



# THE FROSTBITER

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## FROM THE COMMODORE



I HOPE YOU ALL had a great holiday and have recharged your batteries ready for an even busier year than 2003.

2003 has been a great year for Wakatere both competitively and socially.

With Ben Morrison and Paul Snow Hansen representing NZ in world championships, Paul Snow- Hansen winning the Opti Open North Islands, and Andrew McQueen winning the Opti Green North Islands. Kate Ellingham winning the North Harbour Tanner Cup Trials and Mike Drummond getting 6th in the A Class Catamaran North American Champs.

Wakatere was also well represented in the P & Starling North Islands at Napier with 8 sailors competing.

The Wakatere Junior Regatta was an outstanding success with 157 yachts competing in near perfect sailing conditions. Recently eight Wakatere sailors and their families attended the P & Starling Nationals in Lyttelton. Garth won the Starlings and Kate was first girl and 6th in the Tauranga Cup.

Sara Winther represented Wakatere and came second in the Europe dinghy at the Olympic trials.

On the social scene, we have had a number of well-attended Sunday BBQs, a Christmas Dinner and a very successful sleepover.

The second half of the season is going to be very busy for all of us with Wakatere hosting the Secondary Schools Regatta in February and the Brook Memorial and Senior Classes Regatta in March. We are going to need a number of volunteers for these regattas.

Good sailing. *-John Ellingham*



*Amy Watkins competing at the Wakatere Youth Regatta*

## News around the classes

### Class reps

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

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Laser.....    | John Ellingham | Starling.....  | Jono & Glen Spurdle |
| OK.....       | Phil Rzepecky  | Sunburst.....  | Bruce Yarnton       |
| Optimist..... | Derek Snow     | 3.7 .....      | Paul Carpenter      |
| P Class.....  | John Ellingham | Frostbite..... | Bob Gillies         |

### OK Dinghy

This season has started well with the local fleet building up. Welcome back to Daniel Bush, a past National Champ and Finn sailor who has seen the light! All sailors are now training for the Nationals which will be held at Worsler Bay, Wellington, over Waitangi Weekend. Wakatere sailor of the year, Ben Morrison, is the defending champion. This will be the first national contest where carbon masts will be legal. The fleet has updated with many new masts and sails.

The winter will also be busy with teams competing at the Inter Dominion Champs at Airlie Beach, Queensland, and the World Championships at Poole, England. So you will see OK sailors training hard!

### P Report

The Wakatere P fleet is one of the most competitive in the country. We were the second largest fleet after Kohi at the Lyttelton Nationals and certainly one of the most successful with five Wakatere sailors in the top 25 of a 91 boat fleet. (see Kate's report for details)

With the Tauranga Cup over, the second half of the season usually sees a drop off in the P class fleets with some sailors going back to their Optis for the lead up to the Opti Nationals and others sailing moving up to Starlings.



## Sunday Morning Confidence & Learn to Race Sessions 2004

The morning coaching started early in the year on January 11th, with only 5 sailors on the water for the first session in very light wind. This gave a couple of new members to the club a great chance to improve their skills, and some others a chance to get back into sailing after the Christmas break.

Our second session on the 18th of January was windy, with gusts well over 20 knots. However all the sailors bravely gave sailing a go and gained the experience of launching in heavy wind and waves. Some of the more experienced sailors had a great time reaching back and forth around the 200m buoys for close to an hour.

Now that school has gone back and people are back from holidays we look forward to seeing more new faces, as well as those who sailed before Christmas, down at the club on Sunday mornings.

—Claire Allen

## International 14 Worlds.

After a number of meetings and much discussion with the International 14 committee and Takapuna Boating Club, it has been decided to hand over this event to Takapuna Boating Club.

The committee felt unhappy about the level of financial risk and the ability to find enough manpower to run this event in early February 2005.

On the other hand Takapuna Boating Club was very keen to run such an event and we will support them wherever possible with boats and support crew.

### Lasers

The standard of Laser sailing on Sunday afternoon continues to improve, as some of Auckland's top Laser sailors are discovering what great facilities and sailing conditions we have at Wakatere. We welcome Neil Murray and Gray Gibson who have recently joined and expect some of the other sailors who are now sailing more regularly as non-members to also join the club.

