



THE ARROW

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Commodores Column

The end of the 2005/06 sailing season has provided some wonderful sailing conditions with stable autumn weather. The Closing Day by all accounts was GBC at its best – sunny weather, steady breeze (albeit light), good sailing, and great family fun. Once off the water the BBQ on the deck and accompanying adult refreshments were a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who make our club the great family club that it is. Without a huge effort from the committee, parents and sailors there would be no sailing.

It is an exciting stage in the club's evolution. The committee wants to stay abreast of changes in the youth classes that are happening both nationally and internationally, to ensure we are meeting both the racing and leisure sailing needs of the current and future cohort of young sailors.

There is clearly a need for an entry-level craft for the younger teenagers, to this end the Techno Board (windsurfer) is well suited and will be introduced next season. We have one of Auckland's best windsurfing waters adjacent to the club and we would like to foster closer relationships with local schools as a potential source of new sailors.

With the first stage of the new building project out to tender and embarking on construction later in the year we need to grow the club base. We would like to encourage every club family to introduce one new family/member to the club. My observations are that the whole sailing process goes much more smoothly if the sailors (especially the younger ones) start with a friend.

The forthcoming prize-giving on Sunday 25th of June is an important social event for club members. It is a time not only to honour those who have done exceptionally well, or who show potential but to acknowledge the efforts of all sailors and to thank those who have helped the club function smoothly throughout the season. Prizegiving is a most enjoyable social event at which we can reflect back on what a great season it has been. The event will include a guest speaker, raffle, and a BBQ skippered by Marcello Lardies!

Tom Kool Commodore

A mixed bag of crews with dubious tactics line up for a start on closing day. Marcello in #1238 shows he can skipper a Starling as well as a BBQ



Dates to Diary

Sunday 25th June	4.30pm Prizegiving Glendowie Tennis Club
Sunday 9th June	Gala Fundraiser For Opti Sailors
10th June	Yachting NZ protest seminar @ Bucklands Beach YC
11th June	Yachting NZ protest seminar @ Murrays Bay SC
20 th - 23 rd Oct	P and Starling Nth Is at Napier Sailing Club
18 th - 25 th Jan 2007	P class Nats Nelson Sailing Club
23 rd - 30 th Jan 2007	Starling Nats at Nelson Yacht Club
26th- 31st Dec 2006	Pre Worlds 420's
1st -11th Jan 2007	420 Worlds Takapuna

From the Sailing Master

Let's take a different tack with this report – call it a flier out to the port tack layline.

Rather than report on the sailing in various classes which will no doubt be better covered by the respective convenors, I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank those people who have assisted with the organization of the racing for our sailors:

- the race management teams who start and finish races, set the courses and conduct the briefings
- those who assist getting patrol boats out, and especially those who help put the patrol boats away

Special mention goes to the efforts this season of:

- Rob Craigie for his sterling work keeping up with (but never ahead) of maintenance on the patrol boats
- Peter Todd for his maintenance of the fuel stocks
- Steve Sharps for his guidance of the green fleet
- Brian “what time is the tide in?” Peet for his enthusiastic leadership, encouragement and cajoling of the Starling fleet

GBC has enjoyed another good, but not spectacular, 2005/06 season with some excellent regatta results, strong growth in the Starling class, good progress in the Learn to Sail squad but dwindling numbers through the Opti class and disappointing levels of participation in the Arrows.

Now is the time to consider what each of us can do to ensure that GBC maintain and builds upon its sound base. Yes, we need to bring in sailors and retain them as they develop skills. The key to any sporting club's success lies with the commitment of parents and friends who contribute to the organisation, administration and running of the club.

With the prospect that a number of youth sailors will be moving on the next year or two, we need to work together with the parents of the younger sailors and foster their participation in the running of the club, in any of the many roles to be played by parents.

While my focus is primarily upon ensuring that we meet the needs of sailors, we must ensure that infrastructure and operations of the club remain strong as the basis for providing for the tuition, development and competition amongst our sailors.

I urge everyone to consider how you might make some small contribution to these betterment of GBC, and look forward to working with a motivated group of parents next season.

Top sailing,

David Glen Sailing Master



It's not all hard work! Parents relaxing after closing day races.



Putting it all into action. Dave Glen on the Start boat for the Opti nats.

Optimist News

Seven sailors represented GBC at the 2006 Optimist National Championships held at Torbay from Easter Friday to the following Tuesday.

Apart from Easter Friday, sailing conditions were fantastic with 12 to 18 knot winds from the east/north east. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, four back-to-back races were sailed which made for long days on the water. The standard of sailing throughout the Open Fleet of 180 competitors was extremely high. At the front of the fleet, anyone of the first twenty place-getters either won or came close to winning a race over the 15 race series. The depth of talent seems to be getting better and better each year.

