



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

'Auckland' Championships Rev Up Edition!

So now you're all back into the swing of things its time to give the boat and the gear a once-over and then start some regatta sailing!

THIS WEEKEND is the 'Auckland' Championships. Held over both Sat and Sunday the format is as follows:

Saturday: 3 races at Tamaki Yacht Club, start time first race 2.15pm. These will be good-sized courses, plenty of time to get spinnakers up and everyone to have a go. If weather and timing permits and we're not overdue a beer back at the club we may squeeze in a 4th race. Suggest get to club for 1245 latest.

Sunday: 4 or more races at Glendowie Boating Club, first race 2.00pm. These tends to be shorter courses, lots of turns good for roll tacking! Space is limited for rigging up a big fleet so best get down there good and early.

This championship is for the Mistral Class Cup originally presented by the legendary Des Townson in 1960. Points are added over the two days, one discard allowed if we sail 6 or more races total. Brett & Darcy Black were the deserved winners last year.

Warning: Dangerous spinnaker pole!!

Have a heart (and a chuggle) for Sandy Grigg who was rigging up a self-launching spinnaker pole in his garage (man-cave). With the pole in a vice and whilst winding plenty of strong elastic up and utilising several purchases , the inevitable happened. The pole (under a 'bit' of tension) worked its way out of the vice and shot across the garage and straight into the beer fridge. Luckily the beer was OK, phew!!

See you on the water,

Nick