



GOOD IDEAS IN BRIEF – IDEAS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS CLUBS

- Clubs need Rules as well as a Constitution so that Rules can be changed whereas to change the constitution is much more complicated.
- Regatta rules for keelboats should require that at least 50% of the crew is a member of the yacht club. This increases membership but does not prevent first timers.
- Engage mid - teens in becoming Assistant Club Instructors to maintain their interest especially if they are not high performers.
- All Children starting Learn to sail at a yacht club should be taken out in the rescue boat on the first day. They have a good time, feel safe, and see it being done by others of similar age.
- Clubs to include school in entry form and then send results to the school

Gulf Harbour Yacht Club rearranged their Wednesday night series to cater for crews who had difficulty making the normal start time or who preferred to avoid the melee at the start. The following are ways in which they modified the series:

- (a) Boats started any time from 1855 to 1915. The start time was recorded as the time whole number of minutes before they crossed the line. i.e. if they crossed the line at 19:03:43 then the start time was 19:03:00. This solved the OCS problem unless a boat is very keen and tries to start before 1855.
- (b) A Short windward/leeward course was used (usually 0.6 nautical miles) and the number of laps each boat completed was recorded. Boats finished the lap they had started before 1950 and finished in the normal way. Provided the distance between the windward and leeward mark is known a VMG for each boat can be calculated. This VMG is then divided by the general handicap that has always been used, to calculate a corrected VMG. This allowed a Raven 26 and 35' trimaran plus others in between to compete together. One advantage is that everyone gets back to the clubhouse roughly at the same time and the slowest boat is not always last to finish.
- (c) If at 2015 a boat was still racing then it could use its motor and still finish – i.e. no DNF.



The South Island Secondary Schools Sunburst regatta

This week long event is for local sailors as an alternative to the Secondary Schools team racing championship. One school has dominated the Regional trials for the Team Racing to the point that other schools have stopped bothering, resulting in a major drop off of school sailing.

Since it fell during Tournament week teachers who attended were paid. Kids were entitled to the time off school.

Racing for Sunbursts was organised in two divisions, with, and without spinnakers. The idea being to not only have good racing but always an element of fun, with a variety of race styles. These included gate courses, point to point courses, slalom racing, mixed team racing and a fun race.

The team racing was short course racing. 6-8 minutes is enough, and rolling starts. The fun race was a reverse Mark Foy with an obstacle course including water bombs and tasks involving Weetbix and a short run.

The entry fee was \$125 and included a lunch on the water each day.

The event required approximately 22-26 helpers who all agreed to come back another year because they enjoyed it so much.

Suggestion from the Junior and Participation committee

A National single handed, double handed and multi handed championships.

Championships in these disciplines could be organised as a challenge between Regions or Clubs. A host club would provide boats of the appropriate discipline. These are chartered for the event by the competing Region or Club but would be rotated around the fleet to avoid a team being stuck with a slow boat.

Clubs could hold trials or send more than one competitor. This may need to be restricted depending on the level of interest. The class that a competitor sails at his / her club need not be the same as the host club is supplying but it would need to be a single, double or multi handed class as appropriate to the championship.

Visiting clubs would sail a series over a weekend. Some time later some more clubs would sail over another weekend. At the end of this process the top clubs would be selected and would sail in a finals series. From this would be declared the champion single, double or multi handed champion.



E.G. The host club has 10 lasers or 8 Sunbursts or 6 Noelex 25s. 25 Clubs declare their interest in each discipline.

The club with 10 laser holds 3 weekends sailing with 8, 8 and 9 competitors. The top 3 from the first two weekends and the top 4 from the last weekend come to a finals series involving all 10 boats.

The club with 8 Sunbursts holds 4 weekends with 6,6,6 and 7 pairs of competitors and selects the top two from each for a finals

The Club with 6 Noelexes holds 3 weekends with 5 competitors on the first day, 5 on the next and so on until all 25 entries have sailed and then select the top crew from each group sail a finals on the last day of the third weekend.

Obviously the organisation can be changed to meet the number of boats and the number of teams entered.