

FROM THE COMMODORE

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all club members, but especially to those for whom this will be their first season at Wakatere.

During the winter months we held a very successful Learn to Sail School with a number of children from existing Wakatere families attending. The main point of difference was most of these sailors had their own boats. We hope to see these enthusiastic sailors and their parents continue with this level of involvement in the Sunday morning sessions.

With the rapid growth of the club over the last few years and the recent OSH rulings the committee have decided to change the way things are run.

We have set up committees responsible for various aspects of the clubs activities. Each committee will be delegating tasks to members to take the load off the general committee. To take the club forward from here is going to involve a team effort, so please put yourself forward to take on a task.

Wakatere is hosting a number of regattas this year. They are: The Wakatere Junior Regatta on 13th December, The Splash & 14ft Nationals on 14th February, The Auckland Secondary Schools Regatta on 26th and 27th February, the North Harbour Champs on 6th March, and the Wakatere Senior Classes Regatta on 14th March. Once again we will have to call for all hands on deck to run these regattas safely and successfully.

Lockers are under even more pressure this year and we will be strict on the criteria of boat usage. To retain a locker the boat must be actively used for club activities, at least 50% sailing Sundays

If you are unlikely to meet this criteria, please arrange for alternative storage and contact Pauline Ellingham so she can re allocate the space.

Looking forward to seeing you on opening day.
John Ellingham

The Sunbursts start in splendid style at the nationals



NEWS AROUND THE CLASSES

Each class has it's own class representative within the club so don't hesitate to contact them if you have any queries.

Remember if you are planning on entering any regatta or champs you will probably need to be a current member of the owners association. The owners associations have other benefits which you will find out about in their newsletters (which you receive when you become financial). For details on how to join up, please see your class rep.

Class reps

Optimist.....Derek Snow	P ClassJohn Ellingham
StarlingJono & Glen Spurdle	Sunburst.....Bruce Yarnton
LaserJohn Ellingham	OKPhil Rezpecky
3.7.....Paul Carpenter	

Opti

There are still plenty of people looking to buy boats. Welcome to some of the new owners - Andrew Priestly (Blue Magic), Mark Jansen(Roxy), Mitchell Scott (Sam Cox's old boat). The club is hosting the Junior Regatta on Saturday 13 December. This is a must for everyone. For the newer, less experienced skippers, there will be a green fleet section. There will be ample preparation and help for those wanting to do their first regatta. Rotorua is the venue for the North Island Champs, 22 and 23 November. Remember to book accommodation if you are considering entering. The Nationals are at Worsler Bay, Wellington over Easter.

P Class

All the same aces from last year plus the addition of Brendan Sheehan and Jeremy Dey. Lots of champs to look forward to. North Harbour at Wakatere, Aucklands at Kohi, North Islands at Napier and Nationals at Lyttelton.

Laser

A few new additions to the class - The Gregs (Watkins and Gatfield).

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KEY DATES

Sunday 5 October Opening Day • Opening Ceremony 1100hrs - BBQ to follow afternoon racing
Saturday 13 December Junior Regatta
Sunday 21/Monday 22 December Sleepover



The Wakatere team at the North Island Sunburst Champs

NEWS AROUND THE CLASSES

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The old regulars will have a bit of a rev up now. Pete Thomas (winner of the National Masters champs in Manly last season) will be out of action for the first half of the season having taken to his thumb with the circular saw. Doesn't pay to be a handyman!

Sunburst

Stefan Goldwater is now the proud owner of Grant Bourke's boat which he built for the Nationals last Easter (finished 2nd). Stefan has been out a couple of times with his son Rueben including a winter series race at Pakuranga. Danny White has bought Meridian Express (995) and likewise has been trialling over winter. It is good to see some of the younger children out racing with Dad. The Auckland branch of the NZSA is planning a small interclub series. Auckland champs are at Howick in March and the Nationals are at Muritai (Wellington) over Easter. Malcolm Tubby has been elected the Chairman of the NZSA. Apparently there has been a major maintenance programme on his fine craft over winter. Another one to look out for is Anthony Harland's Takahe, which has come up from New Plymouth.