### Sunburst

It is great to see a few more new owners joining the fleet. Welcome to Michael Goldwater and Dave Millar. Yet another red boat on the water!! Dave Millar has bought 'Passing Wind' formerly a Taikata boat. We are still awaiting the return of Hartley Atkinson with the famous Black Magic after it's refit. Hartley will be sailing with one of his 4 children at some stage. Both Hartley and Black Magic are names engraved into silverware from a few decades back. 'Bad News' has been bought by Mark Christiansen who spends a lot of time sailing in other continents (not with the sunburst).

The results show big improvements by Mike Long and John White.

The rest of the season has lots in store with

- Brooke Memorial at WBC - 13 March

- Auckland Champs at Howick - 27-28 March

- Nationals at Muritai (Wellington) - Easter

The Brooke memorial is open to any Sunburst owners.

Several families are traveling to Wellington and it is always a great way to combine a holiday with a bit of sailing. Seriously consider making the journey.

### Starling

What a fantastic effort by Garth Ellingham. After wining the Junior regatta at Wakatere in December, he went on to win the Nationals at Lyttelton with consistently good places. Garth is now looking at competing in the Laser Radial Worlds in Brisbane.

Soon to join the fleet will be Mike Snow-Hansen, Jake Lawrence and possibly Andrew Knox. These guys are obviously eating too much and won't fit their P's for much longer.

The sailors who have moved up straight from Opti's showed their skills the other day in a good breeze. It was not easy getting off the beach and these young (mostly girl) sailors survived really well. Jess, Sophie and Amy went out there and showed the boys how it was done.

Robert Glenny has finally returned having spent the first part of the season concentrating on cycling. He has a new paint job on the Bad Blood so there should be no excuses now with the dry, light boat and the fast paint finish. Can he defend his seasons points title from last year? It is good to see Michael White out regularly also.

### Opti's

The standard of racing has really improved - possibly the result of several skippers attending various regattas. Over the holidays there has been Optisail, Opti clinic, the club sleepover etc which has been attended by many. Emily and George Tubby and Max and Chris Ulvr-Green traveled to a camp at Hamilton. George Grieve went to the one held at Akarana and Andrew McQueen and Paul Snow-Hansen joined the Opti Clinic at Eastern Beach. James and Antonia Hunt joined in an Optisail at Tauranga also.

The flow on from the morning confidence group is encouraging with afternoon racing seeing more and more joining in. There are plenty more regattas and champs coming up for the rest of the season. The Dirty Dog regatta at Glendowie Boating Club is usually a favourite.

Welcome to Pavel Granger, Tom Sugden, Tomo and Bennett Hume, Natalie and Jacquie Lane and Chris Steele all with new boats.

Mid week coaching will resume when school goes back.

### Frostbite

Where are you Bob???? Mel needs some competition. Mel was set for action, complete with crew but snapped a side stay.

With the Brooke Memorial approaching, all you Frosty owners need to dust down your craft and bring them out.

### 3.7

Fleets have generally been larger than last year with several of last year's Team NZ sailors back in their 3.7s, along with Tim Willets who has a new boat in the water. Several sailors have been winning but Peter Evans seems to have a slight edge at the moment.

## OK Dinghies

The 2003/04 OK Dinghy season is well underway now, and the Wakatere team is looking set to gain some top results. Everyone in the fleet is aiming for three big events: first, the OK Nationals and NZ Team selection trials are being held in Wellington in mid-February and will be the toughest nationals in a long time. Second, the Ok Interdominions will be held at Airlie Beach, Hamilton Island next Easter. And third, the big event is the OK Worlds next July in Dorset, England. There are 6 places available which will comprise the NZ OK Team to go to the OK Worlds, and at least 15 top OK sailors are in with a serious shot at making the team. From Wakatere, Ben Morrison and Mark Perrow (and Russ Wood when he joins the club!) are leading contenders for the national title itself, while Mike Inwood, Phil Rzepecky, Mike Wilde and Alec McWhinnie are training hard and each could make the team with the right preparation. However it will be really tough; other contenders are likely to include 5 time national champion and former world champion Greg Wilcox (Wellington), former world No 2 Paul Rhodes (Wellington), former youth world champion and professional sailor Matt Stenchman (Wellington), former youth World Champion, Team NZ member and professional sailor Dan Slater (Auckland) and several other top-class competitors who want a shot at the worlds. The OK class is very strong and the OK world title will be a major prize in 2004. Our goal is for a Wakatere sailor to win that title, and that is definitely a realistic goal.

