

Not much Wind again!

The keelboats and trailer yachts set off for Pigeon Bay last Saturday morning. After a general recall, lots of motoring and paddling (check Rule 42 guys!) both fleets drifted out to sea with the ebb tide. By 3pm the bulk of the fleet was off Port Levy and the withdrawals began to call in. By 4pm the breeze was back and the leaders had a good sail down the Bay to join the party at the Pigeon Bay Club. A lot of boats motored the remaining distance and a very pleasant evening (Early morning?) was enjoyed by all. A rather hung over flotilla headed back to Lyttelton in even less wind on Sunday morning.

Vinings comes to Christchurch

Ian Michel and Mike Vining of Vining Shipbrokers (Picton) are pleased to announce that they have appointed Oborn's Nautical as their Christchurch Agents. "Grant and Matt's extensive boating knowledge made Oborn's Nautical a natural choice to be our Agents and we look forward to working with them in the future." Oborn's Nautical have details and photos of over 400 yachts and launches and will list boats for sale throughout the region.

Have a go in an R Class

The R Class Squadron is running youth crew training over 3 weekends in April. This is an opportunity for younger sailors to get some tips from the more experienced skiff sailors and have a blast! Dates are Sunday 11 & 18th April and Saturday 24 April. Contact Sean Milner 332 0784 sean@rclass.org if you'd like to have a go.



Club Events coming up

Wed Mar 31
Mount Gay Twilight Series
Race 11 & Prizegiving
Sat 27 Mar 10 am at the
heads Motunau race (Keelboats)
 11am TY Ladies race
 1pm TY Crews race
Fri Apr 2 Good Friday Vintage Boat re-
gatta
 Te Anau South Island Trailer yacht
 Champs.
Wed Apr 7–Fri Apr 9 Youthsail



Corporate Race Day

This event is cancelled due to lack of interest.

Motunau Race for Keelboats

This year in an attempt to boost participation we are starting at the heads at 10am on Saturday morning 27 March. There will be a briefing at the Club at 8:30am (Mandatory).

Stop Press

Last night's Twilight race was hit by a short but spectacular squall including lightning and hail. The breeze only got to just over 40 knots which was enough to make life interesting and for the race to be abandoned. Lessons learned were;

1. keep your radio on channel 77.
2. Recognise the signs of approaching Southerly squalls and be ready.
3. Make sure your motor can get you out of a situation that may arise as a result of of this much wind and sea. No major problems were experienced and every made it home safely once the squall passed.

Day Skipper Course

We have a Coastguard "Day Skipper" course scheduled to be run at the club on Sat 22 and Sat 29 May. This will only proceed if we can get 6 or more participants. If you interested in getting a Day Skipper qualification please let the office know.