

## **Key Dates**

**4<sup>th</sup> October : Friday – 6pm onwards,  
Pre-season fish & chips night**

**6<sup>th</sup> October : Sunday - Opening Day**

Opening Day Programme:

- 9-12pm - Morning Coaching
- 10- 12pm - Open for visitors & membership sign up
- 12.15pm - Lunch
- 12.45pm - Briefing for Afternoon Races
- 1.30pm - First Opening Day Race
- 4.00pm - BYO Opening Day Barbeque

## **Commodore's Column**

The 2002-2003 yachting season is approaching fast and the committee is well down the track with the organisation of this.

The fees have been set at the same level as last season despite an increase in the NZYF levy. We are now trying to organise the lockers, which are in great demand.

For many of us there has been no rest over the winter with a very successful Mid Winter Christmas party, The Fist Full of Dollars regatta and Sunday sailing at Lake Pupuke, and Taikata.

This season we have two major regattas to organise: The Wakatere Youth Regatta on Saturday 14th December and the Sunburst and 3.7 Nationals over Easter 2003.

Other major events many members will be involved with are the P and Starling Nationals at Murray's Bay in early January, and the Optimist Nationals at Picton over Easter.

There are a number of projects we will be pursuing this season: they include re-coating the wooden floor of the hall and old committee room, tidying up and painting the entrance hall, extending the concrete out to the drain in the quadrangle, repairing/ replacing the red duck, building a new entrance ramp plus a number of smaller projects.

Some of these will require funding from outside the club, as we do not have the necessary budget to cover these. Help from any of you who are able to help us apply for grants from gaming trusts etc would be greatly appreciated.

Lockers - Lockers are under extreme pressure again this year and we will be asking a number of people who have not sailed regularly to vacate their lockers.

If you have a locker and are not going to be sailing with the club regularly this season please vacate it to make way for someone who is regularly sailing.

TGS Sailing - Takapuna Grammar School has expressed a desire to start a sailing academy, possibly including sailing related subjects on the curriculum and wishes to associate itself with WBC. Any input on this topic is welcome.

*John Ellingham*

## **MID WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The festive season arrived early at Wakatere this July with our Mid Winter Christmas party. Christmas lights, the smell of pine trees, carols and mulled wine greeted the 100+ diners who ventured out through the snow!!! The meal was of a very high standard thanks to all those chefs involved. Santa arrived with gifts for young and old. The front row seats were available to witness the All Blacks beat the South Africans. Rusty lead the national anthem and haka with support from the junior members. Thanks to everyone for making the night such a great success. Look forward to it being on the social calendar next year.

## **SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS**

- Team NZ Base Visit – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.  
Contact Bruce Yarnton for details, 445 6079.
- Pre-Season Fish & Chip Night - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct from 6pm.
- Opening Day Lunch – Bring a Plate, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct from 11.30am.
- Opening Day BBQ – Bring Your Own meat & salad, from 4pm.

## JUNIOR SAILING

The morning programme is again at the forefront of our minds with the summer fast approaching. It is our intention to carry on the good work that Sally Garrett did last year but with a few modifications. We realise that communication probably wasn't our strong suit last season so it is our intention to keep everyone better informed with timing and events. There will be more parent involvement and the provision for more racing in the new scheme. The goal is to get all sailors to be able to compete in the green fleet (beginners) regatta at Wakatere in December.

## WAKATERE GO KARTING

Recently members of the club turned up for a Go Karting night in Henderson to show that they are not only fine sailors but also fine Go Karters, many of which proved that theory to be right.

The first race of the evening was the kids race which was for kids whose 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time Go Karting was on the evening. That proved to be an excitement and a buzz for the people involved while there were others in that race such as Wade Gatfield who went through the field of Go Karts (apparently) with ease, it seemed until the final tally came in which showed Mike to have the fastest time. Maybe they should have been in the adults race like some of the more experienced kids were. From the kids races, awards went to people on both sides of the speed list, including Josh Yarnton for the most snail like performance and Wade for being speedy.

Then the business of the adults' races started. The adults chose a partner and had half of the laps each (most of the time).

Through all the intensity of the racing, Greg Gatfield and my father, Rusty Knox, came out winners of the first race, and the second race was a tie for first of Stefan Goldwater/Garth Ellingham and Mike Drummond/Mel Gatfield, who were also overall winners of the adults racing. However the fastest lap was recorded by the Stefan and Garth partnership, the question of eligibility was raised over Stefan's use of his own helmet??? Also, delay tactics used by Garth on his opposition, setting a wheel loose was very effective. The prize for the most cars used has to go to Rusty and Greg – were three really necessary? Toward the end of the night, the cars started to depower a bit as they had been hammered by people who should probably be on the water.

A big thank you to Bruce and Karen Yarnton for organising another fun evening!

By Andrew Knox

## **2003 New Zealand Sunburst and Farr 3.7 Class Championships**

**Friday 18 April - Sunday 20 April 2003**

**Wakatere Boating Club**  
Narrow Neck, North Shore

### **Schedule of Events**

Registration	17/4/03	WBC	0900 to 1700
Measuring	17/4/03	WBC	0900 to 1700
Registration	18/4/03	WBC	0700 to 0900
Skippers Briefing	18/4/03	WBC	0900 to 0915
Dinner	19/4/03	TBA	1830
Prizegiving	20/4/03	WBC	After racing

### **Racing Schedule**

		Time of 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
Race 1	Friday 18 April 2003	1015
Race 2	Friday 18 April 2003	Back to back
Race 3	Friday 18 April 2003	1330
Race 4	Saturday 19 April 2003	0955
Race 5	Saturday 19 April 2003	Back to back
Race 6	Saturday 19 April 2003	1330
Race 7	Sunday 20 April 2003	0955

**Opening Day - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 11.30 BRING A PLATE**