The first OK regatta of the season was held on 29 & 30 November in Lake Taupo. With windy conditions it was a good test of all competitors and good preparation for Wellington. Ben Morrison won the regatta with Mark Perrow 2nd and Greg Wilcox 3rd. Mike Inwood managed 5th-equal (with Russ Wood) in a solid performance for his club, and Mike Wilde was 7th in a great showing from Wakatere in testing conditions – though some found the going pretty tough (Mike Wilde asleep in the gravel next to his car springs to mind...). With the new carbon rigs and the likelihood of high winds at the nationals, fitness is more crucial than ever this season.

— Ben Morrison

### Turangi OK Regatta results

NZL511	Ben Morrison	1	3	2	1	2	9pts
NZL521	Mark Perrow	3	1	3	2	3	12pts
NZL522	Greg Wilcox	5	2	1	4	1	13pts
NZL470	Steve McDowell	dns	6	4	5	5	34pts
NZL520	Russell Wood	2	5	6	8	dnf	35pts
NZL484	Mike Inwood	dns	4	5	6	6	35pts
NZL466	Mike Wilde	4	7	12	7	7	37pts
NZL516	Dan Bush	9	dnf	9	3	4	39pts
NZL518	Sel Pederson	7	9	11	9	8	44pts
NZL505	Rob Hengst	8	11	10	10	9	48pts
NZL498	Darren	6	8	8	dns	dns	50pts
NZL490	Trent Pryce	9	10	7	dnf	dnf	54pts
NZL499	Sean	10	12	13	dnf	dnf	63pts

## Anniversary Regatta

### Sunburst

This year the venue was Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club. The races were sailed in very light winds and a strong tide - every sailors dream. Four Wakatere boats competed - John White, Mike Long, James Corbett, Bruce Yarnton and their scary sons as crews. Race one was abandoned after the time limit expired. After the lunch break two more races were sailed with the course shifting right over to the Herne Bay side to avoid the tide - is that possible??? A sea breeze sprung up which allowed completion of the next two races with James Corbett the victor followed by Mike, Bruce and John.

## KIWI alias Mad Dog?



Xmas 2003 and WBC receives its present. Or so we thought ... the boat came and went. Then on January 18 she returned standing in front of the club, alongside our Commodore holding a bucket of soapy water. She had completed her first tasks; supporting the Wakatere P-Class and Starling sailors in Lyttelton, then the Opti's at Optisail Eastern Beach. Seeing the Commodore lovingly grooming her, she must have performed well.

The boat is identical to the Mad Dog which has proven to be easy to handle while performing well in all conditions.

The funding of the boat was originally to be provided by the Mad Dogs gaming foundation but with several changes happening our chances for a new boat were sinking fast. However with some well placed calls and negotiations by Phil Rzepecky, our boat was again a reality – thanks to the Kiwi Community Trust.

KIWI a 4.2mtr Aquapro powered by a 25Hp Yamaha.

— Greg Watkins

## Laser news

The number of Laser sailors continues to grow at Wakatere with Gray Gibson joining the fleet. Gray sailed at the Nationals and got a creditable 12th in the Masters only weeks after stepping into the Laser. Mike Keeton and Ian Gladwell sailed parts of the regatta. The big events to come are the South Pacific Master at Lake Ngareto, near Hamilton on the 14/15 Feb and the Auckland Master on the 3/4 April at Tamaki. So, come along and sail your Laser, get some training in for the "away" games and improve your skills. For the young dudes, all the major events for the younger sailors have been completed with Hamish Pepper (a young dude?!) winning the Olympic Trials.

— Pete Thomas

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## Wakatere Youth Regatta 13 December 2003

With perfect sailing conditions there was a big turnout with 170 boats entered over five classes. It was mostly supported by JAJA's but there were a few from out of town looking for a bit more racing exposure such as the Burlings from Tauranga, Blair Lindsay from Bluff and a strong contingent from the Northland region .

Included in the event this year was the introduction of a Starling Green fleet to complement the Optimist Green fleet. This proved to be a worthwhile division with Jess Wilde gaining a 4th overall. Garth Ellingham won the Starling Open fleet with 3 wins out of 4 races.

Paul Snow-Hansen won the P class showing great versatility between the Opti and P. In the Opti Open Andrew McQueen stepped up having won the NI Green fleet regatta and scored a 6th place

in one of the races. Luke Yarnton was the first 10year old in the green fleet. It was very encouraging to see 15 of the morning group out there having a go. For most of them this was their first real opportunity at racing. A friendly small inshore course was laid for them resulting in most boats finishing the races.

This is an annual event so watch for it at the same time next season.

