

## Kerikeri Cruising Club and Youth Sail Team Race training regatta



Wentworth boat enjoying the breeze



Mixed boat handling exercise



Kerikeri blue team



Whangarei Girls.

Last weekend 12<sup>th</sup>. to 14<sup>th</sup>. December saw the annual Kerikeri team training regatta enjoy three days of very wide ranging weather from 2 to 20 knts. This regatta aims to cater for a wide range of skills, real beginners benefiting from the presence of experienced sailors many at the end of their school sailing.

The first day was spent on fairly basic boat handling followed by simple mark traps in the afternoon till the wind forced coaches to resort to setting long reaching courses for the sailors to enjoy flying reaches. The next two days were spent in gradually increasing levels of team racing on a formal course.

A big thank you to the 20 plus very helpful adults, 16 parents and 4 KCC club officials [including the Commodore and Vice Commodore] who ran the 4 Ribs the start finish boats and welcomed sailors to refreshments at the club in the evening.. Reuben Corbett was our chief coach supported by Allen Clarkson and a couple of Kerikeri "ex" sailors.

The regatta clashed with the 'Squadron Nespresso regatta' this year so there were only 5 teams present. We will change the date for next year.

Wentworth were the team to beat even loaning 2 skippers to one of the Kerikeri teams. The presence of their parents and Rib were also very much appreciated as were Allen Clarkson and his band of parents with their boys and girls teams both of whom improved greatly throughout the regatta.

The results at the end of the regatta were;

Wentworth 1<sup>st</sup>. 18 points,

Kerikeri blue 2<sup>nd</sup>. 13 points

Whangarei Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 points

Keri / Wentworth 4<sup>th</sup>. 4 points

Whangerei Girls 5<sup>th</sup>. 3 points

All the sailors improved markedly over the duration of the regatta and were a pleasure to support.

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