

Dear CYA,

I recently travelled to the Tanner and Tauranga Cups at Kohimarama Yacht Club in Auckland.

The **Tanner Cup** was sailed in very light conditions testing my patience of the sport. The first race started slow, every one desperate to win the first race, but the wind wouldn't allow and I came 3rd in race 1 and 2 proving to myself that I could sail in the light winds. The breeze was similar for race 3 but I messed up my start finding myself in 6th around the top mark. By the bottom mark I had come back to 4th but on the second up wind I went to the wrong side of the course and the wind shifted to the other side. I was 7th round the top mark and couldn't gain back anything in the rest of the race.

Day 2 was similar, I was sitting in fourth after Day 1 but I was carrying a 7th. Race 4 was slow again, I bet my rival for 3rd and gained 2 valuable points on him. Race 5 was not ideal I was 4th round the top mark and capsized on the reach (I was kiting too hard) then I sailed under 5 people and was into 5th, on the upwind I came back to 4th and finished in the same spot. It was one of my best come backs. Race 6 was the same as race 4 but I just had to beat a rival to get 3rd overall. I sailed a normal race until the second top mark where I slammed on him making him have to tack again. I had my coach telling me the points we were on before the race so I knew I had to beat him. We sat next to each other on the downwind fighting over one place. I got buoy room onto the bottom mark and got onto the upwind first. From there I just match raced him to the finish where I bet him by meters securing my 3rd place finish in the 2026 Tanner Cup for Canterbury and bringing home the Otago Cup.

The **Tauranga Cup** was a lot windier. On day one I had a bad first race getting 15th and then I got a 6th and a 7th, it was not my best day but it was ok. Day 2 was good getting a 4, 2, and 6 making it a lot better than my first day. There is not much to say about what happened, but in race 6 I was 29th round the top mark having sailed my worst upwind ever having to sail all the knocks to get to the top mark. Then I came back on the second upwind sailing fast and with determination. Day 3 was my best, and the best in the entire fleet. I got a race win in race 7 followed by a 2nd in race 8 and a 3rd in race 9 to finish the regatta off with 3rd overall in the 2026 Tauranga Cup, reviving the Carter Cup.

I was super happy with the whole trip and love sailing P-Class.





Thanks so much for the generous grant and all the time CYC puts towards junior sailing.

Best wishes,

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