As usual, these events take a lot of organizing. A big thank you to all those members who donated their time.

Photographs of the event can be found and purchased at [www.chriscameron.co.nz](http://www.chriscameron.co.nz) and (eventually) viewed at Photo gallery on the Wakatere website, [www.wakatere.org.nz](http://www.wakatere.org.nz)





## Tanner and Tauranga Cups

The gun sounded the first warning signal for the Tanner cup on the 28th of December in Lyttelton Harbour. It was loud over the local 20-25 knot sea breeze with step waves. Then bang it all began the start gun was fired and the conditions stayed similar throughout most of the short, 6-race contest. My first race ended as a 5th.

The following day was long with 3 races back-to-back in challenging conditions. It was during this day that I began to perfect bailing and sailing. I still insisted on buying a bigger bailer, to get yet more water out of the cockpit. Results from day two were 4th, 6th and a disappointing 8th due to complications with my mainsheet causing a sudden capsize.

Then on the final day it was extremely light and shifty which resulted in another 8th. But in the afternoon the sea breeze came in and I finished the regatta with a 2nd.

Final results concluded with Riley Dean (Canterbury) 1st, Thomas Olds (South Canterbury) 2nd, Josh Junior (Wellington) 3rd and I ended 5th.

New Years eve was my only rest day in between the two competitions, meaning that racing started the following day and the whole Wakatere camp was deprived of a New Years party.

Race One of the Tauranga cup began at 1.25pm followed by Race Two with more of the same 15-20 knot sea breeze. This suited me as by this time I had had plenty of practice in these conditions and got a 13th and 5th. But unfortunately Paul Snow-Hansen's forestay snapped resulting in a DNF.

Day two had three races scheduled and a win in the morning proved Paul's bad luck had changed. It was Mikes 16th birthday and he sailed two good races with a 4th and 9th while all my races were in the top ten. Andrew Knox also sailed a great middle race and scored a 10th. That night it was all back to Mikes for a birthday dinner.

The next day Paul got another gun in the light morning wind. While I was 7th and Jake Lawrence was placed 10th. There were two more races that day and I was in the top ten both times.

The final day there was only one race and for once the left side of the course didn't pay as Paul showed me with his second placing and my discard. Thomas Olds took out first place followed by Peter Burling then Chris Dawson. I came 6th over all and first girl winning the Naomi James Trophy. Paul was 15th, Mike 20th, Jake 22nd, Andrew 25th, Wade Gatfield 62nd and Jeremy Dey 67th. Wakatere had the second largest number of P's competing and the regatta was a great success.

— *Kate Ellingham*



Above *Kate Ellingham*.  
Below *Jake Lawrence*



Clockwise from top: *Tauranga Cup mayhem, Mike Snow-Hansen, tangle up, Jeremy Dey and Paul Snow-Hansen.*



## Social events and Upcoming Regattas

**Friday 6 Feb Club Picnic – Waitangi Day**  
There will be a cruising race for seniors and experienced juniors to the destination chosen on the day. Fun races and activities will follow on the beach. Pack a picnic and come along for a fun day. We would like to hear from any people willing to provide keel boat or launch transport for the non-sailors.

**Sat 7 & Sun 8 Feb Sail Ak** at Kohimarama. Open to Optimist, P & Starling

**Sat 14 Feb Bucklands Beach Centreboard Regatta** at Eastern Beach. Open to Optimist, P, Starling and Lasers

**Sat 21 Feb Ak Boys Champs** at Murrays Bay and **Ak Girls Champs** at Kohimarama. Open to Optimist, P & Starling

**Thurs 26 Feb & Fri 27 Feb Secondary Schools Regatta** at Wakatere. Open to Opti, P, Starling and Sunburst

**Sat 28 Feb Dirty Dog Regatta** at Glendowie Boating Club, The famous Optimist regatta for both open and green fleters.

**Sat 6 March North Harbour Champs at Torbay** Open to Opti, P & Starling

**Sat 13 March Brooke Memorial** The Brooke family hold a bi-annual regatta for classes designed by John Brooke – Sunburst and Frostbite. This is open to any owners.

