



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

..... just keep the summer rolling on!! Great racing all-round, more to come,

RACE REPORT: AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS: An outstanding success over the weekend 16 & 17 Feb. All up a total of 16 boats took part over an exciting two days. Saturday produced some fresh breeze perfect for some beautiful long reaches, with a long enough runway for everyone at least to have a dabble with the spinnakers. There were some new & some interesting mix n' match crew combos turning up, with Andrew Stone sailing 3 up with his youngsters, then the big chaps Alastair Mc George and Craig Floyd having a go (and stressing the rig!), plus delighted to see some teenage youth (Tom & Logan plus Matt & Abby) from GBC getting sorted and giving it a whirl. Honours for the day went to Nick and Matthew (#47) closely followed by Brett & Darcy (#101). Special mention goes to our resident youth pairing of Jarrod and Seb in #25 for entertaining most of Tamaki Drive spectators with a multitude of spectacular capsizes, I think six genuine really good ones in total!

Sunday turned out to be a lighter-wind affair but no less intense as the wind shifts and tides at GBC kept the boat manoeuvring skills at a premium. A bit of local knowledge kicked in with the Bilger/Haslett combo in #5 cleaning out the first two races nicely and showing the rest how to deal with tight courses and river flow. The incredibly close racing was borne out in the overall results where each of the top five positions had to be decided on count-back, amazing! Deserved victors and fitting winners of the very prestigious Des Townson trophy were Brett & Darcy who continue their run of top form! Fix this event in the calendar for next year! *Special thanks to Tony and Jack Dalbeth-Hudson for making it down from Northland!*



Check this out: 3 families in 4 boats, and how many crewing #4 ? !! Taken at GBC during the Auckland Champs.

NEW MISTRALLER: (drum roll!) not quite a sailing participant just yet but, ...yes , the class is delighted to announce a new Mistraler in the form of a beautiful baby girl born to Anna and Matt Atkinson (Mistral #44 and class treasurer!) on Monday. Many congratulations and very best wishes from us all to Anna & Matt !

Tuning Tips: Watch this space (well not **this** space as obviously it's a bit too small now!!) for a few tuning tips by Matt O'Maigh , and also I'll put some elementary bits together on how to get the spinnaker up & going.

Mistral Champs: 23rd & 24th March, not far away!! Notice of race will be on the streets shortly. Block out the dates in the diary!! Weather is booked, so no problem.

Cheers, Nick