



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

EARLY SUMMER EDITION

Well lets all hope for a bit more of the same as last weekend, what a cracker. Yes, ... summer is here. As I write this, the sun slowly sets on another glorious day and can't wait to get on the harbour again (it was over the yard arm a couple of hours ago, hence an appropriate trip to the beer fridge!).

This 'Tiller' is short and sweet as I just need to mention a couple of things:

1. The Keri Keri Spring Regatta (30th Nov/1 Dec) has up to 5 confirmed travellers from Auckland, so combined with the Keri Keri locals looks like being a great event. It will be run from Dove's Bay. Please find Notice of race attached.
2. The Sir Peter Blake Regatta w/e 7th & 8th Dec is open to all and we get our own class start if we get sufficient numbers. Takers?
3. We have a couple of enquiries about wanting to buy a Mistral so anybody with a boat for sale please let us know.
4. We also have an enquiry about wanting to charter a Mistral for the Auckland Champs and the Mistral champs. Anybody with a boat available, again, please let me know.
5. Rob Mason made it to the grand old age of 57 last Saturday, Rarely misses a sailing day, Congratulations Rob!

Club Activity:

TYC: Great turn out for TYC mistral Open Day. 9 Boats off the ramp on a great looking day. Great commitment from the class had combinations of one, two or three in a boat. Two good length races were completed with some scintillating spinnaker reaches. The odd exciting spill (ahem!) but great fun all-round. The most interesting point to note was that after all the palaver with the spinnakers, capsizes etc, the second race was won by Scott Blakey sailing single handed, and second place went to the Stone family combo sailing three up! (Watch out for the Grigg family boat y'all, going rather fast for a first time out!! Great addition to the fleet)

GBC: Team racing day! Potential to turn to total custard as the rules for normal racing are not widely known in detail, let alone for team racing. It turned out to be cracking good event and one we could perhaps repeat in the New Year. Sharpens up the boat handling and really makes you think ahead, ... its really great fun for those who haven't tried it yet.

We seem to have good fleet numbers for this time of year. Probably weather dependent but lets try and keep the momentum going.

See you this weekend.

Cheers, Nick