

WOW Newsletter for September 2013

Ahoy there ...sailorettes!

Greetings, fellow followers of wind and tide... 'tis I, Megan Harris, your chairwoman for yet another year. Yes, it seems nobody wants my job so it's business as usual for me. We do, however, have several new members on the WOW committee after calling for more helpers following the AGM. Delwyn Hodgson is happy to do the boat allocation again but this year I've asked Sue Cook to assist Delwyn. Gill Needs, as always, is a great help with event organizing and Nicole Harris is still keen to write stories for Waterline. Laraine Hughes is doing a great job as secretary and Jodie Squires will pick up the treasurer's job as well as maintain our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/Wowtauranga. Bianca Tencate and Angelika Gillen volunteered to find sponsors and Irene Ewens returned to take up the merchandise job again but unfortunately soon realized her heart wasn't in it and resigned again. Leanne Smith will continue with the handicapping and Laura Vonk wants to help with prize giving so this leaves Chris Glenn and Shelley Page to help in the wings. A great team for a great cause so make sure you come sailing with us this summer.

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 **October 31st**. Yes, it's Halloween night so it could be a bit scary out there. It's been such a thrill watching our boys in the AC72 catamaran racing in the Louis Vuitton Cup and I can't wait to see the challenge for the America's Cup starting September 7th. Meanwhile, we're glued to Youtube watching our young champions, Peter Burling, Jason Saunders and Sam Meech from Tauranga on the AC45 cats licking the opposition in the Youth America's Cup racing.

The WOW Summer Series is only 9 races but if you really want to get into sailing you can **join the club at any time** during our season and if you've prepaid for the WOW season then the \$90 will be credited towards a full membership. We encourage the mother's of kids who do the centerboard Learn to Sail or Learn to Race courses to also learn sailing by doing WOW with us. 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 racing with no spinnakers 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! Go to our website for more info - www.yacht.org.nz

Earlier this year on April 27th & 28th Rhonda Ritchie pulled a team together to compete again in the **Women's National Keelboat Champs** but this year she handed the helm to Leslie Goddard from BOPTYS, Lake Rotoiti. All seven of us stayed together in the motel which was great for team spirit. The Saturday racing was in a stiff 25-35kt breeze which caused a mainsheet pulley to pull off the deck of our boat. Fortunately, Tom Mackay of MRX Yachting, was able to fix it for us while the Race Officer postponed the Race 2 start waiting for the wind to drop. The Sunday races were in perfect conditions. We completed all 8 races as well as we could and we had fun in the process but there's lots of room for improvement! Like any sport, to win requires commitment, skill, knowledge and practice, practice, practice.....

The **Father's Day Fun Sail** was a huge success with 140 novice and experienced Dads, Mums and kids getting out on the water in keelers, catamarans, dinghies, inflatable RIBs and windsurfers - a fabulous showcase for the Club!

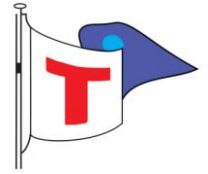
Attached is the **WOW calendar** for the 2013-2014 season so put it somewhere visible to remind you to go sailing. Notice that our last race will be a Sunday sail on April 6th starting at 1pm so we should get a longer race, possibly out the entrance to A Buoy and back, weather dependent of course. Prize giving and dinner will be earlier at about 6pm so it won't be a late night.

To start the season off we decided to have a pre-season get together on **Thursday October 17th from 6pm at TYPBC**. All WOW old and new are invited and we'll talk sailing over nibbles and wine from the bar. Meet fellow crew and skippers....make new friends or relax with the old ones...a chance to tell tales and have a laugh so do come along.

Remember to tell all your friends in time for the **first sail on October 31st!!!!**



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Women On Water Summer Series 2013 – 2014

Pre-season get together – all WOW welcome	Thursday 17 th October From 6pm at TYPBC
Race 1	Thursday 31 st October 2013
Race 2	Thursday 14 th November 2013
Race 3	Thursday 28 th November 2013
Race 4	Thursday 12 th December 2013
Race 5	Thursday 6 th February 2014
Race 6	Thursday 20 th February 2014
Race 7	Thursday 6 th March 2014
Race 8	Thursday 20 th March 2014
Race 9	Sunday 6 th April 2014 - sign on from 11.30am

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER by the Tuesday before race day by email to wow.tauranga@gmail.com OR txt Delwyn Hodgson on 021 244-2040 stating your full name, contact phone number and that you wish to register for WOW. Sign on is from 4.30 to 5.20pm at the clubhouse on WOW nights.

For more info go to our website - www.yacht.org.nz/women_on_water