Starling

Wow, lots of action there now. The girls are coming! Jessica Wilde, Sophie Rzepecky and Amy Watkins have all plunged into the Starling class. Jono Spurdle, Sam Cox and Bradley Pettifer are also the new kids on the block. Like the P's – the NI champs are at Napier and Nationals are at Lyttelton.

MORNING COACHING

This season we have two head coaches. Rosemary has returned to help out and Jeff Crooks has come aboard to share her load. Jeff ran an excellent learn to sail class over winter and is keen to keep working with some of his pupils.

The first session will be Sunday 12th October – the weekend after Opening weekend.

Also we have three onshore coordinators who will share the task – Duncan McQueen, Malcolm Tubby and Mason Trouchet. It is important that these guys have lots of support from the parents. They will point you in the right direction and let you know where you can be of use.

Remember when you bring your kids down for this session to pack some suitable clothing for yourselves in case you are required to help out in or on the water. The class starts at 0900hrs and the briefing will be at 0930hrs. The season is broken up into two blocks, the pre-Christmas session (hopefully with lots of graduates) and then a post-Christmas session. At the end of the pre-Christmas session there will be a sleepover.

Watch for more details.

THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Mark these dates on your calendar now. Please feel free to join in on any of these occasions.

Opening Day - 5 October

The official ceremony will be at 11am. Following racing there will be a barbeque – BYO meat and salad. Everyone welcome.

Pre-Christmas sleepover - 21 December

A real favourite with the kids. This is both an educational and social activity and great results are achieved.

Christmas – Kids party – 14 December

This is held at the beach – running races, sack races etc. There will be a visit from Santa and the usual treats. We will need to know numbers closer to the time.

Christmas – Adults – Date TBC

A venue will be chosen nearer to the time at a restaurant brave enough to take our booking. A good night with no help needed in the kitchen (unless you forget your credit card!)

Waitangi Day Club Picnic – 6 February

Once again we have chosen Waitangi Day. The destination is always dependent on the wind direction on the day. Last year we sailed to McKenzies Bay, Rangitoto. Bring along your own picnic. We need as many big boats as possible to take passengers.

Masonic Cup Day – 24 April

This is one of the few Saturday club days. The race usually heads around North Head to a mark of the Masonic Tavern on Devonport Waterfront. After racing we meet for a 'pub' meal at the tavern.

Closing Day - 9 May

Barbeque after racing.

As these events draw nearer, we will supply more details.



The tug-of-war at last year's picnic at McKenzies Bay.

Paul Snow-Hansen performs strongly at Optimist Worlds

By Derek Snow

Paul Snow-Hansen attended the Optimist Worlds in Spain in July thanks to his second placing in the Opti Nationals.

The regatta was held in the waters off Las Palmas in Gran Canaria (Canary Islands). The conditions were superb with winds ranging from 8 to 20 knots and a large ocean swell about 3m high. The air temperature was in the high 20s, low 30s but seemed cooler on the water, probably due to the 22°C water temperature. The sailors pretty much dressed as they would in NZ.

The NZ team consisted of Peter Burling from Tauranga, Dan Willcox and Ersin Buckley from Murrays Bay, Josh Nixon from Kohimaramara and Paul. This was a particularly young and inexperienced team with Peter the only one having previously sailed at the Worlds.

The team arrived in Las Palmas before any of the other teams and were the first team to pick up their charter boats and get out on the water. This early start seemed to be highly beneficial and the boys quickly got acclimatised to the conditions. A series of impromptu races with other teams showed that the NZers had good speed, in fact Dan and Paul appeared to be going very fast.

