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Dear Sailors and Parents

The back part of Spring produced some great sailing and the main regattas, NZIODA's North Island Champs and the Sir Peter Blake, produced some challenging light air as well as breezier conditions particularly on the last day of the Sir Peter Blake.

Congratulations to Scott McKenzie on winning both the North Island Champs and the Sir Peter Blake Open Fleet regattas adding to a first at several other regattas so far this season including the Winter Champs.

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Results: North Island Champs: Open: 1st Scott McKenzie (KYC), 2nd Otto Henry (Aus) 3rd Alexander Higgins (Aus). Green: 1st Henry Angus (KYC), 2nd Jack Culloty (MSC), 3rd Matthew Ross (GBC)

Sir Peter Blake: Open: 1st Scott McKenzie (KYC), 2nd William Shapland (KYC), 3rd Lewis Anderson (KYC). Green: 1st Caleb Armit (MBSC), 2nd Blake McGlashan (MBSC), 3rd Gavin Ninnies (FBSC)

Australian Nationals

We have a great team of kiwi sailors attending the Australian Nationals 4-11th January in Melbourne - good sailing to all of you. They are: Jono Nicholas, Brianna Reynolds-Smith, Courtney Reynolds-Smith, Jack Tripe, Sam Morgan, Pat Morgan, Robbie McCutcheon, Lewis Anderson, Oliver Cowley, William Shapland, Scott McKenzie, Craig Keenan, Jonathon Weston and Jordan Stevenson.

Eastern Beach Optimist Clinic

Congratulations to all sailors selected to attend the 2014 Optimist Clinic - Jan 13-17th at Eastern Beach. This year we will be joined by three sailors from New Caledonia. Terry Nicholas and Sam McKenzie have done an outstanding job putting together a program that includes some of NZ's top coaches and sailors. Alongside the intensive fitness and sailing training, an evening session on the J24's has been





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arranged as well as some great evening guest speakers.

NZIODA Team's Racing.

NZIODA Team's racing will be held at immediately after the Eastern Beach clinic 18-19th January at Kohi Yacht Club. Place your entries now. Entries are open to all clubs who wish to enter a team.

Winger Subaru Auckland Champs

Kohimarama Yacht Club will host the Auckland Optimist Champs and the Auckland Starling Champs over Auckland Anniversary weekend 25-27th January. This is the second of the NZIODA Optimist ranking regattas. Visit www.optimist.or.nz or www.kyc.org.nz for the NOR. Entries close 17th January. Entry in this event will automatically qualify you for the Auckland Anniversary Day regatta.

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2014 Toyota NZIODA National Optimist Championship



Toyota New Zealand has once again signed on as main sponsor of the 2014 NZIODA National Optimist Championship to be held at Manly Sailing Club - Whangaparaoa, over Easter of 2014, continuing their many years of support and loyalty to Optimist sailing in New Zealand. Jonelle Port from Toyota New Zealand, said Toyota are once again delighted to be part of developing grass roots sailing in New Zealand and to support such an important event on the Optimist sailing calendar.

Toyota's support for yachting in New Zealand is significant and their advertising campaigns - after the America's Cup - a better tomorrow starts today featured many of our optimist sailors. NZIODA is once again proud to be associated with Toyota for the National Optimist Championship and is extremely grateful for their continued sponsorship. Toyota will also supply their distinctive large Toyota marquee and if available





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will support an Emirates Team New Zealand speaker to attend the 2014 Toyota NZIODA National Optimist Championships. Visit www.optimist.org.nz or www.sportsground.co.nz/2014optimistnationals/ for the NOR.

2014 Interislander Optimist Challenge

QCYC will host the 2014 Interislander Optimist Challenge from Feb 21st to 23rd. The regatta will also incorporate the Port Marlborough Starling Champs on the 22nd & 23rd of Feb.

The Interislander is the 3rd Optimist Ranking Regatta of the 2013-14 season. North Sails are proudly supporting the Interislander and sailors with some MAJOR prizes this year. Visit www.optimist.org.nz for the NOR and latest details on the ferry service

South Islands Optimist Training Clinic

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36 Sailors took part in this event organised by Mark Edwards and Yachting NZ's Kate Spackman. Charlie Ballie-Strong led the clinic and coaches from throughout the South Island also attended as part of a coaching development program. Wainui proved to be an ideal location and the team of sailors were put through an intensive 3 day program.

