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The last couple of weeks have seen some fierce winds over the whole of New Zealand – here's hoping it will blow itself out before the serious sailing begins and we get a better set of weather patterns for the start of the summer sailing season. Throughout the country clubs are putting programs together and recruiting new Learn to Sail sailors and its all about to get underway. Thanks to all club volunteers – without you none of this could happen.

A number of entries have already been received for the Opti North Islands which is great – keep them coming in!!! Entry documents are attached with this newsletter. And don't forget to renew your Optimist Association membership so you are eligible for racing this season.

COACH THE COACHES

The inaugural NZIODA coach the coaches initiative got underway in Auckland on Sunday. Around 40 coaches from all over the country are attending one of two 2 day clinics. NZIODA have flown top Argentinian sailor and present coach of the Malayasian Optimist Team, Gonzalo Pollitzer to NZ to run the clinic. Gonzalo will be passing onto NZ coaches advanced boat handling techniques and the outcome will be to raise the level of coaching skills in this country. Two clinics are being run – one at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club and the other at Murrays Bay. Gonzalo will be available on this Friday at Murrays Bay and will be on the water on the first day of the Winter Champs. He is very approachable (actually he's a real character) and sailors and parents are encouraged to have a chat with him. Big thanks go to Marcelo Lardies for his effort in getting Gonzolo here and co-ordinating the clinics.

This is Gonzolo - Say hi to him at the Win Champs



UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Champs – Murrays Bay Sailing Club Auckland Sept 30th, Oct 1st & 2nd

This three day event is always an epic and because it is the middle weekend of the holidays it gives sailors from all over NZ the chance to get to Auckland and sail the first big regatta of the season. NOR and Entry Forms available on www.murraysbay.org Murrays Bay SC have put together a week of activities both on and off the water. Details are on the website.

Fistful of Dollars – Torbay Sailing Club – Saturday October 8th

The weather should be warmer and this regatta has fantastic prizes and your chance to sail in the waters of the 2006 Nationals. NOR at www.TorbaySailingClub.org.nz

Hibiscus Junior and Youth Regatta – Manly Sailing Club - Saturday October 15th

Take a drive up to the Whangaparoa Peninsular to one of the most beautiful sailing venues in Auckland.

North Island Optimist Championships:

These will be held at Lake Rotorua Yacht Club over the weekend of November 19th & 20th 2005. This will be a 7 race event with a separate Green Fleet course will be run. NOR and entry forms on www.optimist.org.nz and will be sent with this newsletter.

Sir Peter Blake Memorial Torbay Regatta – December 10th & 11th

This will be a particularly spectacular event this year with the inclusion of keelboats sailing out of Gulf Harbour. Mark this in your diary now – definitely not to be missed. NOR and entry forms on www.torbaysailingclub.org.nz

GOLD CUP BERMUDA

George Kool from Glendowie BC has been selected to represent NZ's young sailors in the Junior King Edward V11 Gold Cup in Bermuda. This is the third year in a row that a junior Gold Cup event has been held in conjunction with the racing of the big boys the likes of Russell Coutts and Peter Gilmour in the King Edward V11 Gold Cup proper.

George was 5th in the North Island Opti Champs in 2004 and 8th in the Nationals. At 13, he still has another season in the Opti.

Last year Frankie Lardies also from Glendowie represented NZ at the event and won it and the previous year Paul Snow-Hansen from Wakatere participated and finished 3rd.

George will stay with a local family during his visit and as well as competing in the four day regatta will go out and watch the Gold Cup and meet with the senior sailors, and see world class match racing up close.

Good luck George!!

THE ASIAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Asian team of Paul Nicholls, Alexandra Maloney, Marcus Hansen, Andrew Bettle, Thomas Saunders, Jamie Dawson and Gabrielle Cross who will travel to this event in Thailand in October have been training together over the last couple of months and have been used as the demonstration sailors at the Coach the Coaches Clinic at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club. They will also get a special coaching session with Gonzalo on Thursday.

Andrew Wills will be accompanying them as their coach. Good luck to these sailors in what will be the first international regatta for them all except Alexandra who has competed in Flanders last year.



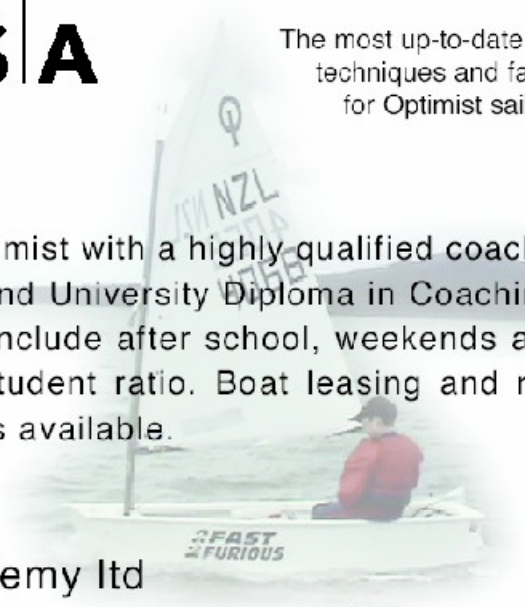
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NZIODA Optisail 2006 – Eastern Beach Auckland – January 13th-16th 2006

NZIODA will be running an **Optisail** this year at Willow Park Eastern Beach just prior to the Coaching Clinic. This is a perfect venue with great accommodation and facilities. **Participants need to have completed YNZ Level 1 and Level 2 requirements.**

Please contact Barry Davies ourplace@xtra.co.nz or 09 535 7418.

Entry forms and details are on the NZIODA website www.optimist.org.nz

NZIODA Summer Coaching Clinic – Auckland - January 17th -20th 2006

The clinic is an annual four-day program run by the NZ International Optimist Dinghy Association. The main aim of the clinic is to improve the skills of all participants during four days of intensive training and activities. 60 spaces are available with selection based on results and performance.

We will have some top New Zealand sailors (several of whom have represented us at recent Optimist World Championships) and coaches, performing the coaching duties under the direction of Clinic Coaching Director, Andrew Wills. In addition, NZIODA is once again bringing Argentinean coach Fernando Gwozdz to New Zealand for the event.

The venue is the Willow Park Christian Camp just 50 metres from Eastern Beach, 20 kilometres south east of Auckland city. For more information and an entry application form look on the NZIODA website www.optimist.org.nz

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Dan is running a coaching program from Kohimarama Beach during the second week of the school holidays. The coaching runs from the 5th - 7th of October. Cost for the three days is \$80

P classes – morning session – 9.30 am -12.30pm
Optimists – afternoon sessions – 1pm – 4pm

Contact Dan for details and to reserve your place dan.slater@xtra.co.nz

DVDS for Sale

We still have a few of the legendary DVDs produced by the Argentinians
“Advanced Optimist Boat Handling” This DVD is a must for your club and your coaches.
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