**Sun 14 March Wakatere Senior Class Regatta**

**Sat 20 March Fresh Water Champs, Lake Pupuke**, open to Opti, P & Starling

**Sun 21 March DAY 1 WAKATERE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP for all classes, 4 races, 1st race 10am.**

**Sat 27 & Sun 28 March AK Opti, P, Starling & Sunburst Champs, Eastern Beach**

**Sat 3 April City of Sail Regatta at Kohimarama**, open to Optimist, P & Starling

**Sun 4 April DAY 2 WAKATERE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP for all classes, 4 races, 1st race 10am**

**Sat 3 & Sun 4 April Auckland Laser Masters Tamaki YC**

**Sun 18 April RESERVE DAY WAKATERE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** \*A minimum of 4 races must be held for the Club. If only 4 races are held all are to count. If more than 4 races, 1 drop

**Saturday 24th April, Masonic Cup** This is an annual event held with a race toward North Head and the Masonic Tavern on Devonport waterfront. After the race we celebrate with a pub meal. The last two years it has proven to be very popular.

**Easter Weekend: Sunburst National Champs Muritai, Wellington; Optimist National Champs Worsley Bay, Wellington; Laser radial open & Youth Worlds, Brisbane**

**PLEASE CONFIRM REGATTA VENUES AND DATES WITH CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

## North Island Opti championships

Friday November 821st all the boys sailing in the North Island Champs left after school to go to the cold lake Rotorua. We dropped off our boats and trailers in the grounds of the Lake Rotorua Boat Club. After registration we headed to our accommodation. At registration we got given a shirt and mug.

We turned up on Saturday morning, (22nd November). We rigged our boat amongst the chaos of the 112 open fleters and 88 green fleters. Wakatere had 4 competitors in the Open fleet and 7 sailors taking part in their first large regatta in the Green fleet. We got onto the water, with the wind gusting about 25knots. The Open fleet started first. Everyone battled during the day but we all had a lot of fun. Wakatere had a couple of good placing in both the Open and Green fleets. 4 races were completed on saturday.

On Sunday we all went out thinking that if we had three good races we would get top overall standings. The weather had died down a bit but was still gusty and it was raining most of Saturday and Sunday. After the final race we came in and packed up our boats. We went to the prize giving with high hopes. The final results were; in the Open fleet: Paul Snow-Hansen 1st in age and 1st overall. While in the Green fleet: Andrew McQueen 1st in age and 1st overall, Simon Swinton 1st in age and 3rd overall. Wakatere had a great regatta overall in the placings and many sailors achieving personal bests. Everyone who went really enjoyed it.

We would like to thank Claire Allen for coming the whole way down just to help the Green fleet sailors and we would also like to thank the organisers and the parents who helped us on and off the water and with the towing of boats.

– Andrew McQueen

## Pre Christmas Sleepover

An amazing 31 children signed up for this season's sleepover.

The fleet was split into three groups under the guidance of expert coaches Tom Allen, Claire Allen, Jackie Crooks, Wade Gatfield with assistance from Jeremy Dey, Andrew and Mathew Knox.

After a full day on the water they came ashore to play cricket and rugby. Dinner was gourmet hamburgers followed by a movie, complete with popcorn.

The movie screen was an unbelievable 8 x 4 ft in size meaning that the people watching from their beds in the back row still had no problem seeing the screen.

Hot milo and bedtime.

