



# Mistral Owners' Association

## The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

Another set of glorious sailing conditions last weekend !! Top drawer or what! Not sure what's in store for the Xmas hols but it sure was a great way to end the first half of the season.

### Club Chatter:

**TYC:** The all-important Ron Norton race attracted 8 boats and the handicapped start was spread over 10 minutes. Garth set us a lovely long course, 3 laps planned to last an hour or so as befits a trophy race. Entries varied from the 'Old Gits' to the 'young guns' to the '3 in a boat', also some new sailors to the scene and a bunch of old hands, ..... a handicapping nightmare but delightful to see such a mix on the water.

The race had plenty of potential to go drastically wrong with a goodly breeze, spinnakers, loads of turning points and other hazards. It unwound beautifully with all 8 boats finishing within 3 minutes of each other. Delighted to say the 'Old Gits', the Mason/Atkinson combo sailed remarkably well and squeezed over the line to take the trophy.

**GBC:** Another perfect day, great breeze, a good turn out and some extremely close racing. A few 'round the cans' racing started things off followed by a 'passage race' down to the river mouth and back! #4 Sean Connolly seemed to be taking most of the honours but the rest weren't far behind. All polished off with a Christmas ham feed up on the deck for afters.



The Ron Norton trophy winners with Doreen Norton



The Stones doing it slightly differently!

### Programme Update:

Mahurangi Classic and Anniversary Weekend: Anyone wanting to join in with Mistral accommodation at Mahurangi contact the Horgans! Otherwise book some camping or day trip it, .... It's a great event.

BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS – SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR

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