



# Mistral Owners' Association

## The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

Welcome to the start of the 2012-2013 season ... well nearly anyway..... And welcome to the first issue of the Mistral Tiller! This will not replace the quarterly and very useful Newsletter but is designed to be a shorter (one pager) and more frequent update of events, results, topical news, and more. During the peak of the season this may come out perhaps even weekly or prior to big events or just randomly for any good reason!

Without further tacking and gybing waiting for the 5 minute gun,... here goes:

### **Mistral AGM** – key points:

Held on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, 15 members present. Minutes attached to this Tiller.

The Class had a fun, active year and remains in good shape with similar membership and finances overall to last year. The main initiatives were a very welcome starting of a Mistral division at Glendowie Boating Club which already has 8 boats on its books, and also the complete new-boat package available from Tony Dalbeth. We don't have too many technical issues but we still have some work to do with NZ Rigging regarding the making of new masts. Training for new members and the racing programme were hot topics as usual, details on that later. Last year's Committee was thanked for its great efforts and the new members elected as follows:

Nick Brewer: President	Katherine Davis: Past President	Andy Stone; Technical Rep
Mike Hempleman: Measurer	Anna Atkinson: Treasurer	Olivier Marthe; Website
Ludovic Marthe: Youth Rep	Shaun Connelly: GBC rep	Rob Mason: TYC Rep
Rob Ebert: Hamilton Rep	Derry Godbert: Kerikeri Rep	Robbie Moyes; Whitianga Rep
Matt O'Maigh: Training		

### **Training:**

One of the strengths of the Class is that it has appeal to all ages and from beginner to expert. What we have to continue to build on is the transfer of knowledge from the accomplished racing 'gurus' to the rest of the fleet. Hence, formal and regular training sessions are proposed as follows.

**At Tamaki:** Briefing to be held approx 1330 on the ramp or in the yacht club i.e.. a good 30 mins before launch, so get ready early. Subjects will include boat set up, considerations of wind, tide as well as sailing tips for the actual day. This will happen on race day **every week, all welcome**. Following racing, there will be a debrief in the bar (where else!) to talk through the thrills, spills, stuff-ups etc! Crew of the day trophy awarded at the same time. Nick & Matt will run this programme with 'guru' help as available.

**At GBC;** Shaun Connelly has agreed to coordinate something there as well, along similar lines.

### **Programme:**

To be finalised shortly and published in the next Tiller as well as the website. Essentials to start;

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: GBC Opening Day. Check starting times at GBC around the tides - Sunday

6<sup>th</sup> October: TYC Opening day, **Training Briefing 1330**, start 1415 - Saturday

26<sup>th</sup> January; Mahurangi Classics Regatta

28 January: Auckland Anniversary Regatta, TYC

23 -24 March; Mistral Class Championships, TYC

Special trophy races, visits to other clubs, and also a new format for an Auckland Mistral Champs will be published soon.

MAIN GOAL – **PARTICIPATION !** SEE YOU ON THE WATER SOON

*Nick*