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Dear Sailors and Parents,

NZIODA Fundraiser

NZIODA only run one fundraising event a year and this year we aim to raise \$25,000. There are some great prizes and the odds are pretty good. Please contact Kelley Keenan for tickets or better still a book of tickets to sell. Ph 027 278 8587 or mpkeen@xtra.co.nz. We really need all members to support this.

The 2015 Bay of Islands Yacht Club InterSchool Regatta

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This regatta, which is open to Starlings, P-Class & Optimists (Open & Green), is being held at the Bay of Islands Yacht Club (Waitangi) on 7 and 8 March 2015. Find out everything you need to know at: <http://boiyachtclub.co.nz/racingregattas/interschool-regatta/>

VOLVO OCEAN RACE

Over the weekend 7-8th March during the Volvo stopover NZIODA will be running a 'Volvo Back the Trailer' competition with a prize of a place on a VOR yacht during the ProAm in harbour race - simply not to be missed. There will also be Musto clothing up for grabs as a spot prize for any sailor under 18 coming down to the village and entering at the Volvo competition - more details to follow - make sure you get to the Viaduct village!

South Island Champs

The 2015 South Island Champs will be hosted by the Nelson Yacht Club from 13-15 March 2015 www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz. This is an NZIODA ranking regatta. The ranking points for this regatta will be calculated differently from the other NZIODA ranking regattas and will be adjusted to reflect the quality of the sailors who participate. For a comprehensive explanation of the methodology please read the 2014 report uploaded to the NZIODA website: [http://www.optimist.org.nz/files/2014-15/NZIODA Ranking Regattas and South Island Championship.pdf](http://www.optimist.org.nz/files/2014-15/NZIODA_Ranking_Regattas_and_South_Island_Championship.pdf).

Maraetai Sailing Club Regatta

28th March is the date for the Maraetai Sailing Club Centreboard regatta, it's an opportunity to finalise skills





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before the nationals. Visit www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz for more details



The Nationals!

Worser Bay Boating Club is hosting this years NZIODA **Toyota** Optimist Nationals Championship. As the recent "pre-nats" showed, a lack of wind is seldom a problem in Wellington so we are expecting some exciting racing.

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Please familiarise yourself with the regatta website which has important information, an on-line registration form and both the Green Fleet and Open Fleet NOR.

<http://www.optimistnationals.org.nz/>. Sailing instructions will be posted in late March.

Registration: Please make sure you have all the details of your support boat(s) if any, and for Open class entries, the serial numbers for your hull, foils, rig, and race sail. You can register for Open or Green fleet. If you have more than one sailor from a family, please select the appropriate discount for the second and subsequent sailors. If you are bringing a support boat,

please register it against one of your sailors; include your VHF call sign if possible.

The organisers want this regatta to not only be a great sailing event but also a great social event. You can watch the racing from the comfort of WBBC's clubhouse while enjoying coffee and cake, (the café which is open early until 3pm) or a Spy Valley wine or Parrot Dog beer (the club bar will open from 3pm.). WBBC are also organising a special Saturday night at the club so please mark your diaries.

Finally, WBBC has posted, on the regatta website, details of houses to rent for those of you who are still looking for accommodation.





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Inviting NZ Sailors To Vic Opti Championships

The 2015 Victorian Opti Championships are drawing near, being held over the weekend of March 7-9. This year's host is Royal Brighton Yacht Club and charters are available for overseas visitors.

The entry page can be found at <http://www.vioda.org.au/vic-states.html>.

Interislander Optimist Championship & Port Marlborough Starling champs 2015

QCYC hosted another fantastic regatta over the weekend of 20-22 February. Good weather, decent wind, and delicious food and wine made for a fabulous weekend. Thank-you QCYC for your generosity! Congratulations to Robbie McCutcheon 1st, Sam Bacon 2nd and Will Shapland 3rd. The full results are at: <http://www.qcyc.org.nz/index.php/sailing/interislander-optimist-challenge-2015/667-optimist-green-provisional-results-after-race-3>, <http://www.qcyc.org.nz/index.php/sailing/interislander-optimist-challenge-2015/665-provisional-results-after-race-1>.

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Auckland Champs

Attached are the results and the full prize list for January's Auckland Champs:

http://www.wakatere.org.nz/cms/images/15-16Results/StrlqAKChmps15_D3.pdf
<http://www.wakatere.org.nz/cms/images/15-16Results/2015AKChampsprizegivinglist.pdf>

Please take the time to watch the Watershed's fantastic video of all of the action, browse through Live, Sail, Die's photos and read Sail-World's summary of days two and three (replete with Richard Gladwell's fantastic pictures).

http://www.news.sail-world.com/Auckland_Optimist_Starling_Championships_The_Watershed_Video/131237R
<http://www.livesaildie.com/photogallery/gallery30/>
<http://www.sail-world.com/NZ/Auckland-Optimist-Championships:-Images-from-Wakatere/131012>
<http://www.sail-world.com/NZ/Auckland-Optimists:-Images-from-Day-3-at-Wakatere/131031>

OWNZ Charter Boats

The OWNZ Charter Optis will be available in at Worsler Bay from 7th March onwards for those sailors wishing to do some training prior to the nationals - phone/text Jonathon Bacon 027 441 5148 to book.





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Reminder

Please make sure you have your beach trailer clearly numbered with your hull and sail number (which must be the same). Also in recent regattas there have been a number of Optimis with either no hull number or ones that did not match the sail number. It makes results recording very difficult. Both hull and sail numbers are required to match for all regattas. Hull numbers can be obtained from Sail One - Kathie Elliot e: Kathie@sailone.co.nz.

Latest National Rankings

The latest national rankings are on the NZIODA web and Facebook - www.optimist.org.nz

Don't forget to enter now for the 2015 Toyota Nationals at Worsler Bay, it takes a while to get all of the details required and the late entry fee is high. Enter at: www.optimistnationals.org.nz

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