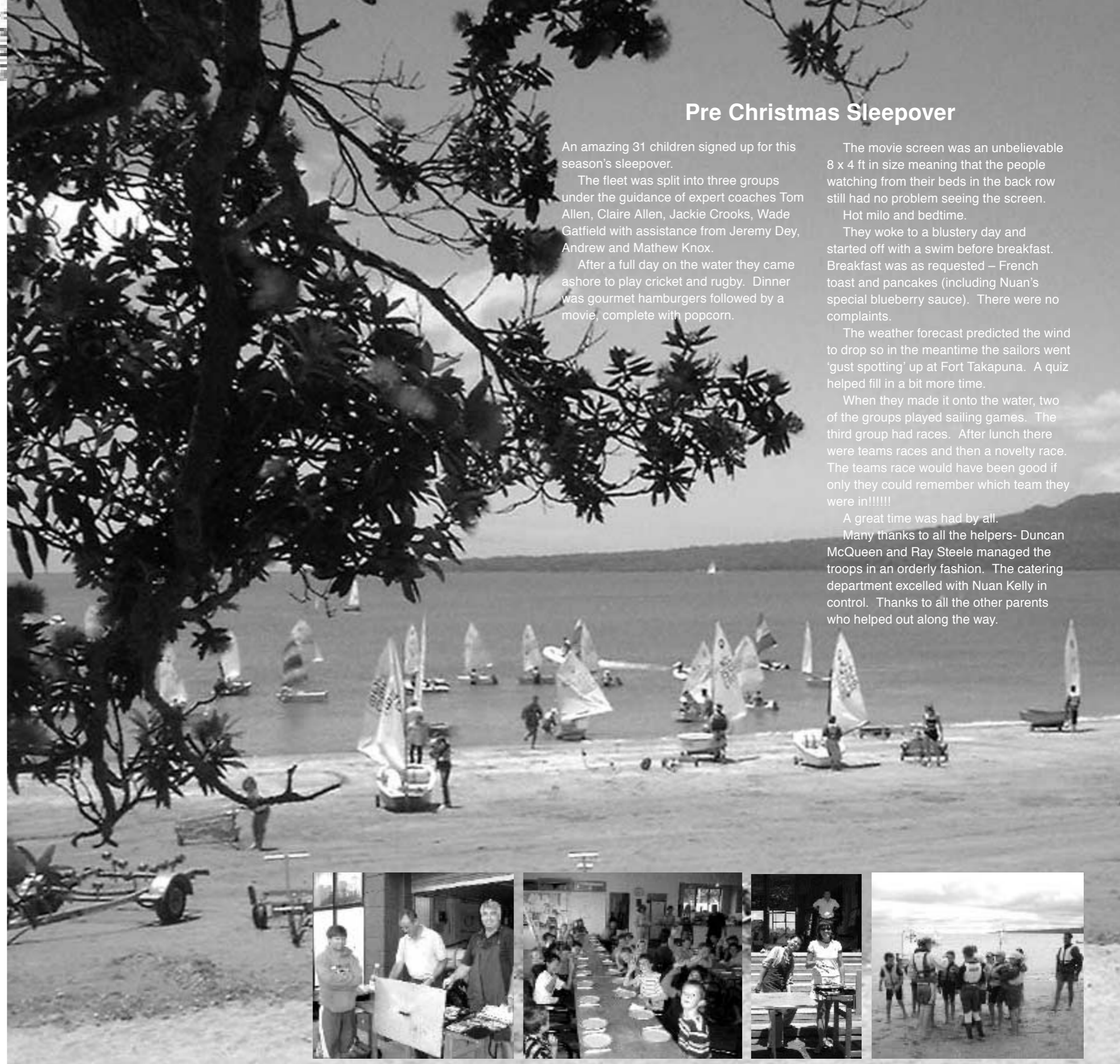
They woke to a blustery day and started off with a swim before breakfast. Breakfast was as requested – French toast and pancakes (including Nuan's special blueberry sauce). There were no complaints.

The weather forecast predicted the wind to drop so in the meantime the sailors went 'gust spotting' up at Fort Takapuna. A quiz helped fill in a bit more time.

When they made it onto the water, two of the groups played sailing games. The third group had races. After lunch there were teams races and then a novelty race. The teams race would have been good if only they could remember which team they were in!!!!!!

A great time was had by all.

Many thanks to all the helpers- Duncan McQueen and Ray Steele managed the troops in an orderly fashion. The catering department excelled with Nuan Kelly in control. Thanks to all the other parents who helped out along the way.



Sleepover, left to right: Wade, Russell & ? cooking, breakfast, Nuan & Anthea, coach Claire and charges

## Lyttelton Starling Nationals

After some heavy socialising up in Paihia, I arrived in Lyttelton, Christchurch, with the aim of winning the Starling National Championships. I had done quite a lot of training throughout the season and had made a few developments on my boat, with Dad and my coach John Morgan. Some of these were barely tested but with strong results throughout the season I wasn't too worried. Psychologically I was confident I could do the business but with my late arrival to the venue and not having been for a sail in over a week, there were few concerns with some of my major rivals having been down training up to a week before me.

The first day dawned, after some heavy arguments the night before about how the regatta would be run. The schedule was for an invitation race (to be sailed as one whole fleet), a practice race (so we could all try the split fleet concept), and then the first race (which would be sailed with the split fleet concept, which meant there were two flights). Due to advice from my coach I decided not to do the invitation race because it was a waste of energy and also a good psychological ploy. I then chose to do the first beat of the practice race, which I didn't do too well in (this had my parents worrying). I silenced them by going out and winning the first race after a very tactical last beat covering one of my main rivals Andrew Mowlem the whole way up the beat. The race was sailed in moderate 10-14 knot north westerlies and I was (very!!) pleased to have won it. Also my training partner and friend Nick Christensen won the other flight, registering his challenge for the trophy.