The racing started in exciting fashion with Dan appearing to win the first race of the regatta, unfortunately being disqualified for being over the line at the start. Not to be discouraged, he went out and repeated his performance the next day, the first time a NZer has ever won a race at the Worlds.

Meanwhile, Paul was putting together a strong set of performances and after two days was placed 6th overall. From then on he sailed fairly consistently but slipped off the

leader board to finish 24th out of the 221 competitors, one place off the best placing ever by a NZer. Dan and Peter also did well finishing 37th and 40th, being the first time the NZ team has ever had 3 sailors in the top 50.

The other highlight was the performance of the team in the teams racing section of the regatta. Being almost totally inexperienced in this form of racing, the team excelled in finishing 7th equal, never actually being beaten on the water. They were finally knocked out by the Croatians (who went on to come 3rd overall) due to a post-race disqualification.

The regatta was a wonderful event, well organised and friendly with superb although challenging sailing conditions. The opportunity to mix with sailors from all around the world was a of huge benefit to the children.

Paul has now been invited to attend an Opti regatta to be run in conjunction with the King Edward VII Gold Cup in Bermuda in late October. The racing will follow a match racing format and be tightly integrated with the main event.

And lastly, a big thanks to the club members for their support and for getting behind the fund raising, especially the wine tasting and auction.



Paul Snow-Hansen has been invited to contest the Renaissance Reinsurance Junior Gold Cup to be held in conjunction with the King Edward VII Gold Cup to be held in Bermuda. One sailor from each invited country competes, with selection being based on placings at the recent Opti Worlds. Sailors such as Dean Barker, Russell Coutts, Peter Gilmour and Chris Dickson will be competing. Congratulations on your selection, Paul. A press release from the organisers follows:

Youngsters To Join the Party

Organisers of the ISAF Grade 1, Investors Guarantee Presentation of the King Edward VII Gold Cup have announced the creation of the Renaissance Reinsurance Junior Gold Cup.

The event was created with the assistance of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA) to expose juniors to leading international sailors in a mentoring atmosphere and provide opportunities to learn about sailing and match racing.

The world's top Optimist Class sailors from countries represented by Gold Cup participants have been invited to Bermuda to participate in the five-day development program, which will be held October 18-21, concurrent with the King Edward VII Gold Cup.

"The Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association is delighted to join with the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and Renaissance Reinsurance in hosting the Junior Gold Cup," said John GARDNER, BODA president. "Where else in the world can the sailors of tomorrow stand shoulder-to-knee with the best of today? Bermuda may be a small country, but

with generations of seafaring we are committed to maintaining a world-class attendance in international racing from Optis onwards."

Over the course of the week, the Junior Gold Cup schedule will mirror that of the skippers and teams participating in the King Edward VII Gold Cup. While match racing in Bermuda's legendary event takes place on Hamilton Harbour, the juniors will race in their own regatta on Bermuda's Granaway Deep.

The week also includes an opportunity to learn more about sailing through practical drills in Optimists and attend briefings with the world's top sailors. After racing, the junior sailors will attend the King Edward VII Gold Cup press conferences at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

On the final day of the program, Sunday, 26 October, the Renaissance Reinsurance Junior Gold Cup will hold its final match on the King Edward VII Gold Cup course, with a prize giving to follow onshore.

Event Website
www.KingEdwardVIIGoldCup.com

BROOKE MEMORIAL Saturday 6th March 2004

Sunburst and Frostbite owners – Please keep this date free. This is a "fun" Regatta in memory of John and Elsie Brooke – founders of Wakatere Boating Club. The Regatta is for all Brooke designed boats. The entry is free and there is usually 2 races held – 1 morning, 1 afternoon, depending on the weather. Lunch is provided by the Brooke Family who organise and run the day. There are good prizes plus the chance to win beautiful Bronze trophies (In the shape of a frostbite and sunburst) for the championship winners. Further information will be given nearer the date. P.S. Would the winners of the bronze trophies from the last Brooke Memorial Day please return the trophies to WBC.