IODA 2014 Asian Championship- Bahrain

Congratulations to the following sailors selected from the North Island Champs to represent NZIODA at the Asian Optimist Championship in March 2014. Robbie McCutcheon, Jack Tripe, Josh Berry, Nina Mannering, Campbell Stanton, Albert Stanley and Tess Paterson. Their coach is Sam McKenzie and Team Manager Glenn Stanley.

Reminder of important 2014 dates and Ranking Regattas

January

- Clark's Beach Yacht Club. New Year Regatta 1-3rd January
- High Performance Opti Clinic 13-17 January - Eastern Beach
- NZIODA National Optimist Team's Racing 18-19 January - Kohimarama YC
- Winger Subaru Auckland Champs. [NZIODA Ranking Regatta](#). 25-27 January - Kohimarama YC.

February

- Junior Sail Auckland 8-9th February Kohi YC
- Oki 24hour race. Lake Pupuke. Hosted by Murrays Bay SC





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- Interislander Optimist Challenge. [NZIODA Ranking Regatta](#). 21-23 February - Queen Charlotte YC.

March

- South Island Optimist Champs 22-23 March - Naval Point YC
- Maraetai Centreboard Regatta 29th March

April

- NZIODA Pre-Nationals 12-13 April - Manly SC
- OWNZ Trust Team's Racing 16-17 April - Manly SC
- Toyota NZIODA [National](#) Championships 18-22nd April - Manly SC.

NZIODA Registration

Remember all Green and Open Fleet sailors attending an NZIODA regatta (the next one is the Auckland Champs) you must join NZIODA. To register go to the NZIODA web www.optimist.org.nz and click on Club Hub

- 4 Once registered, a receipt will be sent to you. To obtain your registration number multiply your receipt number by 10 and add 1 for the first sailor appearing on the receipt and add 2 for the second, three for the third and so on. E.g. if your receipt number is 123 your registration number for the first sailor will be 1231, the second 1232 etc.

NZIODA Noumea Development Team

The 2013 development team led by Briar Dye-Hutchinson with the assistance of Ellie Copeland took on the challenge of developing 10 of our young sailors and also retaining the New Caledonian National title held in late October. Conditions were ideal warm and breezy with several days around 20 knots. William Shapland did the Kiwi's proud and held on to take a well fought victory for 1st overall. Albert Stanley placed 3rd and Nina Mannering and Alice Haslett 2nd and 3rd girl respectively.

NZIODA Assistance still needed - Media and PR person

NZIODA is keen to step up its media presence and is looking for a parent or student (possibly from within the opti family) to take on a role of collating, coordinating and posting information (photos, updates, results and general worthy news) on the NZIODA web and Facebook pages as well as widening our PR coverage including TVNZ, YNZ, Sailing World, national newspapers etc. We are looking for a professional step up here so it could be someone who has a strong interest and ability in this area or someone studying at





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university and keen to take on a project as part of a course. A level of financial support will be offered by NZIODA and attending all the major regattas, where practical, will be a definite aim. Please contact me if you can help: angus.h@xtra.co.nz

Any news and updates worthy of posting please contact: Web: Dave Clarke
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2014 IODA regattas and Coach selection update

The 2014 dates are now confirmed as are the coaches. Congratulations to all coaches on their selection to take our NZIODA teams to the international regattas:

28 March-6 April. Asian Championships, Bahrain. Coach: Sam McKenzie

29 June-7 July. European Champs, Ireland. Coach: Briar Dye-Hutchinson

9-16 July. North American Champs, Mexico. Coach: Susannah Pyatt

22 Oct-2 Nov. Optimist Worlds, Argentina. Coach: Chris Steele

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2015 NZIODA Nationals

For those planning well ahead the 2015 nationals will be held in Wellington over Easter with the host club being Worser Bay Boat Club - contact Belinda Stanley for more details e: Belinda.Stanley@craigsip.com

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