George Kool finished 8th entitling him to represent New Zealand at the North Americans in Puerto Rico in July and Ashleigh Lamberg finished 14th entitling her to represent New Zealand at the Asian Championship in Taipei in late July/early August. Ashleigh is also intending to sail in the US Open and Girls Championships in Sarasota, Florida prior to Taipei.

Jake Stanley-Harris and Thomas Elmore also sailed a great regatta finishing 29th and 56th respectively. Rosie Kool and Chloé Lowe handled the long days sailing well finishing 114th and 134th. Jacob Tyndall withdrew after the first race but I am sure he will be back, full-on next year, as he is a sailor with a lot of potential.

Racing was extremely close no matter where in the fleet you were positioned and it was very easy to drop ten or more places within meters of the finish line.

We look forward to seeing those who are staying on in Opti's for the 06/07 season over the winter months when it is planned to run the occasional race from the Club. We will advise you of the dates. Also do not forget the racing on Lake Pupuke every Sunday afternoon, 1:30 pm start.

Lloyd Lamberg
Optimist Convenor



Briefing for the Opti Nat Team before sailing each day. It was fantastic for the team to have older club sailors helping and supporting them each day. A true reflection of the caring and supportive nature of GBC as a family club.



Big start lines at the Opti Nats Easter Torbay 2006

The Opti Sailors need your help!

This years top 10 Opti Sailors are holding a Gala Dinner and Auction night at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron to raise funds for travel to international regattas. Ticket includes welcome drink, buffet dinner and wine, coffee and a slice. Contact Bridget Kool email b.kool@auckland.ac.nz or phone 021 524 802 if you can help with

- Donating Auction items
- Purchasing tickets for the Gala dinner at \$60.00 per head (sitting at tables of 10)
- Bidding at the Auction



Most of the GBC Opti Nat team ready for action before the opening march-by of sailors



Our New Caledonian friends ready for the opening march-by. If you are interested in your young opti sailor being a part of the 2006 exchange to Noumea contact Tom Kool tom.kool@xtra.co.nz

LTS Report

For the most part, it was a GREAT EFFORT this season by the LTS squad.

We were fortunate to have some great sailing days, especially late in the summer, without too many disruptions for dodgy weather.

There were a number of hardy souls who made nearly every weekends sailing, and there were a few at the other end of the scale who made an all too rare 'guest' appearance.

Like anything we learn as youngsters, be it reading, writing, maths, riding a bike, rugby, cricket, tennis, or water-polo, it is important to practice regularly. Sailing is a challenging and very rewarding activity, it is a very special life-skill, but it needs to be learnedso time on the water is critical.

Hopefully Logan, George, Laura, Simon, Tim, Russell, Taylor, Niklas, Billy, Tom, Brittany, Chris and Craig will all be back next season (maybe in a glass opti ?) and continue their progress in learning to sail and then to race.

See you all at the prizegiving for the presentation of your Level 1 and Level 2 certificates.

David Glen LTS Coach

Green Fleet Report

The last two sailing days of the season were a very fitting way to end the season. A serious race followed by a fun race where we could sail in any boat we wanted. All in about 10 knots and sunshine – Thank goodness the season ended when it did.

Looking back over the season, we started with plenty of numbers, sometimes up to 14 on the start line, but as time went on those numbers tailed away, so by the end of the season often only 3 or 4 people turned up; shame really. Admittedly though, Tom & Harry Craigie and Jake Tyndall defected to the Open fleet, reducing the numbers at the top of the fleet.

This year Victoria Sharps was the Green Fleets only representative at the Nationals finishing 32 out of 55, with a best placing 15th.

For all those who next year will be moving on to the Open Fleet, good luck and for those coming into the Green Fleet, I look forward to seeing you at the start of the season.

Steve Sharps Green Fleet Coach

Starlings

The season has now finished on a great note with fine weather and gentle winds for closing day. Vinnie was going like a house on fire however, always the gentleman, he gave everyone a chance by choosing not to sign on and then testing the weather side of the start line before the start to make sure it was safe for everyone. Frankie benefited by his competitor's courtesy and cleaned up with Lauren and Tom chewing at his heels. Bobby was his usual consistent self, ready to pounce if anyone made a mistake. It was great to see Emma out for what is rumoured to be her last sail. She will, however, still be with us on the Club Starling web page. (Check out the great shots, but if you are on dial up, be patient, it takes a while.) Dave and Emily have made steady progress settling into their new boats and it will be nice to see them both again next season. Jake has made a rapid transition from his "bluntie" to a real boat and we look forward to seeing his smiling face on the course next season. Andrew had a good days sailing and reported better boat control with a larger rudder. Hopefully we will see him next year as well. Hamish continues to progress well with his brand new boat and when on song always sails well.