OK Dinghy World Champs - Goa, 2003

by Ben Morrison

In March & April of this year, the World OK Dinghy Champions were held, for the first time, in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Goa in India. I was a member of the six New Zealand team competing.

2003 began very positively for me ^ winning the OK Nationals in Auckland was a big thrill. It made my mind up to go to the Worlds in India and make a serious attempt at winning. My goal for the Worlds was a top 5 finish, and of course to win if possible. Although the fleet was small (due to international upheavals in that area of the world at the time there were many who didn't feel it would be entirely safe) it would be tough. We had a very strong Kiwi team, including Greg Wilcox and Paul Rhodes ^ who had been respectively 1st and 2nd at the previous OK Worlds in Napier, New Zealand. The team also included Joe Porebski and Robin Coutts who have been top performers for many years. From England the main competition would come from Nick Craig, European Champion and the favourite to win in Goa. On the local front, Nintin Mongia from Mumbai had a new boat and had been training in Goa fulltime for months leading up to the Worlds, while the rest of the Indian team consisted of fulltime OK sailors from the armed forces.

India was an amazing place to visit, and the trip was one of the most worthwhile things I have done, for that reason alone. From that point of view, the sailing was a bonus. We saw many beautiful sights, and met some great people. I made an effort to see as much of Goa as possible while there ^ this included the major beaches (Anjuna and Baga) where they have famous ^hippy, parties and markets; some of the natural attractions such as Dudsagar Falls (India,s highest waterfall) and the huge old catholic churches and hindu temples that are such an important aspect of Goan culture.

One thing that must be mentioned is the food - we ate some amazing things in Goa, most notably the seafood and of course the spicy curries.

We were also exposed to the poverty that is such a big part

of life in India. I saw children living with their families in the dirt by the side of the road ^ to come home and see children with their own boats to sail, nice houses and loving families really opened my eyes and made me realise how truly lucky we are here in New Zealand, especially those of us involved with such a privileged sport as yachting. I think it is very important that, regardless of our results on the racecourse, we appreciate that.

Now to the sailing. The pre-worlds went well and were an excellent chance to learn about the conditions and the other competitors. It was immediately apparent that Nintin Mongia would be very hard to beat ^ he had several advantages, most notably excellent local knowledge and blistering speed which was a combination of several factors. I finished 6th in the pre-worlds, and with three Kiwis ahead of me the team was looking strong. I really worked hard in the week leading up to the Worlds, and made some real improvements in terms of learning about the conditions and how to go fast in them. This really paid off in the Worlds ^ I felt confident and was going fast and this was reflected in my results which were the most consistent they have ever been. I had 3rds and 4ths for the first four races, then pulled out a 2nd in Race 5 and 1st in Race 6 to move into 2nd overall with one race to go. I was then able to hold onto that place despite a 5th in the last race. All in all it was a great result for me, and I am looking forward to the next Worlds in Poole, Dorset, England in July 2004. I have a serious campaign underway already and am working hard on fitness, strength and my equipment together with of course the vital ongoing on-the-water training.

I want to thank my sponsors, the New Zealand International Yachting Trust, and Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, the law firm who covered much of my expense. I am very grateful to both organizations who made a top result possible. Finally, my thanks to Wakatere Yacht Club who have been very good to me since I came to Auckland, making a shed available and providing all the amenities necessary for a strong campaign.

I look forward to seeing you on the water!



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The Sunburst Nationals - Easter 2003

After months of gradual preparation and a few weeks of hectic organizing, Thursday finally arrived. There was always a bit of apprehension as to whether everything that needs to be done has actually been done. So with the clubhouse open and Deano manning the load cell weigh station, the boats slowly started to trickle in through the process line. Some of the boats wished they could shed some weight while others were left scurrying around looking for more.

Greg's (Bubbles) drying regime worked especially well and he needed more weight than he thought. By the end of the night our supply of lead had been exhausted and as a result we resorted to soaring up weight belts. Snorkeling sounds like a good idea now!! The last boats rolled into the compound just after 10pm when it was time to shut down and look forward the Day 1.

