



## Championship Wrap up Edition

Hi Mistrallers

Another successful champs – great to see 20 boats on the start line, with close racing – not just at the front of the fleet, but judging by the banter on the ramp and in the clubhouse lots of battles and friendly rivalry throughout. Another close series again decided on the last race – for those who can't wait for the movie (a Greek tragedy or perhaps a French farce) with it pretty much all tied up after six races #101 was first over both the start and finish lines in race 7 for a disqualification! Seriously though congratulations to Scott and Zara who thrived in the testing 5-10 knot series and showed some blistering boat speed and pointing together with some solid crew work. You won't win the Champs with a light weight crew alone and Scott and Zara's hard work throughout the season paid off.

Amusing scenes (besides watching Scott and Zara regularly sail out from beneath us or the wind finally kicking in after we were safely ashore) was Des sailing with his 3yr old son Luke – I'm not sure if the crew asleep on the cockpit floor counts as 'double-handed'. At the prize giving Frank and Rob outlined the attributes considered when awarding the Frank Davis Trophy – an enthusiastic and determined crew despite not always winning with some inference they may have to also had to put up with a difficult/inept skipper – I'm sure half the crews were ready to accept the award (I know Darcy was about to get up) – but well done Arnie who has been a regular with Rob throughout the club and class contests.

A noteworthy mention to Matt O'Maigh who handed over the helm to William for the series - not something many would (or could) do. The evergreen Don Grayson once again was an inspiration to those of us moaning about sore backs and joints. It was fitting that Tony & Jack Dalbeth who donated the Kerikeri Cup for heavyweights were the first recipients.

A special thanks to Rob Mason who's unflagging support for the class has helped make the season a success. Rob (and Arnie) has been a regular out on the water all season and Rob has once again supported the class with club prizes and the champs medals.

Great to see lots of young crews which bodes well for the future of the class, however there are some challenges not the least getting regular fleets out on the water for club racing and people helping with Class administration – as outlined in Rob's comment below we will need new blood going forward.

The season will tend to wind down however there are still lots of good club racing to be had – it's still relatively warm and we may not need full wetsuits for quite a few more weeks, although if we finally do get some wind we will all be rusty and may get wetter than anticipated.

## Champs Results

### Spinnaker Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> #108 Scott & Zara Blakey (Mistral Championship Cup)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> #101 Brett & Darcy Black (Gordon Patrick Trophy for second crew on line)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> #76 Andrew & Zoe Stone
- 4<sup>th</sup> #60 William Beauchamp & Matt O'Maigh (Bryan Mee Cup 1<sup>st</sup> skipper under 17yrs)

### Non-Spinnaker Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> #96 Adrian France & Finn Rowntree (Leo Holden Memorial Trophy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> #19 Richard & Lauren Blakey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> #94 Richard Dodd & Angus Thompson
- 4<sup>th</sup> #25 Des & Luke Davis

## Handicap

- 1<sup>st</sup> #4 Ludy Marthe (T. Wild Cup) & Livi Hamlin, S.Jones, Luka Roccati (Peter Crotty Cup)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> #71 Matt Connelly & Jack Floyd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> #79 Tony & Jack Dalbeth
- 4<sup>th</sup> #92 Steven and Tasman Rowntree

## Other Awards

- Kerikeri Cup (heavy weights) 1<sup>st</sup> Tony & Jack Dalbeth (167kg)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Olivier & Mikhail Marthe (155kg)
- Frank Davis Trophy - Arnie Larsen
- Masters Cup - Brett Black
- Junior Crew Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> under 12yrs) - Zara Blakey
- Book Prize (Technical Crewing) - Darcy Black

## President's Comment

What a great 2015 Mistral class champs we all enjoyed. The turnout with 20 boats, up from last year was one of the best non-trapeze 12 footer events on the Waitemata this year. Lovely light conditions kept many of the younger crews (and the older skippers such as Don Grayson) out on the water. A nail biting finish with Brett and Darcy Black, just pipped at the post by Scott and Zara Blakey kept everyone guessing to the end.

It was encouraging to have sailors from Kerikeri, Whangarei, Hamilton, Glendowie and Tamaki, many forming combined clubs skipper-crew combinations. Many thanks to Brett Black and Scott Blakey who supported on the MOA committee in the build-up organisation. Tamaki Yacht Club rallied magnificently with Garth Briden and Mike Knowsley and their team putting in a second weekend in a row in the committee boat and patrol boats. Thanks also to Alex and Meg for their support both in admin and on the water, and to Eleanor Blakey, Christine Mason and 5Knots for their help with the meals. Further thanks to **Smart Marine** for their generous sponsorship prizes along with Doyles tee shirts, and Brett Black's vouchers.

A special moment at the prize giving was life member Frank Davis' inaugural presentation of the bespoke Frank Davis Trophy for persistent, enthusiastic, gutsy crewing through the season. Arnie Larsen was a worthy first recipient.

There is still some sailing left in the year so keep Mistralling. It's a good time to encourage new sailors into boats. There are some good boats up for sale on the website, and at Glendowie, so encourage friends to purchase these and join in at the local club.

It's been a privilege to again serve as Class President through the season, but now I'm looking to train a new President to continue to lead this growing class, so don't wait till the AGM to give this some thought along with other committee positions.

Best wishes  
Rob Mason  
President Mistral Owner's Association

Well that's all from me. #101 is mulling over another season but will be down at TYC over the next month (or so). Hope to see you there.

Brett