

WOW Newsletter for August 2012

Hello sailorettes!

I'm Megan Harris, your chairwoman for another year. I hope you've been keeping busy over winter, maybe even reading up about sailing, so you'll be ready and keen for when the WOW season starts again on November 1st. Hopefully you've been getting fitter and stronger so you'll be hauling those halyards and pulling in the sheets faster and better than ever. If you're anything like me you've been inspired by watching the Olympics and know that those competitors don't just dream it, they do it! Like our very own Peter Burling and Jason Saunders.

In May, I decided that my 'middle-age spread' wasn't a good look so I joined Fitco in 13th Ave, aiming to get in shape and lose weight for summer. Now, after 3 months, my clothes are definitely fitting better and I feel more energized and enthusiastic about the coming sailing season so it must be true that fitness and wellbeing gives one a better outlook on life.

If you're already hooked on sailing and want to maximize your sailing for the whole year then why don't you join our wonderful clubfor new members from September it's just \$176 for a senior (18+) or \$220 for family membership. Existing club members are reminded to pay their subs by 31st August to get the generous discount. Check our club website for more info – www.yacht.org.nz or phone Christine on 578-5512 during office hours.

TYPBC is a great club with enthusiastic & friendly people, that's why we're so successful especially in the youth sailing both nationally & internationally. For adults there is ample opportunity to sail at least weekly in the Wednesday night Twilight Series, also Friday night Rum Races (ie no extras fun sailing) and then most weekends in summer sailing up the coast or around nearby islands. When daylight savings finishes we then switch to fortnightly winter sailing on a Sunday afternoon. Our pro-active committees are constantly coming up with new ways to keep everyone enjoying both the sailing and social activities. Every Friday night the club is open for dinner & drinks for all the family so come and join us - non-members must be signed in by a member but you just have to ask at the bar. Everybody is welcome if you love sailing!

On April 28th & 29th this year two teams of our WOW ladies competed in the National Women's Keelboat Champs in Auckland. Hoping to improve on last year's result was Holly Farmer and her very experienced crew. Rhonda Richie (owner of Smudge) stepped up to the challenge to helm for the other team of relatively inexperienced WOW girls. On the blustery Saturday Holly's team did well to hold onto 3rd place but finished the regatta in 5th place while Rhonda's team were happy to survive the trying conditions without any breakage although losing Delwyn overboard slowed them up somewhat. The Sunday conditions were quite the opposite with light or nonexistent winds so only 2 races were completed in time. All in all it was a great learning experience for Rhonda and her team and a pleasing result for Holly's team. The challenge now is to ensure at least one team enters the event each year.

On 2nd September the Club will be holding the annual Father's Day Family Fun Sail so if you want to share the experience of sailing with your family and friends on a club yacht with skilled crew then book now for only \$15 per adult, \$5 for under 17 year olds and free for under 5 year olds. Reserve your spot now – phone the club on 578-5512 or email office@yacht.org.nz and come along to TYPBC at Sulphur Point on Father's Day from 12.30pm. Spaces are limited so get in quick! For those who are not keen to sail then you can opt to go on the Luv Boat cruising launch for an afternoon on our beautiful Tauranga harbour.

Attached is the WOW calendar for the 2012-2013 season so put it somewhere visible so you don't forget the dates. Notice that our last race will be a Sunday sail on April 7th which is a bit later than usual due to Easter being early next year. Our committee decided that a Sunday finish would be good for a change and has many advantages including allowing a longer race, possibly out the Entrance to A Buoy and back, and also prizegiving and dinner would be earlier at about 6pm so it won't be a late night.

Hopefully the Rena has done all the damage it can do to the Bay so we're looking forward to a long, dry summer of sailing and I hope to see you sailing again soon! Make sure you spread the word about WOW to all your friends in time for the first sail on November 1st.