



## **Annual Report to AGM 13th September 2018**

It was another busy year of team sailing for the Marlborough Colleges Sailing Club. We continued to work with Queen Charlotte Yacht Club to enable wonderful opportunities for youth sailors.

Our coach this year was Tom Mitchell and with parental support we maintained a weekly coaching programme. January continued to be a suitable time for extra training and we had Benny Butcher working with Tom to provide a successful coaching clinic for all three teams over 3 days and a pot luck dinner to bring families together.

Our regional event was held in Nelson in March hosted by NBYTRA with support from our people including Viv Butcher as RO and 14 South Island teams attending. Thanks to Ian, Tom and parents who hauled boats to support this event. Christchurch Boys High School took out the top spot this time, just ahead of our Marlborough Boys. Queen Charlotte College came in 6<sup>th</sup> and Marlborough Girls College took 6<sup>th</sup> place in the silver fleet. Marlborough won over the Nelson teams for the Top of the South trophy, but the margin was closer than in recent years. The conditions in Nelson were very challenging with an unusual wind pattern, light and shifty and plenty of rain prevailing. A fun prizegiving evening with a sumptuous dinner was well received.

MBC team attended the Lower North Island regatta for the training opportunity this provides and Viv Bucher attended an event at Lake Hood to provide for the Lower South Island. A regular regional event in the lower South Island is important for growing the sport in that region too.

Fundraising is an ongoing demand on our teams to maintain our safety standards, fleet maintenance and enable training, travel, accommodation for participation in regional and national competition and we appreciate the support we have had this year from our local community, and funders Pub Charities, Lion Foundation, Pelorus Trust, Triple Links Trust and the Marlborough College Charitable Trust

Teams from two of our Colleges travelled north in the school holidays in April to the Secondary School National Championships in Algies Bay. Marlborough Boys placed 4<sup>th</sup> with Queen Charlotte College in 17<sup>th</sup> place in a fleet of the top 32 school teams.

Maintaining our fleet of boats continues to be a major undertaking. Special thanks go to everyone who has managed this work this season, especially to Ian Gardiner, Sam Edwards and Neil Rattray for ongoing hull repairs. We are thankful for the Port Marlborough compound area where our boats and gear are kept. Our boat sponsors are very much appreciated and we are very thankful for their ongoing support; Sounds Connection x 2, Port Marlborough, Wishheart McNabb, WK Advisers, Hendersons and Oddies Marine.

Finally, my thanks go to all sailors, team managers, teachers, coaches, parents, for the organising, transporting, encouraging, financing, and looking after our sailors this year. Special thanks to Sara who has worked hard in the treasurer's role this year and is now passing on this responsibility. Also, to Ian Gardiner for support in this and many practical areas and to Debs who has been our efficient secretary.

As a result of our combined efforts Marlborough Colleges Sailing Club is well placed to continue to provide our youth with the wonderful opportunities of training and competitive, inter-school sailing.

We have another exciting season coming up with a new coach available to us and it is our turn to host our Top of the South regional regatta: 28-30<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Happy team racing!

Viv Butcher  
MCSC Chairperson/Co-ordinator  
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