The next day arrived, after a good but anxious sleep. Scheduled were two races, with me placing a disappointing third after leading up the final beat. In the afternoon race I got another bullet, in the windiest conditions that we raced in throughout the regatta. I managed to come from 4th around the final bottom mark to get to first by the finish (I think I took advantage of almost every wind shift up that last beat).

The third day came with the ranking of the gold and silver fleets

at the end of the day. This was the day I'd find out who my biggest threats were. The race committee decided to do all three races back to back, which meant a long day on the water. I finished the day with a 1st 3rd 1st, which I was pretty happy, apart from the fact that my main rival Nick had matched it with a 1st 2nd 2nd. With one discard coming in he was now 1st equal with me.

The fourth day dawned after a blustery night, with a strong and shifty weather forecast. We ended up having no racing for the whole day because of high winds. I basically spent the whole day at the house where we were staying, the most energetic thing I achieved was finishing off Lance Armstrong's second book.

By missing a days racing the schedule changed from three races to four on the last day. I went into the last day confident that I could win, I knew, because I had been the most consistent throughout the regatta that all I had to do was get two good races. In the morning I went out and got a 1st and a 2nd in quite light conditions, with all my main rivals finishing disappointingly. This meant that we thought I had won the regatta but we were not sure because the official results had not been put up. So I raced the second to last race to make sure of it and finished 4th after being a comfortable 2nd halfway up the last beat (big left hander). By this time my coach and parents had figured that I didn't have to sail that race anyway and that I had won the nationals (I was rather pleased !!).

My training partner Nick Christensen had a good last race and secured 2nd which I thought was a great result. Morgan Brodie who was somewhat of an unknown came through to get 3rd, which showed that getting down to the venue early does pay, with my sister telling me he was down training when she started sailing the Tanner Cup.

Overall it was a well run regatta and I really enjoyed the sailing conditions, with almost always a great swell rolling down the harbour. Now all I have to do is figure out what to do next?

—Garth Ellingham



## out and about...

Boys' 3 legged race, Christmas party



Kate wins NH Tanner Cup trial



Girls' race, Christmas party



P Class team in Lyttelton

### Lake Taupo Cycle Race

A group of intrepid sailors took to their bicycles for the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge held on 30 November. Leigh and Susan Davis, Malcolm and Robert Glenny, Rusty Knox and Bruce Yarnton all competed. Now that the serious training is over they can concentrate on sailing. Rusty was a first-timer and lapped the lake in a credible time of 5hr 05min. Robert Glenny did one of the better times for a 15 year old coming in 4hr 53min. Malcolm had gear failure but still came in under 6 hrs. Bruce, Leigh and Susan competed in the relay section.

Perhaps we could put together a Wakatere team next year. If you are interested, have a chat to one of them.



Santa at the Christmas party



## Results

### **Wakatere Junior Regatta, 13 December 2003**

The 2nd annual Wakatere Junior Regatta was held in a perfect 12 knot northerly breeze. There was a great turn out of about 160 boats including for the first time a green fleet for inexperienced Starling sailors.

Best performances from Wakatere sailors were:

Garth Ellingham Starling 1  
Paul Snow-Hansen P Class 1  
Mike Snow-Hansen P Class 4  
Jess Wilde Starling Green 4  
Chris Steele Opti Green 7

### **Starling Nationals, Lyttelton, January 2004**

Garth Ellingham won the Starling Nationals with placings:1,3,1,1,3,1,1,2!

### **Tanner Cup, Lyttelton, December 2003**

1 Riley Deans, Canterbury 7 pts  
2 Thomas Olds, South Canterbury 14 pts  
3 Josh Junior, Wellington 16 pts  
4 Grace Nixon, Auckland 22 pts  
5 Kate Ellingham, North Harbour 25 pts  
6 Peter Burling, BOP 25 pts

### **P Nationals (Tauranga Cup) January 2004**

Kate Ellingham 6  
Paul Snow-Hansen 15  
Mike Snow-Hansen 20  
Jake Lawrence 22  
Andrew Knox 25  
Wade Gatfield 62  
Jeremy Dey 67

### **Sir Peter Blake Regatta, Torbay, December 2003**

A large number of Wakatere sailors took part in this regatta. There were a number of good performances, namely:

Garth Ellingham Starling 2  
Mike Snow-Hansen P Class 5  
Paul Snow-Hansen Opti Open 3  
Andrew McQueen Opti Green 1  
Simon Swinton Opti Green 3, 1st in age  
Luke Yarnton Opti Green, 3rd in age  
Paul Lambert Sunburst 1  
Rosalyn McDonald Sunburst 2

Other sailors who performed well in individual races were Finn Drummond in the Opti Opens who had a great second day, finishing with a 4th and Chris Steele who had a number of top 10 placings in the Opti Green fleet.

