



Tuesday Tattler

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Hi everyone,

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Four of our Optimist kids have been at Lake Taupo in New Zealand competing in the Optimist North Island Open Championship this week with commendable results. In the 40 strong Green Fleet Courtney Lee was 16th. The Open Fleet had an international field of 120 boats. Nick Sharman had a great result finishing 20th; Sophie Jackson was 49th and Stephanie Lee 109th at the completion of the 12 races. There was a lot learnt by our young sailors competing at this level and they are looking forward to sharing their experiences with the MYC opti sailors on their return.

At Mordialoc Rhett & Tyrone Gowans competed in the Vic Dinghy Championships which is also the 2nd leg of the Victorian Sailing Cup. Rhett finished 3rd and Tyrone 5th overall—fantastic result!, the 3rd leg is on this weekend at Black Rock.

We had almost 40 boats on the water for the Gazman Twilight Pursuit last Thursday. In pleasant conditions Grant Chipperfield won the Gazman \$100 voucher in **Dark Joker** with **Jessie** Graeme Pimlott 2nd and **Three Ring Circus** Bill Bennett 3rd. Rob Rainsford nailed the start in **Cocktail** to pick up The Rocks prize.

A fickle breeze was the order of the day for Saturday's racing. The etchells & flying 15s managed only one race towards their aggregate & class series. Richard Trembath was the winner in **Fly By Night** in the Flying 15 aggregate result with **Lean & Mean** Doug Bell 2nd and Bernie Boon 3rd in **Cinderella**. **Lean & Mean** turned the tables on **Fly by Night** in the class race result.

In the etchell aggregate result James Bacon had **Vendetta** on top with **Dark Joker** 2nd and **Basic Instinct** Steve Young 3rd. **Dark Joker** topped off a good week winning the class race from **Vendetta** and **Twelve87** sailed by Peter Jones.

Divs. 1, 2 & 3 had an aggregate & a club championship race Steve Bolton sailed **Darkside Of The Moon** to success in the club championship race. **Magic Pudding** Phil Mannes was 2nd and Charlie Helquist 3rd in **Crowded House**. The aggregate race result was the same.

In Div.2 **Arabelle** showed the way for Grant Hailes & Bret Levenspiel with **YT2** Stuart Gooley 2nd and **Easterly** Cam McKenzie 3rd in the first club championship race for the season. The aggregate race result had **Easterly** 1st from **Arabelle** and **YT2**.

Confusion reigned supreme in Div. 1 resulting in the race being abandoned.

Unfortunately there are no results available from the optimist fleet for last Sunday, but the previous week's aggregate race results are now available. In race 1 Nick Sharman won in **Sea Axe** from Stephanie Lee in **Optigon** with **Wave Wipper** Sophie Jackson 3rd. Race 2 went to Courtney Lee in **Opti Magic** from **Optigon** 2nd and **Wave Wipper** 3rd.

Gazman in Main St. are sponsoring the first twilight series. Gazman has some great specials on beach shorts and polo shirts available in many colours. Comfortable and fast drying make them ideal for sailing, also keep in mind a Gazman gift card makes an ideal present for any occasion.

This Saturday Divs. 1,2&3 have an aggregate & club captain's trophy race and the etchells & flying 15s have two aggregate & class series races. On Sunday the Optimists & OTBs have 2 races in their aggregate & club championship series. Tackers 1 & 2 are also scheduled. There is a Club Social Pursuit series race at 2pm for all divisions.

Just a reminder if you use the tractors Keith Ross will be doing the induction to conform to our OH&S policy at 10am this Saturday 24th. Regardless whether you have done the induction in previous years, you need to be there with your driver's licence in hand and get the new forms completed.

This Thursday we have race 4 in the Gazman Twilight Pursuit Series. This series is being sponsored by Gazman with a \$100 voucher to the winner. Hopefully this week we will get over 40 boats on the water. Whether you are sailing or just socializing MYC is the place to be on Thursday evening. Gather some friends together and come down and relax over dinner or a drink. The BBQ will be on prior to racing. After the race gather upstairs to celebrate or lament on what might have been. The raffle will be on with lots of prizes including the Ritchies meat packs to be won. Food is available from The Rocks or bring your own but the main thing is to just be there and be part of the action.

From the Office:

We have our Christmas Lunch organised by our Ladies on Friday 7th December—a great way to start off the festive season with a delicious Christmas menu catered for by the Rocks (see attached flyer) bookings are essential by Monday the 3rd December please.

The moment you've all been waiting for is nearly here—The Mariner's Boating Holiday draw for a fantastic trip for 2 to Croatia is being held here on Thursday 29th November with the draw taking place at 8.30pm in our Harbour View room. All new members from the year along with their proposers will be entered so come along and see who the lucky winner is!



Photos taken from this year's trip

Hope to see you all around the club
Richard Nichols