



### *An Easterly at Last!*

Last weekend we were blessed with an almost perfect Easterly for Saturday's activities.

The P Class And Starlings held their South Island Champs while the bigger boats enjoyed a great day's sailing for the annual Xmas "Pint to Pinot" race, followed by Santa's visit and a convivial evening in the wardroom.

The P Class and Starling fleet faced a light Southerly on Sunday morning which kicked in at over 30 knots at 1pm which meant the last race was abandoned. This event was a good dress rehearsal for the National competition which takes place here commencing 9 January.



Capt Folter's new gunboat (AKA Bouncy Castle) had it's first outing on Saturday. The kids had a lot of fun but we're not sure how seaworthy it will prove be.



### *Club Events coming up*

**Jan 9-17 P Class & Starling NZ Champs**

**Jan 20 Mount Gay Twilight Series Race 1**

**Fri 22 Jan 2 handed race 6pm**

**Sat 23 Jan Club racing**

**Jan 29-31 Noelex 25, 22 & Flying Fifteen NZ Champs**

**Feb 11-14 R Class Leander trophy**

### *Change of venue; Noelex 22 Nationals*

The scheduled contest planned for Lake Brunner 5-9 January has been cancelled. The event has be re-scheduled to run in conjunction with the Noelex 25 Champs here at Naval Point 29 Jan-Feb 1st.

### *Lion New Zealand is coming*

Peter Blake's iconic round the world racer "Lion New Zealand" is re-tracing her East Coast tour of 25 years ago after the Sydney-Hobart race in January.

She will be in Akaroa on 20 January and will sail to Lyttelton on 21 January.

The boat is now owned by a charitable trust and is devoted to youth development.

We have a number of places available for youngsters to sail on her for the trip from Akaroa to Lyttelton. You will need to be old enough to take the trip without a parent. This is planned as a day sail and no overnight sailing is scheduled.

We also have a number of berths available for adults to sail from Christchurch to Picton/Nelson on 23 Jan. There will be small charge for this leg.

Call the office for more details.

The boat will be open to the public in Lyttelton on the mornings of Fri/Sat 22/23 January.

There will be a function at the Club on Friday evening 22 January.

More details to follow....

### *Subscriptions*

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