

# Manukau Yacht & Motor Boat Club

## Newsletter December 2004

**Greetings** In this newsletter: Merry Christmas!; Junior coaching; Auckland Anniversary Regatta and Hartley Champs; Racing calendar adjustment; New Junior fleet; Anti-smoking law affects MYMBC; Subs overdue?; Newsletter editor needs your assistance.

For any comments or suggestions, you can contact me (Peter Dentener) at the Club, or on ph 636-6245. Alternatively drop me a line by mail (9 Ashcroft Avenue), or email me at: [peter.dentener@xtra.co.nz](mailto:peter.dentener@xtra.co.nz)

### ***Merry Christmas***

The Committee wishes you all a very merry Christmas, and best wishes for 2005. The Club has an exciting year ahead, and we will share our new plans, and developments as they occur.

Please check the Club for details or visit the regatta web site at <http://www.regatta.org.nz/>.

Past Regattas have been great fun, with a wide range of classes on the water.

### ***Junior coaching***

A new intake of juniors was taken through their paces in the latest Junior coaching programme. Two weekends in November were used for the block course to teach 7 Juniors both theoretical and practical skills. While practical training on the water was restricted due to the bad weather, all Juniors successfully completed their swimming test in the Mangere Pools. Coaching will continue on 15-16 and 29-30 January 2005.

### ***Hartley16 Champs***

The MYMBC will be hosting both the Hartley16 Nationals and the Auckland Hartley Owners Association Champs from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 February 2005. After consultation with other Clubs and Hartley enthusiasts it was decided to combine both championships, and avoid time clashes. Please note change of dates and location from a previously published racing calendar. Please contact Tony Flannagan (A/H 09 427-5262; email: [dart@marnet.co.nz](mailto:dart@marnet.co.nz)) for more information.

Coaching was again expertly carried out by Richard Bartlett, assisted by Shane Langley, Dick Tyson and Bill Bradley. Previous trainee intake Herangi Nock was also there to motivate and help.

The organising committee is considering to introduce a second race class ("green fleet") of less competitive boats. So if you would like to have a stab at racing but feel your boat still may need some improvements (or you are new to racing), why not come out and have some fun on the water!

Please note that we do NOT have extra places for training during the current coaching series. Anyone interested in Junior coaching should contact Dick Tyson (Ph 620-4523 A/H) about future sessions.

### ***NZ Herald Auckland Anniversary regatta***

The Auckland Anniversary Regatta will be held again on Monday 31 January, with sailing on both the Waitemata and Manukau Harbours.

### ***Improvement to facilities***

We mentioned in an earlier newsletter that Keith Vazey had met with Officers of Manukau City to discuss our plans for upgrading public facilities such as the ramps and car park area, as well as our requests for resource consents for our building improvements.

When you visit the Club next, have a look at the major improvements already made to one of the ramps. We are also progressing our plans for building improvements to house the patrol boat and junior fleet.

### ***Racing calendar adjustment***

Loss of several races due to inclement weather, and time-table clashes has forced the Racing Committee to make adjustments to the racing calendar. Please use the updated attached racing calendar.

### ***Plastic Fantastic***

No, not a Christmas present but the new junior fleet! Early December the Club purchased, with generous assistance from the Mangere Bridge Sports and Cultural Society, a fleet of 6 plastic training Optimists and good rigging.

The fleet will be used for Junior coaching, and replaces a very aging fleet of wooden Opties which were requiring a lot of maintenance.

### ***The weather***

While a becalmed day does not make for good sailing, nor does blistery wind. And we have seen a lot of the latter in the past few months. Several race opportunities have been lost due to bad weather which has required an adjustment to the racing calendar (attached). Let's hope that 2005 will bring fair sailing weather.

### ***Anti-smoking laws take effect***

Whether you agree with it or not, the anti-smoking law which came into effect on 10 December also affects the MYMBC, making it illegal to smoke on our licensed premises.

We ask everyone to respect this so we do not jeopardise our licence (or face a fine of up to \$4000 for each offence). If you feel like a smoke, please do so outside.

*Please note: This newsletter is written and compiled by Peter Dentener with input from Club members. Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those held by The Manukau Yacht & Motor Boat Club.*

### ***Wanting to sail***

If you would like to sail but do not have access to a boat, please contact Tony Flannagan (A/H 09 427-5262; email: dart@marnet.co.nz) who may be able to put you in touch with skippers who from time to time need a (racing) crew

### ***Upcoming events***

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#### **January**

Sun	16	1400	2 races (2 <sup>nd</sup> is rum race)
Sun	30	1230	2 races Club champs
Mon	31	TBA	NZ Herald Auckland Anniversary Regatta

#### **February**

Fri	11-	TBA	Hartley Nationals;
Sun	13		Auckland Hartley Owners Association Champs
Sat	12	TBA	Kids fun day
Sat	26	1200	Unity/Ladies/Forward hand
Sun	27	1100	3 races Club champs

### ***Assistance required with MYMBC Newsletter***

Due to other commitments, I (Peter) am unable to produce 4-5 newsletters per year. Please let me know if you can help write articles, or fold newsletters and put them in envelopes. Any help appreciated! Without your assistance, you may only get 1 newsletter like this per year.

In addition to the general Club newsletter, you may receive targeted news. For example, those involved in teaching the "junior-learning-to-sail programme" may send specific information to participants of this course.

### ***Subs due in October***

Note that the subs were due in October! If you have not paid yet, please do so promptly to assist the Committee in keeping the Club running.