



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

The weather, the weather! Whether to sail or whether not to sail! A plague of bad weekends same as last year. So,Deep joy aboundeth when we were eventually blessed with two absolute cracking days this last weekend!

Club Chatter:

TYC: The re-scheduled Mistral Open Day produced 10 boats in the dinghy park and I think 8 got on the water in some various combinations. The new Open Day trophy was a closely fought battle with honours going to Matt O'Maigh and Kieran. The most interesting part of the day was Race 1, at the bottom mark, final turn. We had four boats all within 10 meters of each other and the mark. Brett and Darcy with full spinnaker, Matt and Kieran with no spinnaker onboard, Nick sailing solo with full spinnaker and Andrew Stone sailing with two of his youngsters in the 'very small' category, also no spinnaker. The inevitable happened, a fresh breeze piped up, the two spinnaker boats turned to custard and the two others gybed nicely, nipped in and took the honours! Just goes to show, whatever combination you're in, you can still be competitive always worth bringing the boat down.

GBC: Likewise, a sparkling day last Sunday and a great turn out with 5 or 6 on the water. Yet again, crews were in and out of boats and I think the last race went off with all the Mistrals sailing single handed! A fair bit of mud was seen around the top of various masts later in the dinghy park, a few had really earned their beer for the day!



Ain't this what its all about. Marvellous!

Andrew and some junior 'Stonelets' at the Mistral Open day at TYC.

From experience, and as far as Mistral sailing goes, kids transfer from the liability side of the ledger to the asset side at approx 7 yrs old!! Very approx!!

Programme Update:

DEC 15th: The prestigious Ron Norton trophy race is coming up fast and is the last big Mistral event before Xmas. This is a handicap race (Mark Foy pursuit type) so its fair chance for anybody to win a pot! We will also take the chance to award the Spring Series trophy, and also a magnificent and brand new trophy kindly donated by Mistral legend Don Grayson for the overall winner of the Early Summer Series.

Mahurangi Classic and Anniversary Weekend: Another two events that typically catch us napping early in the New Year. Details before Xmas, keep an eye on the emails.

New members: Welcome Peter Macartney, proud new owner of Mistral #45, Mischief

Website: Many thanks to Olivier Marthe who keeps the website up to date. Any boats for sale or equipment,... let us know and we can get it put up.

SEE YOU AT THE **RON NORTON** TROPHY RACE ... (or before!)

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