad is now the LTR squad and continues to make good progress.

Special mention must be made of the efforts of Jacob Tyndall and Harry Craigie who have now moved from the LTS squad straight into the Green Fleet. Well done lads – we look forward to following your progress.

We welcome back Josephine Stonyer who had previously completed the LTS course.

The focus now is on building up to sailing around a course and hopefully preparing this very enthusiastic group for a move into the Green fleet next season.

Please make every effort to get down to the Club on sailing days because there aren't too many sailing days left this season.

David Glen

The Dirty Dog Regatta

GBC has committed to running its annual Dirty Dog Regatta on Saturday, 5 March 2005. This year 'the Dirty Dog' will again 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. Last year we had over 200 Opti sailors participate in the regatta which was also held as part of the Auckland Champs after we 'got blown off the water' on the original date for the event to be hosted at GBC. The event has been running now for 8 years and was conceived by past club stalwarts such as the Davies and Macky's when the Opti class was still in its infancy. The Dirty Dog quickly 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 drawcard). With the grown in numbers over the years, we have recently seen fleets of over 100 racing in both the Open and Green fleets.

With the 2005 Dirty Dog regatta being scheduled for Eastern Beach on 5 March, the burden on GBC members will be somewhat less than if we hosted the vent at GBC. Nonetheless we will require support from as many parents 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 at GBC should be looking to participate !!** Those in the LTR and LTS fleets prior to Xmas have made very good progress and 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, 5 March, if you choose. 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. **For those in LTR and LTS please give serious consideration to sailing in the Dirty Dog Regatta. If you have any questions, please speak to Steve Sharps or David Glen.**

Entry forms will be available on the GBC website from this week. Registrations can be mailed or completed on the day.

ReSail ReSail ReSail ReSail ReSail ReSail

While not as popular as the online auction site Trademe, Resail, the buy sell and exchange section of the GBC website, has been very successful in the selling of Opti's, Starlings, sails, boat accessories and has even been able to move the odd Arrow!!!

Resail has had some 1500 visitors and many have found the boat of their dreams or (in most cases) the boat of their needs!!

Advertisers pay a small donation to the club that assists with the running of the website

There are always new listings so check it

out regularly. If you have something relating to sailing to sell simply send an email to **resail@gbcyachting.org.nz** and we will take care of it from there. We can also list **Wanted** ads for your needs - you never know what other people have as surplus.

So tell your friends to simply go to www.gbcyachting.org.nz and then click on Resail. Check it out yourself and see what's on offer.

And one more thing....**once you sell your item please drop us a line so we can remove it** - this saves the phone ringing and gives the listings more integrity.

Jeff Wood

SAILING WITH A FRIEND

One of the frustrations with junior sailing in New Zealand is the dropout rate of sailors who have completed their training and enjoy sailing but not alone and maybe not as a skipper. For many years there has not been anything to cater for these sailors, until now.

Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC) have introduced the International Cadet Class boat which I have been fortunate enough to have been involved with through my eldest son Matthew who was one of those "dropouts" from single handed sailing. After two years in the sailing wilderness he has spent this season back sailing AND enjoying it.

The Class: Designed in 1947 by Jack Holt (older than an Arrow!) as a junior race trainer this 3.2m (10ft 7in) class has grown internationally with thousands sailing around the world. Being an international class like the Optimist provides an opportunity to travel to overseas regattas for those who want to take their sailing that far. It is also an ideal stepping stone to the 420 Class. The boats are fiberglass and very simply rigged with a main, jib and spinnaker. More information on www.cadetclass.org which has links to other Cadet sites.

Since its introduction here last year, several Auckland clubs has expressed interest in adding the Ca-



det to their fleets including Wakatere, Murrays Bay and Torbay.

The opportunity is available to GBC members to experience the International Cadet on Sunday April 17th (time to be finalised) down at RAYC located in Okahu Bay. So we can organize this, if you are interested please contact me on 528 4986, 021 0747500 or johnws@xtra.co.nz. This is a great opportunity to try and evaluate the class to see if it may integrate into GBC's fleet in the future.

John Woodyear-Smith

George Young

7th June 1955 – 12 December 2004

George Young, age 49, builder, died on Sunday, December 12, 2004, as the result of a motorcycle accident.

George or Punga as he was known to his friends was a member of GBC who worked tirelessly for the club, always there to "fix it". Whether it be a broken board on the deck or an outboard motor that wouldn't go, an opti or starling that was broke, George was always there to offer assistance with a smile on his face.

Originally training and qualifying as a Fitter and Turner George turned his hand to building and renovating houses. A true craftsman when it came to using his hands, George had the ability to create a work of art and good workmanship on any project he tackled.

Georges own boat, a Rayglass 650, was aptly named "Young One" for he was truly the Young One of GBC. Our Opti sailors use to pray for no wind if George was at the regatta for this usually meant a fast and adventurous ride in a large inflatable in search of some ferry wake or other suitable water to provide a thrill and excitement.

George had a love of the outdoors and spent his leisure hours (when not involved

with sailing) fishing, skiing or riding bikes. He treasured the outdoors and was always conscious of looking after them for future generations to enjoy as he himself had.

Friends were important to George and he organised a monthly get together on the first Thursday of "blokes" from all walks of life. Named the SAD Bastards club, George would ring around the group every month and get them along to some activity. Whether it be driving a golf ball at the driving range, racing a kart around an indoor track, climbing a rock wall or shooting an arrow at a target, George would always have something for his friends to get up to and share a yarn or two after over a couple of drinks.

George is survived by his former wife, Sue, his two sons Sam and Tim who have both sailed at GBC. Our thoughts go out to all his family, Fi and all those who were close to George. Although tragically taken from us he will not be forgotten.

