



## AUCKLAND WOMEN SAIL SOUTH FOR MUD HOUSE WINES WOMEN'S SAILING REGATTA

A group of successful women sailors will be joining the Waikawa Boating Club's third annual Mud House Wines Women's Regatta this September in a unique event aimed at women sailors.

The event will be staged on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Queen Charlotte Sound, Marlborough.

Keryn McMaster of the weather forecaster Predict Wind, will be heading the team of keen women sailors from Auckland. McMaster has sailed around the world twice; first on EF Education in '97-'98 and then on Amer Sports 2 in the Volvo Ocean Race 2001-02. She has also competed in three Sydney-Hobart races. She and seven other women sailors recently won the NZ Women's Keelboat Championships. McMaster will be the key note speaker at the Club's dinner on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, where she will share some of her adventures.

A great weekend of fun on the water is on the cards, for both experienced sailors, and those new to the sport, to get amongst a weekend of sailing on boats from the Club. There will be a total of three races during the weekend.

The Club is encouraging boats to have as many women crew as possible, and boats must be helmed by women. Club organiser Jennie Crum says they have had lots of interest from Nelson too, and predicts interest from sailing enthusiasts from many pockets of New Zealand.

"We are hoping for a good show of women, but of course men will be welcome to make up the rest of the crew!"

Mud House Wines is thrilled to be on board for the third year running. For early birds, there is the optional extra on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September to join the Mud House crew for a 'street-style' lunch, wine, and a Winemaker wine tasting at their Woolshed Vineyard in the Upper Wairau Valley.

Mud House Brand Manager Chrissy Powlesland said it's a great opportunity to bring together two drawcards which epitomise Marlborough; world class wine and the Marlborough Sounds.

"We're really looking forward to a warm South Island welcome to the women. It's such a privilege to be able to work again with Waikawa Boating Club to offer an event that is focused on promoting women in sailing. Local street food caravan Feast Merchants will be on site to serve up some terrific food, and our winemaker Cleighthen Cornelius will take the guests through a tasting of the Mud House Sub Region Series wines, which focus on the unique flavour profiles of Marlborough's key varietals."

A mixture of fun and competition in the sometimes gusty, challenging winds of the Marlborough Sounds is anticipated.

Queries for competing women, boats or the lunch can be directed to Jennie Crum 021 236 7783.



## KEY INFORMATION:

The Regatta will be held at Waikawa Boating Club 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

Registration closes 24 August 2018. Boat registration is \$50 which is entry into the regatta.

Friday 21 September - optional Lunch at Mud House Woolshed Vineyard, limited to 30 people.  
Cost \$50pp - includes Mud House Wine Tasting, Adventure Goody Bag, casual lunch and transport by arrangement.

## PROGRAMME:

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Regatta Day One

Packed lunch available at \$5 per head

10.00am	Registration / Meet boat owner
10.30am	Race Briefing
11.00am	Familiarisation sail
1.00pm	Race 1 Start
5.00pm	Prize Giving for the Day
6.30pm	Club Dinner - \$40 per head includes three-course dinner and guest speaker Volvo Ocean Race sailor Keryn McMaster.

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Regatta Day Two

Packed lunch available at \$5 per head

10.00am	Race Briefing
11.00am	Race 2 Start
1.00pm approx.	Race 3 Start
3.30pm	Prize Giving at the Club and farewell. Cash Bar with light snacks available

## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Waikawa Boating Club Event Page](#)    [Mud House Facebook Page](#)    Event Hashtag #MudHouseSailing

## ABOUT MUD HOUSE WINES

Our founders set sail to travel the world; only to fall in love with New Zealand. After planting vines they used the local earth to build their home. Two decades on, we continue to celebrate the spirit of striking out and breaking boundaries. Wherever you are in the world look out for our distinctive wines and celebrate your taste for adventure.

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