Michael has made a tentative but positive start to his Starling racing with a borrowed boat for the last few races. Michael was always a threat when he too was on song with his Opti, so we look forward to seeing him getting on top of the differences in the new type of boat. A rare cameo attendance by Luke was great to see, hopefully the sailing bug bits him again and we see more of him next summer.

This season's racing has been well covered in Arrow write-ups, however once again I must congratulate Ben for a great season. He was most consistent race winner at the club, highest placed GBC at the Nationals and first place at the Auckland Champs. He has been the best performing GBC Starling sailor for many years now and has teamed up with Paul for a 420 campaign. Simon, Fran and Josh are also moving into the same class, so we will miss all of the combined experience and talent that these guys have brought to club sailing over the years and I would like to wish them all the best with their new challenges.

Next season will be fun to start with a fresh keen group of enthusiastic new class sailors. The aim will be to keep the fun side of sailing running hand in hand with learning new boat handling and racing skills. Already planning is underway to attend the North Island champs in Napier over Labour Weekend and in mid January send a 40 foot container of boats and rib to the Nationals in Nelson.



The start line on closing day



**Aren't they a beautiful boat?
Danielle sails at the Starling Nats**

**Starling sailors in challenging seas at the
2005 Starling Nats New Plymouth**



Brian Peet Starling Convenor

P and Starling events

Autumn and Winter racing series 2006

Howick Sailing Club - Autumn Series

Sundays May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - start time 1230pm. 2 races per day.

Pakuranga Sailing Club - Winter Series

June 4th and 18th, July 2nd, 16th and 30th, August 13th. Entry on day. Start times and number of races per day unknown.

Manly Sailing Club Winter Series Races Inquiries Gus Gager 09 424 0398 or 0274 818 060 Sunday Afternoon 2 pm start; 2 races; postponed to following Sunday if weather no good
Sunday 23 April 2006 OOD Rex Maddren 428 0102
Sunday 30 April 2006 OOD Mark Page 424 5998
Sunday 14 May 2006 OOD Bruce Morton 09 528 4001
Sunday 28 May 2006 OOD Mike Parker 424 7153
Sunday 11 June 2006 OOD Andrew Viscoe 424 1379
Saturday 24 June 2006 – Prizegiving at Manly from 6pm Sunday 25 June 2006 – AGM from 10am (before racing) OOD Stephen Wagstaff 426 3898
Sunday 9 July 2006 OOD Ross Morton 424 5234
Sunday 23 July 2006 OOD Don Salthouse 424 8520
Sunday 6 August 2006 OOD Brian Ladyman 09 422 0797
Sunday 20 August 2006 OOD Mark Griffiths
Saturday 26 August 2006 Ice-Breaker Laser Regatta at Manly
Sunday 3 September 2006 OOD Mark Tillett 424 0578
Sunday 17 September 2006 OOD Dean Salthouse
Sunday 1 October 2006 OOD Phil Ash 424 1244

North Island P Class and Starling Championships

20th to 23rd October 2006 at Napier Sailing Club. NOR available on www.napiersailingclub.org.nz. Entries close 1700hrs on Friday 13th October - \$65.00
7 race series.

Accommodation is still available some suggestions are: Beach Front Motel Approx \$175 per night 0800 77 88 88, Fountain Court Motel around \$135 per night 0508 411 000, Kennedy Park Top 10 Resort from \$90 per night 0800 457 275

NZ P Class and Starling Nationals

P class 18th to 25th January, Starling 23rd to 30th January 2007 at Nelson Yacht Club Inc.

Preliminary NOR available on www.nyc.tasman.net also with accommodation booking form. Some families have already booked houses in Nelson.

It has been suggested that GBC use a 40ft container to pack P's, Starlings and a rib or 2 into and freight it down therefore offering the option to drive without a trailer or fly and hire a car. Those that are interested please contact Elizabeth Andrew kams@orcon.net.nz so that numbers can be gauged and planning can start.

420 REPORT

We now have 3 crews from the GBC involved in 420 sailing. Their aim is to compete in the selection trials in December and gain selection for the NZ team for the 2007 worlds being sailed at Takapuna in January 2007. The 3 teams are:

- Frankie Lardies (Helm) and Simon Stanley-Harris (crew)
- Paul Nicholls (Helm) and Ben Lowe (crew)
- Josh Impey (crew) will sail with Kane Illingworth

The GBC boats are Lenam 420's imported from Spain with Toni Tio sails. The boats are being kept at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club during the winter months along with many others. Training is now in full swing with informal racing on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the winter. Any club members are more than welcome to come down to Akarana and look over the new boats and talk to our 3 teams. This is a very exciting venture for our club members who have jumped from their Starlings into these two-man boats with a view to competing against the very best crews in New Zealand.