Friday Day 1

Good Friday dawned a beautiful day with light breezes. Don Brooke (PRO) briefed the crews and got them all on the water for the 1100hr start. The bellies seeing. As two races were scheduled, the hot cross buns were much appreciated. With 30 3.7s to start first with the Sunbursts following 10 minutes later and the

Easter king tides flooding out, it was always going to make the first start interesting. It was no surprise that the first race had the first and only general recall. The race was won by Zytz kipped by Grant Bourke, crewed by Luke Yarnton. The Zytz was launched on the way to the start. Second was Embers skippered by Greg Wright, crewed by Penny Kerr. Third was Rhythm and Swing, skippered by Brett Linton, crewed by Adam Emirali.

Race 2 was sailed in a nice 10 knot NE breeze won by Rhythm and Swing, Second was Zytz and third Embers. All the races were sailed with the bottom mark 200m off the beach which made for excellent viewing for the spectators ashore.

Once ashore it was tidy up time, ready for a sausage and prize giving for the first day.

Saturday Day 2

We arrived to a little more breeze still from the NE and with the intention of sailing three races. Don Brooke set three great courses throughout the

day with great spinnaker reaches on the triangles. By now there were little battles happening throughout the fleet. The first three places were again shared by Zytz, Rhythm and Swing and Embers. Two wins went to Rhythm and Swing, one to Zytz.

After a hard day on the water, it was time to head off for a bit of local Devonport hospitality at the Masonic Tavern on the waterfront. With a social prize giving and Chris Te Pa on the guitar it made for a great night for all, children included.

Sunday Day 3

With two races left to complete the competition, down came the rain. A shifting 15-20knot Easterly breeze, it made laying the course a difficult task. The first race was abandoned half way through the start sequence and a subsequent delay was necessary while we waited for the breeze to settle. Embers showed their form in the stronger breeze and picked up race 6. Race 7 was won by Zytz again in a dying breeze. Rhythm and Swing, with two seconds for the day had enough points to win the contest by just ONE point from Zytz.

I am sure that most who attended would agree, that it was a most enjoyable contest, both on and off the water. It was great for the Wakatere fleet to meet up with everyone.

With the contest over, it would be remiss of me not to thank all the people who made the contest such a great success.

- Deano who chose not to sail so that he could help ashore.
- Don Brooke and Ralph Roberts for their race management.
- The good looking ladies in the kitchen.
- Our fine friends out on the patrol boats.
- Kevin for overseeing.
- Greg for the stocking of the bar.
- Mike Allen for his efficient contest results.

And special thanks to Geoff Topham who did so much behind the scenes and forfeited the last race so that he could organize the prize giving.

A huge thanks also to the major sponsors, Line 7 and the Masonic Tavern, without whom it would have been difficult to host.

See you all at Muritai next year.

Bruce Yarnton

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A BIT OF TRAIN SPOTTING...

- 47 boats
- 13 were on weight at 77 kg
- 30 boats were 80kg or less
- heaviest boat was 90kg
- the top 5 boats were all under 79kg
- boats from 15 various clubs competed
- only one boat from the SI
- largest fleet from one club was Wakatere at 15
- 12 fibreglass boats competed
- 6 wooden and 4 fibreglass boats finished in the top 10
- the oldest boat was 30+ years
- the newest boat Zytz was launched on Race 1

out and about



Above, it was all fun and games at the Winter Learn to Sail.

Below: left: taking over the kitchen at Auckland raceway (from left) Rusty, Tony White, Greg and Mel Gatfield; centre, Laser champ Pete Thomas enjoys the club picnic with Marjo, Jodi and Scott; right: when good singers go a bit too far... Nick Jones has a go at karaoke at the Vinyls Night.



Below, left: Optis off the beach during Sunday morning coaching; right: Phil and Sophie at the Nationals.



