



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller New Season Edition

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Hi Mistrallers

It's that time of year again – time to pack away the skis, and have a look at the boat collecting dust in the garage for the last 6 months and remind oneself what still needs to be fixed from last season. On the subject of skiing – three Mistral families were spotted down at Wanaka over the July school holidays – the Dalbeth's from Kerikeri have even set up a winter training base (possibly available for rent over summer) to help with their Mistral campaign – such dedication.

A packed Commodore's lounge recently farewelled Ross Burtenshaw. Celebrant Ralph Roberts and Eleanor regaled stories of Ross's sailing days from P Classes (I liked that they got prize money back then but not the thought that there were no patrol boats), Finns and Mistrals. There were even stories of drugs and transvestites on K Rd but I'll leave that one for Eleanor if you are interested ... We will miss Ross – who will be there after racing to greet us on the ramp with trolley in hand this season?

Committee

Your committee members elected at the recent AGM are;

President - Rob Mason
Secretary - Brett Black
Treasurer - Anna Atkinson
Measurer - Andy Stone
Website - Olivier Marthe
Training - Matt O'Maigh
TYC rep - Scott Blakey
Glendowie rep - Richard Dodd
Hamilton rep - Rob Ebert
Kerikeri rep - Derry Godbert/Tony Dalbeth
Whitianga rep - Robbie Moyes
Youth rep - Jarrod Horgan
General committee - Stephen Jones

A special thanks to Rob Mason who agreed to continue as Class President for 'just one more year'.

Programme

Please find attached the interclub programme approved at the AGM. You will note a number of events are contingent on 'subject to numbers' and we will be coordinating those interested in travelling to these events ahead of time before making a call on whether there will be a formal Mistral presence. First up will be the annual Kerikeri Spring regatta in late November. It's only a 3hr drive to a pretty part of the country and the club has great facilities. Derry has indicated quite a few locals are keen to take us on their home patch. Let me know if you are keen for this one.

Subscriptions

Attached is the Association Subscription form. Annual subscriptions have been maintained at the same rate for a number of years now. The Association has limited reserves and the subs help the association cover costs of the mould insurance, event catering and prizes including the Nationals. Somewhat surprisingly not all crews who contested last year's Nationals were paid up members – this season we will be more actively 'encouraged' before all Association events.

Club News

Glendowie BC have invited Mistrallers to the Eastern Regatta held over the early season at a number of clubs out east - those interested contact Richard Dodd (red@jasmx.com).

TYC season has commenced – a slow start due to variety of excuses including 'it's still a bit cold'. Scott Blakey (scott.blakey@pepsico.com) will be coordinating club racing with regular weekly email reminders – let him know whether you don't want to be bombarded with weekly reminders.

Let me know of any happenings around the club scene in your region and we will include in future Tillers.

Top Tips

A number of boats have/are setting up their kite systems for the season – let me know if you would like a copy of (my over complicated) drawings and photos to assist – but also check out some of the boats rigging up for ideas. One of the many advantages of two person sailing dinghies is the thrill of flying a kite. For those with young crews invest in some small lightweight ratchet blocks so your crew can learn to trim the kite (and stop dad from attempting to do everything). Self-launching kite poles are a real advantage for young crews.

Brett