



# TIMARU YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB

## Rhumblines

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### NEW PATROL BOAT LAUNCH

**This Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm by the club's flagpole**

Come and join us for a wee naming and launching ceremony for the new boat. This will be under the flagpole. It'll be good to see you there to mark the occasion.

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### CHANGES TO THE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT ... A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING!

**Members will soon receive notice of a Special General Meeting with a single motion on the agenda, the decision to apply for re-registration as an Incorporated Society.**

Holding a general meeting to make this decision is one of the requirements of the new Act, which came into force last October, and as mentioned in a previous edition of the Rhumblines (27th February).

The meeting will be held immediately prior to prizegiving on Saturday 4th May. We strongly encourage as many members as possible to attend, and of course there will be refreshments. There will be a brief presentation, and a Q&A about the motion to re-register as well as anything else about the new Act.

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### OYSTER REGATTA 23-24 MAR 2024

#### Regatta Report

While the excitement for Sail GP tech tour and racing were building amongst club members, the O'Connor family headed south for Bluff Yacht Club's annual Oyster Regatta. Comments from sailors at other regattas suggested that this was one not to be missed. It is quite a trek from Ashburton, picking up James from Thomas House (TBHS) on the way, to the deep south.



Saturday morning saw sailors gather at the Bluff Yacht Club to register. There was plenty of activity, with trailer yachts being rigged in a nearby green area and dinghies being rigged in front of the club rooms, on the road. It was great to see familiar faces from regattas earlier in the season and we certainly felt welcome.

After race briefing, boats were launched and sailors made their way past moored fishing boats, out into the harbour. Spectators found a spot to watch from, on a wharf. Three races were able to go ahead without any delays or cancellations due to dolphins or other wildlife – it was all action out there on Bluff Harbour. As the third (and final) race for the day finished, it began to rain, and boy did it chuck it down!

Once boats were derigged and people had dried off a bit, it was back to the clubrooms where there were oysters, fish and mussels being handed around and the bar was open. Sailors who had come from Stewart Island on the first ferry for the morning, left to catch the last ferry back to the island.

Sunday morning briefing was at 9.30, and sailors headed off for another three races. Once again the sun was shining and the rain stayed away this time! Following racing there was some social time and prizegiving in the clubrooms. It was then time to hit the road and head for home.

This was another great weekend, and a great opportunity for James to grow his skills and experience.



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