



# Mistral Owners' Association

## The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

### The RON NORTON & MID SUMMER EDITION

A pot-mix of weather over the last few weeks has given us a lot to handle. A complete blow out at TYC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> had been preceded by a lovely weekend ..... and then followed by another stunner a couple of days ago. All part of the bag of tricks from the weather gods!

So, ... here we are with just a couple of weeks until Xmas. Fleets have been well supported at all clubs and when the weather has turned itself on we've had some truly spectacular sailing. A fantastic weekend was had up at KeriKeri for their Spring Regatta last weekend. 10 Mistrals on the line in the beautiful Dove's Bay area of. Well done to Derry Godbert and Tony Dalbeth for keeping the fleet well and truly active up there and arranging this event. Honours for the weekend went to Matt O'Maigh.

The 'big push' before Xmas is this coming weekend on Saturday at TYC for the prestigious **Ron Norton Trophy** race. This is traditionally a handicapped pursuit race (Mark Foy) where the slower racers are given a head start and the gun sailors have to play catch up. This means the trophy is very 'winnable' by any level of racer. JUST TURN UP! Availability permitting, we hope to have Mike Norton racing with Seb or Blanco (101 Centurion) and Doreen to present the trophy.

As an added bonus for this weekend, the second race at TYC will count towards and conclude the 'Don Grayson' Early Summer series ..... still open!

#### Thinking Ahead:

**Mahurangi & Anniversary weekend.** On the Saturday of Auckland Anniversary weekend (25<sup>th</sup> Jan) there is the Classics regatta held at Mahurangi where the Mistrals have had a strong presence now for a number of years. This event features all the historic classics from Mullet boats, Scows, Zephyrs, rowing skiffs, Classic keelers and steam tugs, ..... an amazing historic gathering and a true highlight of the season.

This is followed up on the Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan with the Anniversary race held at TYC, ..... harbour packed with yachts.

Stick this combo weekend in the diary!!

**SEE YOU AT TYC THIS WEEKEND FOR THE RON NORTON TROPHY RACE**

BE READY TO LAUNCH BY 1400

Rgds,

Nick