



THE LION
FOUNDATION

YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME REPORT by Guy Pilkington



Hiking hard, Team KZ Marine (#7. Soar Printing – Helm: Danielle Bowater, Main: Lisa Chamberlain, Trim: Jake Stanley-Harris, Bow: Paige Cook)

Match Racing training is now well underway with the odd harbour course when it's too windy for match racing, or after scheduled maintenance mornings.

International Umpire Wayne Boberg has also been in doing a one-hour match racing rules preparation classroom sessions, which all have found very beneficial.

Harken Cup (RPAYC) and Musto Cup (CYCA)

Over the next two months we are preparing our squad for the next two International match racing events in Sydney.

The same squad, with some changes in positions, will cover both events: Chris Steele, George Brasell, George Anyon, Connor Mashlan, Rawiri Geddes, Alex Dyet, Josh Salthouse and Dylan Wichman.

Chris Steele will helm again at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Musto Cup, which he won last year, and Roy Dickson will travel as coach for both teams.

The CYCA has just launched their brand new fleet of Elliott 7's, so we are certainly looking forward to our first international event sailing in our own boats.

I will travel with the squad to the first event, which is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Harken Cup in Pittwater, and then head home to prepare the boats for the Training Week at Kawau.

NESPRESSO National Youth Training Week

We again have 10 teams signed up for the NESPRESSO National Youth Training Week to be held from Monday 9th to Sunday 15th December.

Sandspit Yacht Club
Tauranga Yacht & Power Boat Club
French Bay Yacht Club
Glendowie Boating Club
Maraetai Sailing Club
Port Chalmers Yacht Club
Murrays Bay Sailing Club
Kohimarama Yacht Club

Naval Point Yacht Club
KeriKeri Cruising Club

We are very proud of the fantastic reputation this training week has and our special thanks to NESPRESSO for again helping us bring this intensive, fun week to these 40 young sailors from around New Zealand.

Jerry Clayton BMW Sprints

The first of the Jerry Clayton BMW Thursday Sprints kicked off our summer with a bang! Ten teams were on the start line at the beginning of October in a fresh westerly.

General Committee member and Graduate Chris Maddock won the night onboard #10 (*Boating New Zealand Magazine*). Graduate Gavin Brady was 2nd (#5. *Whiting Power Marine*) and Harry Dodson 3rd (#1. *International*).

Our thanks to all 10 teams for supporting this event. We race fortnightly (day after Wednesday Series). It's fantastic viewing



Victorious Team Matchstick (#10 Boating New Zealand Magazine – Helm: Chris Maddock, Main: Josh Tucker, Trim: Nathan Williams, Bow: Holly Hamlin)

from the Members Bar. The crew remain on the same boats – so get down and support your team!

Graduates

It has been another busy month for our graduates with Will Tiller and his Full Metal Jacket team competing at the Extreme Sailing Series, finishing 8th in Nice.

The latest event in the Alpari World Match Racing Tour was the Bermuda Gold Cup with an unprecedented four RNZYS

graduates competing.

Adam Minoprio (Team Alpari FX) finished best of the bunch with 4th overall, Phil Robertson (Waka Racing) 8th, current YTP member Chris Steele (36 Below Racing) in his first tour event finished a very credible 9th overall only narrowly missing out on a place in the quarter finals, and Will Tiller (Full Metal Jacket) 18th.

With just one event to go, the Monsoon Cup, Minoprio is 4th overall and Robertson 6th.

Member Profile: Byron van Vugt

Age: 21 years old

Student: Auckland University

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering & Commerce (Conjoint) – 4th year.

I grew up sailing dinghies and then moved into keelboats, I met some graduates of the Lion Foundation Youth Programme working at Cookson Boats and decided to join as it looked like fun!

This is my second year in the programme and this season I am trimming on Boat #7 Soar Printing.

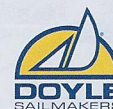
Next year i am looking to move to Europe to continue studying and sailing.



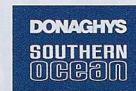
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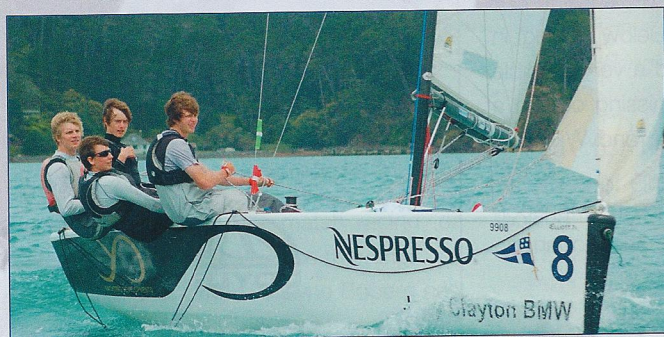
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"The best youth training programme in the world."

Grant Dalton

- MANAGING DIRECTOR, EMIRATES TEAM NEW ZEALAND



YTP graduates compete internationally at the highest level. Our podium winners include the Governor's Cup (USA) and Harken Youth International (Australia).

LION FOUNDATION YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME

The RNZYS Lion Foundation Youth Training Programme delivers the best intensive training for young sailors between 16 to 21 years old, in a disciplined environment.

This programme is a breeding ground for Volvo Ocean Race, America's Cup and Match Racing Champions. Are you ready for the challenge?

The programme was formed with two purposes in mind - firstly to give young people with limited sailing experience the opportunity to receive intensive theoretical and practical instruction in the various aspects of competitive keelboat racing. Secondly to take young people with obvious ability to a higher level of skill in a disciplined environment.

Our goal is success through intensive and practical instruction in the skill and science of competitive sailing.



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