### **Larchmont Trophy**

The winning sailor in each fleet was:

Optimist Green	Simon Swinton
Open Optimist	Mathew Knox
Starling	Tom Allen
Sunburst	Stefan Goldwater & crew
P Class	Mike Snow-Hansen
Frostbite	Roger Wanless

### **NI Opti Champs, Rotorua 22 - 23 November 2003**

Paul Snow-Hansen is the new NI Optimist Champs, following on from his brother Mike who won at the same venue two years ago. Paul had a titanic battle with World's team mate Daniel Willcox going into the last race only one point apart. Unfortunately the dog fight we'd all hoped to see fizzled out when Dan was over the line at the start and never recovered to finish back in the fleet. Conditions were extremely difficult with winds ranging from light to moderate/heavy with large shifts and wind lines. Paul managed these conditions really well, never finishing further back than 9th.

The other great news from a Wakatere perspective was the performance of our green fleet sailors, Andrew McQueen and Simon Swinton both winning their age groups with Andrew also winning overall and Simon third. Many of the other Wakatere sailors had some good individual races and all are sure to have learnt lots over the regatta.

### **NH P Class Tanner Cup Trials, Torbay November 2003**

Kate Ellingham won the Tanner Cup Trials and represented North Harbour at the Tanner Cup in Christchurch. Kate broke the decades old stranglehold Murrays Bay and Torbay have had on this contest, although her brother Garth did win this event two years ago representing Murrays Bay.

Mike Snow-Hansen sailed well to finish 5th, Jake Lawrence sailed consistently for 6th, followed by Paul Snow-Hansen 8th, Andrew Knox 9th and Wade Gatfield 10th to give Wakatere 6 boats in the top 10 out of a fleet of 20.

### **P Class & Starling NI Champs, Napier October 2003**

Six Wakatere P sailors and one Starling sailor attended the NI Champs held in Napier. For the first two days of the contest, the wind blew from the south at 15 to 20 knots. Conditions were unpleasantly cold with snow supposedly falling to 700m.

Garth Ellingham sailed extremely well to place 2nd and was very unlucky not to take out the title.

Kate Ellingham also sailed very well and had a very real chance of finishing 4th going into the

last race. The changeable winds also put paid to her chances and she finished 9th overall.

### **Junior Gold Cup, Bermuda 23 - 26 October 2003**

Paul Snow-Hansen represented NZ in the Junior Gold Cup for Optimists held in Bermuda. Paul eventually finished 3rd in what was a heavy weather regatta.

### **Manly Regatta 11 October 2003**

A small contingent of Wakatere sailors attended the Manly Regatta on a day characterised by large wind shifts. Garth Ellingham won the Starling class with 3 wins and a 2nd. Paul Snow-Hansen was the best performing P Class finishing 4th overall, while Jake Lawrence and Andrew Knox both had turns leading races, Jake winning the second convincingly.

### **2003 Fist Full of Dollars Regatta, Torbay 21 September**

The season's first Fist Full of Dollars Regatta was held in shifty north westerly conditions with a bit of thunder, rain, sometimes a reasonable amount of wind, other times absolutely no wind.

The top result from the Wakatere contingent came courtesy of Garth Ellingham's first placing in the competitive Starling fleet. Garth sailed consistently in difficult conditions that generally seemed to favour the lighter sailors.

The next best result was in the P Class where Wakatere scored well to finish with Paul Snow-Hansen 4th, Mike Snow-Hansen 6th, Kate Ellingham 8th, Jake Lawrence 11th and Brendan Sheehan in his first P race about 25th.

### **OK Dinghy 29 & 30 November, Lake Taupo**

Windy conditions tested all competitors but were good preparation for the Nationals in Wellington. Ben Morrison won the regatta with Mark Perrow 2nd and Greg Wilcox 3rd. Mike Inwood managed 5th-equal (with Russ Wood) in a solid performance for his club, and Mike Wilde was 7th in a great showing from Wakatere.

### **Laser Master Nationals, January 2004**

Sailed at Gulf Harbour YC in a fleet of 21 New Zealand and Australian sailors, Gray Gibson 12th.



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