

Summer came back !



Perfect weather saw 39 Trailer Yachts and Keelboats race to Pigeon Bay last Saturday. With cruisers and launches also making the journey, almost 50 boats were in the Bay. The Pigeon Bay club's hospitality was up to the usual high standard and there were a lot of sore heads on the fleet making its way home to Lyttelton on a beautiful fine Sunday.

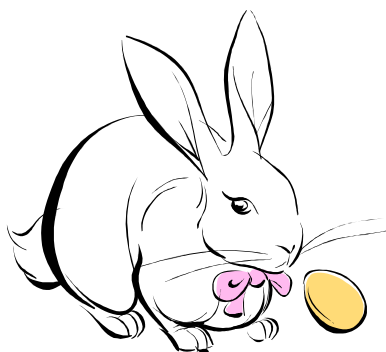
Opti Nationals, Youthsail, Team Racing

Lots of practice and coaching going on around the club at present.

The Optimist Nationals are taking place at Worsler Bay, Wellington, over Easter a big Naval Point contingent is attending.

At home, we are hosting the South Island Sea Scout Regatta at Easter, followed by Ythsail starting Easter Monday (13th April). NZ Secondary Schools Team Racing Champs start Monday April 20th.

By the way- Closing Day is Sat 18 April.



Club Events coming up

Fri 3 April

Motunau Ocean Race—Keelboats

5:30pm Briefing

7:00pm Start off Start box

Sat 4 April

Dinghies; Series 4 race 7&8 1:20pm

Team Racing Regatta

Trailer yachts;

Single Handed race 11am

Points Race 1:00pm

13-17 April Ythsail

18 April Closing Day

21-25 April NZ Secondary Schools Team Racing Champs

Motunau Race this Friday Night

The last big ocean race for the season starts this Friday. The forecast is looking good with light northerlies turning westerly predicted. At least it looks like it will be warm.

IRC International expert to visit NZ

The Royal Ocean Racing Club's Technical Director, Mike Urwin, will visit New Zealand in the last week of April to give the IRC Owner's Association and IRC boat owners guidance and advice on using the rule in New Zealand. Mike will visit Auckland and Wellington, where he will meet with owners, builders and designers.

There will be two evenings open to the public: Monday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Commodore's Room, Royal NZ Yacht Squadron, Westhaven, Auckland.

Thursday 30th April at 7:30pm in the Wardroom, Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, Oriental Parade, Wellington

Individual and small group meetings will also be available for yacht and sail designers and for those requiring more technical / personalised information. These will be limited and come as a first in basis.

The visit is organised by Yachting New Zealand and the IRC Owner's Association and there will be no charge for participation.

Please register your interest by contacting Jenny in Auckland or Peter Vause in Wellington as numbers may be limited.

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