Let us not grieve his loss but rather remember the joy and good times that we had with Punga for those that were fortunate to have associated with him.

Jeff Wood

Arrow Class

With few sailing days since the last newsletter, the Arrow action on the water has been limited. However off the water Arrow owners met to formalise a plan to increase numbers attending on race days. This must have gone well as each day since has had about 10 boats rigging up!

The day of the rescheduled Spring Champs on December 19 started with a rigging session held by Tony Wallace on the finer points of "tuning" an Arrow before heading to the water. Again the wind played a major part in the results despite a great turnout. Several never made the start line as the wind strength increased with 5 boats at the starting gun. Tony Blake's experience sailing classic yachts showed us all up as Ajax led from start to finish. The fleet reduced at an alarming rate with capsizes and broken gear in the 20-25 knot breeze. Well done Tony for being the only one to complete the course. Being Arrow Convenor and writing this column, I could leave out the fact that while on Tony's heels I capsized my boat in a major shift to weather! But that wouldn't be fair to the rest of you because we all need to have a good laugh. Following the finish of the race the rest of the scheduled sailing for the day was abandoned.

February 13 gave us our first good yet at times frustrating sailing day. This was the third attempt to have or complete the Spring Champs (in summer!). The wind started in the west and over the course of the day shifted about 120 degrees and back with fluctuating wind strength making the Race Officers job harder and a very long day on the water. The first race was held as a fun/training race in which I assisted from the luxury of Duck 5 a number of sailors

on their sailing techniques. One who needed no help was Dave in Alata who sailed around the course winning by a considerable margin. Sorry Dave the results don't count. It was great to see Arrowmint back on the water with Dennis at the helm as well as Nik in Avanti for his first race experience and our latest keen Arrow owner Ian Parkes in Doug's old boat Alpha. Read about his first experience further on.

The next two races finally saw the Spring Champs completed. Race 2 was sailed in 8-10 knots and had Chris Field in Arawa lead the fleet around most of the course with Aronui managing to get ahead just before the last mark having the benefit of a forward hand and the use of a spinnaker. Dennis in Arrowmint was third across the line. The third race started in a dying breeze and within a couple of minutes the wind shifted resulting in a lay through to the top mark. Both Norm in Archimedes and Nik in Avanti showed great speed to be right at the head of the fleet rounding the top mark closely behind Arawa and Aronui before the race was abandoned for a restart. After several changes in course due to shifting wind, the third race finally got away in 6-8 knots and dropping and back in the west. The tide started to have an effect separating the reduced fleet with Aronui finishing first Paul in Aztec second and Chris in Arawa third all sailing single handed and using spinnakers.

Looking forward to seeing a good number of Arrows there on February 27.

See you on the start line.

John Woodyear-Smith

A racing virgin's tale

My thighs are killing me! And my knees. Aching all over in fact. But not enough to put me off, not quite. I can't believe how much of a workout I've had. Must be like learning to ski. It seems impossibly demanding at first but eventually you find you can hurtle around all day raising barely more than a glow - after a couple of years. Even so, I really enjoyed it, although I hardly covered myself in glory. Just bruises. And estuary. Like all hotshots, I set myself goals. My new goal is avoiding two capsizes in the one day.

I still chuckle about my blunders and I can see I'm really going to struggle whenever the marks get moved. With salt encrusted glasses, the chances of spotting new flags going up on Ahu when I can barely see the boat itself - hopeless.

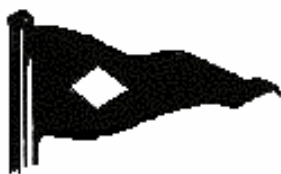
As is the way with these things, I'm still mystified . . .
by my first capsize. I swam around to check but I . . .
hadn't cleated the mainsheet. Must have been one of . . .
the 500 other things that can tip you over. However, . . .
I confess, even though I know it's risky, I was cleat- . . .
ing the main briefly when trying to get the last few . . .
inches in or trying to gather in handfuls rounding . . .
the bottom mark. Found that a bit frustrating. Not . . .
infrequently I'd drop the whole lot when trying to . . .
gather more and lose a heap of line, and distance. . . .
Also the knack of tacking smoothly and changing . . .
hands is foreign territory. I'd sometimes lose a heap . . .
of main tension then too, on top of the usual whoah! . . .
moment... And did anyone happen to notice me pil- . . .
ing into the top mark? The tiller extension stuck . . .
under the rear thwart and drove me straight round . . .
into it. I still laugh about that one. And tacking . . .

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BUILDING UPDATE – 2005

As most of you know, we are planning to rebuild and enhance the club building. This is a good time to update everyone since last month we were issued a Resource Consent from the Auckland Regional Council. This consent provides the club the right to occupy the current site for the next 35 years. It also provides five years for us to construct our new building.

The Committee recently commissioned the preparation of working drawings for the building. We are now ready to apply for building consent and put the drawings out to builders for pricing. We are still in the processes of putting together a funding package for the building. At the moment the Committee is in

discussion with some professional fundraisers and are also investigating other options.

As far as timing is concerned, it is proposed that the building work be carried out next year but this will be dependent on the funding. There will be a number of logistical issues involved in the construction, which will affect members. These include a probable four month period where the club will be unusable and members will need to remove their boats during this period.

We will keep you posted!

Dave De La Mare

A racing virgin's tale (continued)

away from the finish line... I actually thought I was making a brilliant start in the first race, running down the line on starboard, but hadn't seen - despite John WS's warning—how much I was being swept down, and when it got tight at the end I couldn't climb up to the pin. That was my high point. Still, my performance overall was so laughable I can be content because I've left myself heaps of room for improvement. Surely it can only get better. Mind you, I haven't stuck my mast in the mud yet.

Ian Parkes

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