

Marakura Yacht Club Newsletter

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IN OTHER NEWS

AMERICAS CUP



Team NZ won the Gothenburg Leg of the Americas Cup Series overnight. Lying third after Day 1, they came 2nd and 1st in Day 2 racing to take the overall title.



Fleet racing in foiling 45 foot catamarans.

OPENING WEEKEND

Finally spring is here tomorrow and its just under 5 weeks to opening weekend, on October 3-4, with briefing at 10am on the Saturday.

And just like our boats should be checked after the winter, our club also requires a once-over before the season starts.

So that requires a

WORKING BEE

At the next committee meeting on Sept 8, the committee will schedule a working bee, most likely either on the weekend of Sept 18-19 or 25-26.

The usual request that more hands makes light work, and if we can all do 2-3 hours of honest labour, we won't be far off.

Things that need doing: basic cleaning, rubbish, check training boats, support boats, general throw-out of stuff that clutters.

SUBS DUE

SUBS ARE DUE. Email treasurer@marakura.org if in doubt.

ALSO OF INTEREST

WEBSITE

The Club Website is now operational, although there is still the confirmed racing calendar to add. Go to www.marakura.org. There are four members who are involved trying to administer the website. They are Ross (Vice-Commodore) and Charlotte (Treasurer) Shipman, Wendy Day (Secretary), and Daryl Parkes (Rear Commodore, Publicity Officer). So any requests please head in their directions. All are "learning on the job" so don't expect miracles.

FACEBOOK PAGE

From the Website there is a direct link to the Marakura Yacht Club Facebook Page.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

All steam ahead for this event on January 9, 2016. Start collecting cardboard now...

UPCOMING SAILING

The Southland Sailing Calender isn't out yet, but here are the local events in the first two months of the season:

Oct 3-4

Marakura Yacht Club (MYC) Opening Weekend

Oct 17

Race 1 MYC Saturday Series

Oct 24-26 Labour Weekend

STYS - Manapouri Cruise

Oct 31-Nov 1

Coaching Weekend at MYC

Nov 7-8

International Paints Regatta and Dome Island Race

Nov 14

Race 2 MYC Saturday Series

Nov 28

Race 3 MYC Saturday Series

OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday Night Racing starts again for all classes (Dinghies and Trailer Yachts) on Oct 14 with briefing at 6pm.

The Laser South Island Championships are at Charteris Bay,

COACHING



So that you too can sail perfectly like the young sailor above, the club runs 10-week duration Learn to Sail (LTS) courses, which are the Yachting NZ national courses.

Coaching starts again on Oct 12-13 at 5pm, with LTS1 and LTS2 being held on those Monday and Tuesday nights until Xmas.

The LTS1 course is now open to receive names, so contact Lance at coaching@marakura.org to put your name down.

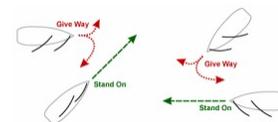
For those sailors who did LTS1 after Xmas last season, you already have a place reserved for LTS2 that starts this October. But still contact Lance to confirm.

There is no fee for members for these courses, and it is \$50/person for non-members.

SITUATIONS TO AVOID



RULES



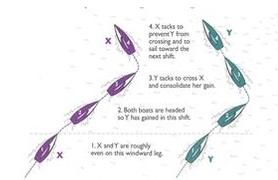
Applying the rules can be "interesting" at the best of times, and after winter things could be a little hazy.

So we get you thinking again with one of the basics - Rule 11.

When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, the windward boat keeps clear.

Tactically, this rule is useful at the startline (particularly keeping barging boats out), and protecting your wind when heading downwind.

TACTICS



Another warm-up mental exercise.

Boats are tacking upwind on port, neck-and-neck, until a right hand windshift favours the right hand boat (Y) if she tacks onto starboard. Depending on where you are on the course, the left hand boat (X) will be better to tack onto the lift on starboard as well, keep clear air, and hopefully tack back onto port when the wind phases back to the left.

Christchurch on Nov 20-21

SOUTHLAND YACHTING ASSOCIATION

Marakura members involved are:

President Daryl Parkes

Secretary Ross Shipman

Treasurer Doug Riley

Safety Officer Bruce Keen



Took this off Andy Maloney's website. Andy is a top NZ Laser sailor, and I'm not sure this is him in the drink, although it looks like a rep regatta. So, even the best can get it wrong...

The alternative for X is to cross the dirty air of Y, but this also invites a covering "slam dunk" tack by Y, and the only way out of that is for X to hope for a further big right shift to allow an attacking tack back onto starboard at some stage.

If this is all taking place on the laylines, then even more imperative X keeps her air clear.

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