



WOW News for September 2012

As winter reluctantly slips away and the spring buds burst into life we suddenly feel more energized by the longer daylight hours and warmth of the sun's rays. At last, we can bare some skin and marvel at the brightness of the day. Yay....summer's coming! Not long now for WOW so get yourselves sorted for Thursdays from 1st November and come sailing with the women of the Bay.

Last year we celebrated our 10th birthday so we thought we might as well start the next decade with a **new logo**. Since the acronym 'WOW' is also used for various other causes we wanted to make our logo show that we do sailing so to keep it simple we simply added the word 'sailing' and removed the feminine cross to neutralize things. So now it's obvious what we do – hope you like it!

We've also been planning for a rainy day when poor weather conditions cause us to **cancel sailing** - last year we had 2 such nights. This year we are committed to having some form of sailing training on every WOW night, rain, hail or shine. Whether it's on the water or in the Clubhouse we'll make sure you learn something about sailing and have fun on an otherwise gloomy night so never assume WOW is not happening. The evening would be free of charge for club members and WOW prepaid members and only \$5 for day members and other club members.

Sometimes on the **alternate Thursday** to WOW night we may organize a special event and this season we have managed to secure Hamish Hey from Yachting NZ to give us some training on rules and knots. Hamish is a well accomplished sailor and enjoys teaching his passion so come along on 22nd November for this special evening for WOW. With the help of Hamish we are also trying to arrange a couple of alternate Thursday evenings learning to sail in the dinghies owned by BOPSAT. This is booked for 2 nights in the New Year but we have yet to secure the boats. Please reply to this email if you think you might be interested in sailing in a 1 or 2 person dinghy.

The Club is calling for anybody who can **help with the City to Surf** run/walk on Sunday 30th September. It's a great fundraiser for the club and lots of fun when everyone chips in to help. They need people on Saturday from 2-4pm to make up registration packs, then helpers to register the competitors on Sunday from 7am and also people to be marshals around the course. Please contact Dave Merton on 021 220-4000 or email citytosurf@etools.co.nz if you can help.

The Club is also calling for **helpers in the Tower** to run our races – some sailing experience would help but is not a prerequisite. It's a great view from up there and experienced volunteers would help you learn the various jobs. You'd be put on a roster so the more helpers they can get the better. Contact Bruce Harrison on 576 6737 or 027 221 6926 or email bjh1900@gmail.com .

WOW now has a facebook page for us all to feed with photos and stories of all the fun we have sailing so please check it out on www.facebook.com/wowtauranga . You must be registered on facebook to 'Like' it, I think. It'll be a great way to get into the scene and make new WOW friends so make sure you check it out.

We've got new WOW head warmers to add to our merchandise this year and another cool sailing gear bag to raffle off, plus more racing at Lake Rotoiti on 1st December and again next year.

See you all soon....cheers Megan Harris (WOW chairwoman)