

# Marakura Yacht Club Newsletter

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### IN OTHER NEWS

#### SAM MEECH



Honorary Southland Laser sailor Sam Meech finished 2nd in the Laser at the latest ISAF World Cup regatta held in Hyeres, France last week, and he has just been selected as the sole NZ Laser Men's representative at Rio. This was a great result, on the back of a 3rd in the Miami World Cup leg, with the nearest Kiwi (Andy Maloney) finishing 5th.

Sam came down to Te Anau to coach us in November, and it gave the season a great boost, with southern laser fleets numbering 14 (Te Anau Plumbing Open Dinghy), 9 (Laser Masters Dunedin), 6 (Southland Champs - Riverton), 11 (Bluff Oyster Regatta), and then sadly just 3 (Not The Easter) to finish the season. Looking at how those numbers tail off,

### AGM - SUNDAY 12TH JUNE AT 3PM

The AGM is coming up in one month's time, and we need fresh, and existing, volunteers to step forward and take a turn organising the club functions.

It starts at 3pm with the AGM, and this leads on to prizegiving, followed by a pot-luck (bring a plate) dinner. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied during the formal part of the afternoon.

If you would like to be involved then contact Wendy at [secretary@marakura.org](mailto:secretary@marakura.org) for a job description list.

Over the last five years the committee has tried to implement changes recommended by a club assessment done in 2011 by Sport Southland and Yachting NZ.

Like most leadership courses, they advised that one person can't do it all, and if they try, you will get poor outcomes, and certainly no growth in club capability or sustainability.

**Summary: many involved hands makes light work and potentially brings untapped new skills to the club, with more members taking ownership for "their" club.** The committee's role is to fairly delegate club jobs to all members, and not do them all themselves.

So the club has the following "executive" roles:

### RECENT RESULTS

#### SOUTHLAND CHAMPS - MARCH 5-6

A good contingent from Marakura headed to the Riverton south coast for a good regatta, with coastal tides, salt water and wave function making it different from home sailing. Race Management was great, with good length courses. Light winds on Saturday gave 4 races, and Sunday was 25knots plus which gave 1 race, before the pin was pulled.

Marakura had the following Southland Champions.... photos stolen from Pete Henderson



Bruce Keen - Trailer Yacht



another coaching session in February could be required.

## AMERICAS CUP - NEW YORK



Emirates Team NZ won the lastest round and is now 8 points clear in the Americas Cup regatta series. I've only seen the TV3 news coverage and after dragging the start mark they mounted a comeback, and with a bit of a flukey ride home in a wind gust nobody else got, took the win.

## YACHTING NZ COURSES

### Race Management

Vauxhall Yacht Club

Dunedin

Sept 3-4

### Club Judge

Sept-Oct (TBA)

### Learn to Race

To Be Announced

These courses are not just for the committee boat and support boat operators, but just as much for sailors, so they have a complete understanding of race protocols. Contact Graeme Wall (YNZ Regional Support Officer) at [graeme@yachtingnz.org.nz](mailto:graeme@yachtingnz.org.nz) for more info.

- The "Commodore Team": A new Vice-Commodore is elected very two years, who then goes on to Commodore, and then Rear-Commodore, and then exits.
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Then the club is split into an "on-shore" Social Committee, and an "on-water" Sailing Committee.

### The Social Committee is:

- Rear Commodore - chairperson
- Kitchen Convenor
- Bar Manager
- Publicity Officer

This committee looks after catering, cleaning, hall hires, newsletter, website, facebook page, newspaper articles etc, dragging in expertise or delegating as they need.

### The Sailing Committee is:

- Vice-Commodore - Chairperson
- Race Secretary
- Coaching-Coordinator
- Safety Officer

These guys or gals look after the human and material resources needed to run the racing, prizes and race notices. The coaching involves co-ordinating junior and senior coaching, liasing with YNZ, and making sure coaches keep up their learning. Safety involves an over-view of the club systems and signing support boat operators on.

### Merging between these two committees are the:

- Club Captain
- Junior Club Captain

Who have liason roles between the members and the committee, listening to ideas and bringing them to the table.

**So, there are 13 positions at the club that, working well, are not going to over-burden the person who is doing**



Daryl Parkes - Laser Standard



Oliver Nicholson - Laser Radial



Jack White - Optimist

## BLUFF OYSTER REGATTA - MARCH 19-20

This was probably the pick of the regattas weather-wise for the season...and this was at Bluff !! I think we had 8-9 races in total, with the breeze on Sunday being pretty much perfect for the strong harbour tides. Generally excellent race management both days....even when the Coastguard called away the committee boat.

The seafood was excellent, the hosts friendly as usual, and great to see a good fleet of lasers and trailer yachts. From memory...I think Grace Smith (Bluff) took out the Laser Radial class, Daryl Parkes got the Laser Standard, and I recall Russel and Colin McDonald battling out the

## CAPSIZING NOT TO PRACTICE



Good photo showing pretty much how this author capsized in the Go Orange Not The Easter regatta after losing control of the mainsheet in a gybe, and having an incorrectly set stopper knot.



But this capsizing takes some beating.....

## it, but working as teams lead to a healthy, highly functioning club.

The committee has realised in hindsight that at the last AGM we doubled up people in more than one position eg. Lance was Commodore AND Coaching Coordinator, Ross was Vice-Commodore AND Race Secretary, and Daryl was Rear-Commodore AND Publicity Officer. And we had no kitchen convenor for half a season.

This resulted in less people with organisational roles, systems starting breaking down, missed quorums, and generally less committee energy overall. Things still got done, but by fewer people....and you don't want that as a longterm strategy.

## SO THE REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS WANTING TO BE INVOLVED AT THE MARAKURA YACHT CLUB, WITH A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO OFFER:

- contact Wendy Day (Secretary) if you need more info
- see if you like a particular role
- come to the AGM for meet and greet

If the committee is working well next year then all members should be expecting a friendly tap on the shoulder to do their share of jobs around the club anyway.

Noelx 25s, pitted against Bruce Keen and Lance Shaw overall.

## GO ORANGE NOT THE EASTER REGATTA - APRIL 2-3

Thanks again to Russell Thomas and Go Orange for their support of the Not The Easter Regatta, a regatta that seems to work well for the wider travelling trailer yacht fleet in conjunction with the STYS Easter Cruise the weekend prior, and the STYS Manapouri Classic scheduled the weekend after.

In fact, you can sense some energy getting back into the trailer yacht fleet after a few quiet years, and this regatta was well attended by the trailer yachts, which is great.

Thanks to the Sutherland clan attending from Bluff.

Thanks to Sam Shaw coming down from Queenstown to bolster the Laser Fleet (from 2 to 3), with Oliver Nicholson just holding him off to win overall. Not sure why the dinghy fleet was so thin this year.....something to work on.