



## OKI 24-Hour Sailing Race – Generations battle it out!

**Auckland March 4th, 2018:**

The 2018 OKI 24-hour race was hotly contested by all sailors across all divisions. Open fleet winners and winners of the OKI 24 Hour race trophy, Alistair Gifford and Matthew Kempkers, sailing Adhesive Technologies came a close second across the line behind the highly experienced Master's team of Scott Leith, Dean Drummond and Rohan Lord sailing The Watershed.

Winner of the solo division, Jackson Keon from Murray's Bay Sailing Club, completed a mammoth 85 laps beating recently arrived Murrays Bay Opti Open fleet coach, Conner Corgard. These two soloists battled throughout the night sailing within a couple of boat lengths of each other to finish only 3 laps behind the fully crewed boats.

Legend, Dan Slater showed his class by leading the Legends showcase race held on Saturday evening. Annalise Murphy and Bianca Cook from the Volvo Ocean Race supported the event and shared their experiences with the sailors – young and old.

The Youth division was won by Harrison Baker and Jayden Abbott. Also taking part was the first female team sailed by Samantha Stock and Elly Warren. A number of sub-youth teams competed with a team of MBSC Starling sailors, including Amelie Back, Daniel Bull, Georgia Livingston and Luke Tilsley completing the entire 24 hour event.

Younger sailors took part in the Opti OKI 6-hour race, with a large fleet enjoying breezy conditions. The eventual winners were Mason Mulcahy and George Lee Rush in the Open fleet and Leo Brown, Logan Ross and Kelly Su in the Green Fleet.

Alex Kawamura, Managing Director Australia and New Zealand of event sponsor, OKI, congratulated all participants making special mention of the community and team effort that make this ongoing event such a success for both sailors and sponsors.

*As always the OKI 24-hour delivered, with challenging sailing conditions, fierce competition across the ages and memories for years to come.*

*Jane Pilkington, MBSC Commodore*

For a full list of winners [check out murraysbay.org](http://murraysbay.org)