GO KARTING

Once again we booked out the Auckland Raceway Go Kart track. Lots of inexperienced drivers had their first ever session behind the steering wheel. There were some interesting collisions both with other cars and the stacked tyres on the side of the track! Watch out next time for Team Stefan (Stefan Goldwater, his friend Stefan and Ian Swinton) who took out the speed award. It was good to see that the world is not only made up of maniacs. There are still some sensible safe drivers out there. The 'safety first' award event went to Kevin Whitehead and 'best dressed' went to Jeremy Dey. Next time we will arrange it so that the kids get more time on the track – sorry.

CLUB PICNIC

Last year we had a great turnout for the Waitangi Day picnic. The weather man helped out making McKenzies Bay a suitable destination. It was a spectacular sight to see our

small yachts sailing amongst the classic yachts on their way to Kawau for the Millennium Regatta. A great variety of keel boats were on offer for the passengers to cruise on. Aqualine (Farr 1020) courtesy of the Wildes, Zeus – the Keyworths, Phantasy (Stewart 34)- Phil Coveny, Caloondra – the Dyes/Hielkemas, Matarii – the Smith/Sawyers, Ixion – the Mitchells. Also the Gregs (Gatfield and Watkins) with their speedier crafts. This event always gives our members an opportunity to try out sailing on a larger scale and they look forward to it. The beach races were fiercely competed for. The fathers definitely need to brush up on their sack race skills before next year. The ladies three-legged race proved how co-ordinated the females are. After a gigantic tug-of-war the beach was looking a little the worse for wear and the sailors were ready to head homeward (with a bit of help from the patrol boats). Overall a fantastic day, thanks to all those who provided their big boats. We would love to see you back again next Waitangi Day.



Above, left: Dads in the kitchen on closing day (Mother's Day); centre: Bob Gillies enjoys another day on the water; right: Racing Rusty. Below, 3.7 Nationals at Easter; right, many hands make light work at the Working Bee.



RESULTS

P Class Nationals (Tauranga Cup)

Final Results. December 2002. The wind continued to be light to the end of the regatta. Entering the final race, Paul Snow-Hansen & Kate Ellingham were racing to win the Murrays Bay Cup for best first time sailor (won last year by Garth Ellingham) while Kate was also only two points off the lead in the race for the best girl. In the end, Paul managed a 7th in the race to secure the Cup and 8th overall while Kate won the Harken Trophy as second best girl, finishing 12th overall.

Final places:

Paul Snow-Hansen 8
Kate Ellingham 12
Mike Snow-Hansen 25
Wade Gatfield 31
Jake Lawrence 42
Andrew Knox 61
Nick Mitchell 78

Australian Optimist Nationals

Jeremy Dey competed in the Australian Optimist Nationals finishing 14th overall. Jeremy was a member of a NZ development team sent to Australia by Sail One.

2003 BBYC Junior Regatta

Wakatere sailors did well in the BBYC Junior Regatta held at Eastern Beach on 1 February. Paul Snow-Hansen won the Optimist Class (4, 1, 2, 1) with Kate Ellingham third. In the P Class, Jake Lawrence was placed second, Wade Gatfield fourth and Nick Mitchell fifth.

Secondary School Regatta 27 & 28 February

This year the official secondary school regatta was called off and an invitation regatta held at Kohimaramara in its place. Mike Snow-Hansen put an indifferent first day's performance behind him to gain places of 2, 1 & 1 in the heavier winds of the last day to finish 2nd overall. Kate Ellingham did not sail on the first day but her final results of 1, 2, 2 were enough to secure first girl overall.

Auckland Opti, P & Starling Champs. 1 & 2 March

The Auckland Starling, P & Opti Champs were held at Eastern Beach in light shifty conditions. Highlight for the Wakatere contingent was the performance of Jake Lawrence in the P Class. Jake placed fifth overall with a best placing of 2nd and with a number of turns leading the fleet.

