



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

Back into the hiking straps!

Yes, for all those who have ventured back out after Xmas, the weather has predominantly been pretty windy and a bit testy! In-between spills there has been some sublime Mistral racing.

The Mahurangi Classic Regatta was yet again a fabulous display of yachts, launches, tugs and rowing boats from yesteryear. A great turn out from the Mistral fleet had us as the lead fleet with 10 boats! Great to see #43, Morpheus on the start line sailed by Kelcey and Finn (8yrs) Gager. Nicely restored, this boat is going very fast We hope to see them more often.

The race took the fleet around Slipper Island, up to Scott's landing and then back to Sullivan's Bay. A bit of a one-way track, but it did have its exciting moments in the waves East of the Island. #47 sailed by Nick and Josh eventually won the race but were chased all the way by Brett and Darcey and Kelcey and Finn.



Mistrals on the beach at Sullivan's Bay.

Well done to those that were trying out new combinations for the first time in a keen breeze, great effort from Jack Floyd and Cameron McGeorge for successfully sticking it out and having a blast at the same time.

Next year plan to stay for the prizegiving BBQ with dance band at Scott's landing. Reports were of a fantastic night!

Anniversary Day: Apparently an absolute howling breeze and many who saw the forecast stayed at home and watched the cricket instead! 35 kts, spills, breakage and all sorts who else could manage it around the course in one piece to win it other than our Northern legend himself, Tony Dalbeth !! Top effort for all those that made it to the race, hope the boats are all in one piece now.

Coming Up Mistral Auckland Champs: Change of date!! Now 8th & 9th March

Please note this is the Auckland Champs and takes place at TYC on Sat 8th (start 1415) and then on Sun 9th at GBC (start 1400 or maybe a bit earlier tbc). The idea is that this event is a low-stress, hassle free event that just joins in with normal club racing times. We add up the points from both days and generally make up the rest of the scoring rules as we go along !! Depending on weather, number of races etc. This is a good chance to get the spinnakers up & running and generally get a taster of larger fleet racing before the Mistral National Champs at TYC a few weeks later (Apr 12th & 13th).

Classic Mini series: The next two Saturdays at TYC conclude the Classic mini series at TYC (as part of the mid-summer series). Rob Mason has very kindly scouted out and purchased some fantastic half-hull classic yacht models as prizes ... must be seen!!

Around Brown's Island race GBC: Sun 2 March is the annual 'Around Brown's Island race from GBC. Planned start at the moment is an early 0900 to take advantage of the tide.

Boats for sale/wanted: You just know you need a quicker boat don't you !! Yes, you do. or is that Mistral sitting in the shed gathering dust and waiting for a new owner to give it some life again. Keep us posted on wants/needs/boat movements.

See you on the water,

Nick