

The last of the Twilight races



Last Wednesday saw the last of the Mount Gay Twilight races. It turned out to be one of the warmest, with a light northerly which eventually petered out altogether, just as the earlier finish time of 7:30pm came around. The extension of daylight saving by a couple of weeks has meant it has been getting pretty dark by the time our last few twilight races have been finishing. The general consensus seems to be to have fewer races in the after Xmas series.

Marina again

You may have seen the Press coverage on the City Council's announcement re the disbanding of the Marina Working Party. Obviously the Covington plan for apartments etc isn't going anywhere and the CCC has no alternative plan. We're working on a further submission on our views on what needs to happen in the area and hope to make an announcement in the near future.

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



Club Events coming up

- Wed Apr 7–Sat Apr 10 Youthsail
- Sat 10 Apr TY Points race
- Keelboat Baleine Point race
- Waka Marathon
- Sat 17 Apr Closing Day
- Sat 24 Apr Waka Marathon
- Sun 2 May Winter Series Race 1
- Sat 8 May Waka Marathon Final
- Sun 16 May Winter Series Race 2
- Sun 23 May Winter Series Race 3
- Sun 30 May Winter Series Race 4

Youthsail this week

Our younger sailors are competing this week for the opportunity of a trip to Australia. We have continued the Youthsail regatta which was dropped by Yachting NZ last year. It provides an opportunity for sailors outside the main centres to compete with each other and maybe score a trip to a major regatta in Australia that would otherwise be beyond their reach.

Advanced Sea Survival Course

5 years ago we ran this course, and as the certificates only last for 5 years we are gauging interest in who might be interested in doing either a refresher or the whole course.

Advanced Sea Survival is a comprehensive theoretical and practical course required by crew competing in offshore races (Cat 1).

Modules covered include,

- * History, statistics and legislation
- * Accidents and emergencies
- * Equipment
- * Safety and emergency planning
- * Risk assessment
- * Man overboard, life rafts and equipment
- * Distress signals and responsibilities
- * Wet drill
- * SAR systems and responsibilities
- * Fire precautions and fire fighting
- * Medical care aboard
- * Damage control
- * Weather and forecasting
- * Heavy weather techniques
- * Storm sails

The price is around \$350.00 per person for the weekend, and we need at least 10 people for it to run. We would probably do it some time over the winter.

Please let me know if you are interested - viki.moore@xtra.co.nz