Dirty Dog Regatta. 8 March

The famous Dirty Dog Regatta was held at

Glendowie in perfect conditions, attracting fleets of 86 (open) and 89 (green). A large contingent of Wakatere sailors attended and it was good to see most of the green fleters hanging in to the end. Wakatere place getters included Paul Snow-Hansen, first overall & first in age, Mike Snow-Hansen 5th overall & second in age and Finn Drummond, Dylan Vogel & Jess Wild who all secured age group placings in their respective fleets.

2003 Olympicsail. 15 & 16 March

Olympicsail was held at Torbay and in a departure from previous events, Optimist, Ps, Starlings & 420s were invited. Wakatere sailors produced some outstanding results, namely GArth Ellingham who lost first place in the 420s on countback, Jake Lawrence who placed second in the P Class and Kate Ellingham who finished third in the Optimists.

Auckland Girls Champs, 22 March

Kate Ellingham convincingly won the Auckland Girls Optimist Champs held at Kohimaramara with placings of three firsts and one second.

2003 Auckland 3.7 Champs & 420 Regatta, 22 & 23 March

A fleet of 18 3.7s contested the Auckland Champs held at Wakatere. Racing was held in light to moderate easterlies, Saturday morning racing characterised by some large shifts. The pacesetter was Lance

O'Connell from Rotorua whose regatta came to a premature end with a broken side stay with two races remaining. This allowed Nathan Handley from Wakatere to come through to convincingly win the title from Nick Dawson (RNZAF) and John Elliot (Hamilton).

The City of Sails Regatta was held at Kohimaramara in brisk 12 to 17 knot winds, the first moderate to heavy regatta for some time. Most of the Opti fleet turned out as this was the last regatta before the Nationals. Star performer for Wakatere was Mike Snow-Hansen who placed third after convincingly winning race 3. Other good results were 2nd placings in individual races by Andrew Knox, Kate Ellingham and Paul Snow-Hansen.

THE 14'S ARE COMING!

The rumours are correct! The next International 14 World Championships will be held at Wakatere Boating Club from the 7th to 19th of February 2005.

Between 75 and 100 of these exciting skiffs will descend on the beach from Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, USA, South Africa, Japan and Australia.

What is a 14? The 14 is a fourteen foot restricted class sailed by two crew, both on trapezes. The 14 is the Americas Cup class of dinghies.

Why at Wakatere? Wakatere has very strong ties to the 14 class. A number of the older members sailed 14s in the 50s and 60s including club President Don Brooke who will be the race officer for this regatta. A large number of past and present members sailed 14s such as Adrian Hayman, Dean Coleman, Mike Long, Bruce Yarnton, Paul and Steve Mitchell, Malcolm Tubby, Phil Coveny, Derek Snow, Grant Bourke, Nick and Tim Willetts, Paul Sommerville, Joey Allen, Matthew Mitchell and others.

▲ For more details, visit our website at www.wakatere.org.nz

2003 WINTER CHAMPS, MURRAYS BAY 26 - 28 SEPTEMBER

The seasons first major regatta, the Winter Champs was held at Murrays Bay over three days. Conditions varied from 6 knots up with racing curtailed on the final day due to a heavy rain squall. Star performer was Paul Snow-Hansen who dominated the Optimist class to score 7 wins and 2 seconds over the 9 races meaning that he ended with a perfect 7 points after the two drops.

Kate Ellingham also continued to sail well in the extremely competitive P Class fleet, occupying 2nd or 3rd throughout the regatta only to slip back into 4th place overall on countback at the end of the regatta. Jeremy Dey also showed that he is getting to grips with the difficult P Class finishing all the races including those on the heavier final day. In the Teams Trophy run in conjunction with the individual event, the Wakatere team of Kate, Jake Lawrence, Wade Gatfield and Mike Snow-Hansen placed 3rd behind Kohimarama and Murrays Bay.



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