GOOD LUCK GUYS

**Pete Nicholls 420
Convenor**



Unpacking the container



Paul and Ben trying out their new 420

Training Opportunity

Yachting New Zealand has organised 2 one day seminars on the subject of running protest hearings. It is aimed at up-skilling those who do this at club level as well as sailors and coaches who need a better understanding of the process. The first is on June 10 at Bucklands Beach YC and the second on June 11 at Murrays Bay SC. The charge is only \$10. Ross May is the presenter.

We hope that for some this will be the start of the process to becoming a judge but all are welcome. We would appreciate you bringing this to the attention of anyone you feel may be interested.

There is no need to pre-register but we would appreciate advice if you know of anyone coming so that we have an idea of numbers attending. Please contact Richard Brown at richard@yachtingnz.org.nz

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

With a youth sailing a major focus at GBC, we need to ensure that we always have young sailors coming up through the ranks. With the introduction of the Techno sailboard, so young sailors will have another opportunity to get into sailing at GBC. All members should give thought to which friends (neighbours, schoolmates, other eastern suburbs residents) might be interested in joining and learning to sail at GBC. Invite them down !!

If you have any questions, please phone David Glen (hm 528 6476)

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ARROWS

On 19th March 2006 the first race saw very light winds with three arrows on the water Pelorus, Blue Streak and Pukeko. The top rounding was difficult due to the strong current and Pukeko rounded convincingly first followed by Pelorus and Blue Streak. All spinnakers were set and in the long leg Blue Streak over took both boats just before the mark rounding. A successful spinnaker gybe by all boats and the race was on for a close finish with Blue Streak just getting the gun with a few meters back to the newcomer Pukeko.

Dave in Alibi joined the second race, growing the fleet to four Arrows. The freshening breeze and change in direction meant a change in top mark position, favouring Blue Streak to round first followed closely by Pelorus, Pukeko and Alibi not far behind. On the reach all spinnakers were set making quite a sight. Great to see them in use guys! Positions were closely contended right to the line but each boat held its position.

The third race saw a change in skipper for Blue Streak for much of the race and everybody was adjusting their craft to the changing conditions. Blue Streak had a convincing first place round the top mark but lost ground (or water) to the rest of the fleet. The run to the finish was a tight one with all spinnakers bellowing in the freshening breeze, Pelorus just meters behind Blue Streak at the line and Alibi and Pukeko fighting it out.

The club champs were soon to follow on the calendar with strong gusty winds, driving rain and lumpy sea. (Unfortunately) All but one arrow made it to the start due to warm beds, sore heads or breakages to skipper and boat. Well done to Blue Streak for sailing the first race.

Round Browns Island race was threatened to be cancelled due to the miserable conditions but fortunately the weather corrected its self and the conditions were right for an ocean voyage around the Island!!! Aronui with John Woodyear-Smith and Michael Sharps took an early lead followed by Nick in Auklet, Dean in Pelorus and Steve and Andrew in Blue Streak in hot pursuit. However it was not to be as Dean had a major breakage (what next! The Skipper...) and unfortunately had to pull out with a collapsed mast before reaching the island. Aronui lengthened her lead and held on to the finish, followed by Blue Streak and Auklet. Fantastic to see everybody flying their spinnakers and plaining in the freshening breeze on the way to the finish. Some great rides were had!

April the 30th proved to be one of the most tactically demanding yet. With the strong current and light winds the boats with only one person having the edge on those with a crew. This was soon to be balanced out with the use of the spinnaker on the reach and the run, so it was all on for the up wind leg. At the bottom mark the fleet split with Auklet and Blue Streak heading into the cliffs to get out of the strong current while Pelorus, Pukeko and Alibi went out to gain the stronger winds and fight the outgoing tide. This lead to a nail biting finish with meters between boats, going into the cliffs seemed to be favoured, with Blue Streak taking the gun seconds in front of Auklet followed closely by Pukeko, Pelorus and Alibi. Great to have close racing with five boats on the water!

Steve Wallace
Arrow Reporter



***While all had fun, few abided
by any of the usual rules on
Closing Day***



More Closing Day fun



Editors Note

We have some incredibly interesting and talented families in our club. If you have interesting anecdotes to share please send them in to elmore@xtra.co.nz. Photos are always especially welcome.

Nicky Elmore Editor



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