

# EBYMBC 2021-2022 Calendar

## 2021

### **EBYMBC Opening Day**

This year will be EBYMBC's 103<sup>rd</sup> Opening Day.

All the normal pomp and ceremony will happen late morning before we hit the water for the second race of the Wellington Keelboat InterClub Series. Expect to see the Bay full of sails, it's a day you really shouldn't miss!

### **Spring Twilight Series**

We've been watching out the window and there are just too many nice days for sailing during the week. So, we are kicking off some twilight racing on a Tuesday evening. 1800hrs start and we want everyone to turn up no matter what they sail. We will calculate overall (All-in) results as well as two-handed, single handed and class/divisional results if there are sufficient boats.

*Why Tuesday? Based off 10 years of wind data we have obtained; Tuesday evening is the most likely for us to get an optimal breeze.*

### **Junior Training Night**

The Junior & Youth Fleets will be training on the Tuesday evening while the Twilight Series will also be happening, this is another great chance for the junior and youth members to see the pathway of boats they can progress into as they become more experienced.

### **Keelboat InterClub Series**

The Keelboat InterClub Series is operated by EBYMBC, LBYC & RPNYC to encourage boats to sail in each other's Opening Day racing. The Series is open to Keelboats and Trailer Yachts, is raced over the three opening days and has both a Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Division.

### **Spring Club Sailing Day**

Feedback received from the YNZ Voice of Participants survey indicated that our on-water activities do not put enough emphasis on having fun. So, this season we are attempting to maintain flexibility in the sailing calendar to ensure that we can include fun activities whenever the weather allows and make the most of the conditions we are dealt.

Every "race" sailed on scheduled Spring Club Sailing Days will count towards Spring Series results, but to steal someone else's tagline "expect the unexpected" after that. We will be sailing courses that you may not have sailed in an awfully long time, if at all. And expect to be asked questions that will test your boating knowledge and safety systems (in a controlled environment obviously).

Junior & Youth Sailing will also take place in the mornings of Club Sailing Days. This will hopefully see the entire club using the facilities at lunchtime on sailing days, once again bringing the junior and senior sides of the sailing programme together.

### **Mishmosh Poker Run**

The annual Mishmosh Poker Run is another day to circle in your diary. A day when the winner is decided by total luck! A great way to finish the 2021 portion of the season and celebrate by "just being on the water and mucking around in boats".

## **2022**

### **Pet Cup**

The Pet Cup is the Club's oldest trophy, dating back to 1886. It was gifted to the club to be presented on the racing day closest to Wellington Anniversary, so we have taken that literally and organised for it to be raced ON Wellington Anniversary Day. Public Holiday Mondays in Wellington are always beautiful weather (sorry I've just wrecked it for this year), and this is another great excuse to get on the water. You never know, it might even be a race back to Evans Bay from a location we have a raft up pre-race...

### **Summer Twilight Series**

Same as the Spring Twilight, just run post-Christmas in "Summer".

### **Summer Club Sailing Day**

Summer Club Sailing Days will be run along the same lines as the Spring Days. Expect the unexpected and have some fun. Once again, all "races" will count towards the Summer Series results.

### **Island Bay Race**

EBYMBC are planning to run our own Island Bay Race this year (it is open to all Keelboats) and will be hosted on the same day as the Island Bay Festival. It will be a great way to "show-off" our fleet to the public when we arrive in Island Bay, as well as a great opportunity to get out of the Heads.

### **Junior Carnival**

The Junior Carnival is a new initiative that will include the Wellington O'pen Cup for the NZ O'pen Skiff Class. Other junior classes will be invited for an event focused on fun and getting on the water (with a little bit of racing in there somewhere). We will also use the weekend to showcase the different pathways that junior sailors can take as they progress to playing with the big kids.

### **Night Race**

Our initial attempt at a Night Race in 2021 was a great success. We will be aiming for a similar event to last season (it won't take all night; you will be back on shore before midnight). But it's a great chance to get out there and experience sailing in the dark.

### **Season Championships**

The Season Championships will be calculated based on the results from each scheduled Club Sailing Day (Spring & Summer). However, each race day will count as one "race" towards the season championships. This allows for a competitor to miss a day of sailing and not be penalised if multiple races are sailed. It's all about trying to keep it fair over the season and the realisation that members do have lives and activities outside of sailing.

### **Matariki Regatta**

This season our annual club regatta will be run over three days from 26-28 June (Matariki Public Holiday Weekend). The decision to make this move is based on busy the post-Christmas (Feb-Apr) calendar is both at Evans Bay, regionally and nationally. Our hope is the move will make the regatta more attractive to visiting boats as it will be one of the only events on nationwide. It also spreads out the load a little on our magnificent volunteers.

## **Dates to be Confirmed**

### **Family Day**

The Family Day will be an open day encouraging sailors' families to come down and get involved. There will be trial a boat options and plenty of fun for all ages on and off the water.

### **East West Dash**

An old favourite that might look a little different, but still a great "fun" event.

### **Club Picnic**

Harking back to the good old days of the Wellington Yacht Clubs combined picnic. Let's get it started at EBYMBC again and see how far it grows!

### **Club Rallies**

This is all about getting on the water. We will need plenty of help from members for this one. It can be as simple as heading to Kau Bay for a raft up. Further details to come.

### **Senior Class Training**

The debrief sessions have been a huge success over winter and we will carry these through to summer in one way or another. We are also planning some on water sessions, but these will be very weather dependent so will be advised much closer to the day they are run.

### **Safety Procedures/Challenges**

This is another back to the future concept, where we will be testing your boat handling ability and getting you to think about those "what if" situations. Think Person Overboard, Sailing Backwards, Reefing, Anchoring and other boat handling drills.