



# Mistral Owners' Association

## The Mistral Tiller

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## Championship Rev up Edition

Hi Mistrallers

A funny old season (so far) – either too much wind, not enough - all conspiring to limit time on the water. Some of us heavy weights are hoping after last weekend's club cancellation due to high winds that the season is finally changing and the winds are returning, light weights will be hoping the gentle summer breezes that have dominated the last few months last until at least the Champs. Either way with an early Champs this season the water is still warm so no excuses for not being there! It will be a fun weekend at a great venue and hopefully perfect weather!

### Programme & Class Championship

Please find attached the **Notice of Race** and Entry form for this year's Championships in just over 2 weeks time - 28 and 29 March. As usual, the Champs are always the weekend before Easter and held at Tamaki Yacht Club.

The format will be the same as previous years – a maximum of 5 races on Saturday, then remaining races on Sunday (usually in the morning – as always subject to weather conditions). First start each day 10:30am.

We run a spinnaker and non-spinnaker division and standards range from beginners up to top level and there are also handicap and under 21yrs prizes – so something for everyone. A reminder for all current **trophy** holders to return them by Sunday 29 (at the latest!).

Special thanks to **Smart Marine** (TYC Sponsors) and **Doyle Sails** (class sailmakers) who have kindly offered to donate prizes for the event. If you are able to add to the prize pool let us know.

**Pizzas** and dessert on Saturday after racing (\$10 adults, \$5 children - money collected at Saturdays registration).

Also attached are this year's **Class subs** – you will need to be a paid up member of MOA to participate in the Champs – payment preferably by internet banking or at Saturdays registration.

If anyone is interested in sailing in the Champs but hasn't a **crew**, or wants to crew let us know and we can see if we can coordinate resources to maximise the fleet out on the water. Also if any one can **billet** out of towners or if anyone needs to be billeted let us know.

Also a reminder that boats may be subject to spot measurement checks, including **safety** items. All boats must have a 50mm safety towing eye on the bow, centreboards and rudders must have safety ties to secure them to the hull and crews must wear approved life jackets. Also can your sail number be clearly displayed on your beach trolley so others can assist you in retrieving your boat efficiently off the ramp.

Don't forget the **Stephen Cox Memorial** trophy is contested the week before the Champs on 21 March. The race is a mark foy handicap type event so everyone has an even chance of winning this coveted trophy (the model mistral hull) and there have been some amazingly close finishes over the years.

## **Class Racing News**

The **Auckland Champs** were held over the weekend of 21/22 February at Tamaki on Saturday and Glendowie Sunday. #101 had the advantage of having current National Champ William Beauchamp crewing on Saturday. (In my defence I was overpowered in the 10-12 knot breezes and 'big boy' Darcy returned for the drifters at Glendowie on the Sunday). Somehow #101 managed to hang on from a fast finishing Nick/Ben/Josh Brewer and we both had to work very hard to fend off jnrs Matt Connelly and Jack Floyd who challenged in every race but were pipped for second on a recount. A special mention to Tony & Jack Dalbeth who ventured down from Kerikeri for the weekend and who had to put up with light winds – not exactly their ideal conditions! A special thanks to both TYC and GBC for hosting the event, GBC did a great job in setting a true course in trying conditions and getting 3 races in before the breeze died and the king tide took effect.

*See you at the Champs.*

**Brett**