

# **2025 NZ Secondary Schools Team Sailing**

## **National Championships and Interdominion selection trial**

**Monday 21st April 2025 – Saturday 26th April 2025**

### **Notice of Race**

The Organising Authority for this event is the New Zealand Team Sailing Association (NZTSA) in association with the New Plymouth Yacht Club (NPYC).

**Notation** The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction.

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by 'the rules' as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028', including Appendix D.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations: Part 1 shall apply.  
<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/sites/default/files/2021-04/YachtingNewZealandSafetyRegulationsPart1.pdf>
- 1.3. All amendments to the RRS will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Competitors shall comply with the NZTSA Health and Safety plan and may be required to go ashore to receive medical attention. If this is the case and the team has no suitable reserves, then they will need to sail with only two boats against the three boats of the opposition.
- 1.5. YNZ Ethical Guidelines will be followed at all times. A copy can be found on the YNZ Website  
<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/resources/ynz-ethical-guidelines-sailors-coaches-and-parents-volunteers>

#### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Sailing instruction will be available no later than the time of registration of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and will be published on the NPYC website. Even though amendments may be posted on the internet, the official communication of any amendments will be by posting them on the NPYC official noticeboard.
- 2.2. Note: That in 2025 NZTSA is moving to a 2 minute preparatory signal (instead of 1 minute), in which umpiring and pre-start engagement can begin.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The event is open to all teams consisting of six (6) sailors, plus up to two (2) reserves and a manager/coach. All sailing crew members shall be:
  - 3.1.1. Able to meet the NZTSA requirements set out in Addendum X.
  - 3.1.2. Members of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting New Zealand.

- 3.1.3. Full time pupils of the New Zealand school that they represent
- 3.1.4. Under 19 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.
- 3.1.5. The Manager/Coach must attest that all crews can right a capsized 420.
- 3.2. A composite team composed of members of more than one school may be entered but shall be made up of sailors from schools from the same region. All composite teams must consult with NZTSA and be approved for entry. Composite teams cannot compete in the gold fleet.
- 3.3. If a school has entered a 'one-school' team, up to two other members of that school may be entered as part of a composite team, with a maximum of one of these members skippering.
- 3.4. The minimum combined weight of the helmsman and crew of each boat must be at least 110kg. Combinations weighing between 100 and 110kg must carry correcting weights to ensure the minimum weight is achieved. These correcting weights must always be carried and attached near the mast foot of their boat. There will be no weigh-in at the regatta, this responsibility is the Managers/Coaches to manage, however spot checks will be performed at the regatta and any teams with underweight crews may be subject to a RRS 69 hearing.
- 3.5. Eligible teams may enter by submitting an entry (detailed below) and paying the respective entry fee of \$2300 via direct credit to NPYC, before the closing date of 1st April 2025. Account details can be found on the entry information (below) at the end of the Notice of Race.
  - 3.5.1. No late entries will be accepted.
  - 3.5.2. Any team with fees owing will not be eligible to participate in the event.
  - 3.5.3. A damage deposit of \$500 per team is required and lodged with the entry fee, unless one is already held with NZTSA. In the event of a team causing major damage to equipment likely to be in excess of \$500, they will be required to pay an additional amount to cover the cost of the damage if they wish to continue competing. In the event of any damage then the responsible school (or schools) will be invoiced directly for the repair.
- 3.6. All teams must provide a support person to assist with the regatta for the duration of the event, this person's details need to be sent to [npyc treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:npyc treasurer@gmail.com) 2 weeks prior to the regatta so that support roles can be allocated.

#### 4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. The championships will be sailed in modified 420 type boats. Spinnakers and trapezes are not permitted. The Organising Authority will co-ordinate the supply of the 420s required for the championships. Boats will be allocated in a draw and shall not be modified in any way unless permitted by the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2. Mainsails will be reefed at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 4.3. Boats will be supplied with red protest flags that shall be permanently attached to the shrouds and yellow breakdown flags that shall be attached to the vang.
- 4.4. All teams must supply their own bailers.
- 4.5. All teams must wear an outer garment the back of which clearly identifies the school when racing (eg bibs, spray jackets or buoyancy vests).
- 4.6. Buoyancy vests must always be worn by sailors and support persons while afloat.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. **Registration**  
Registration will take place from 1600 to 1730 on 21st April 2025, at the New Plymouth Yacht Club.
- 5.2. **Briefings**  
Competitors briefing will take place at 1800 on Monday 21st April 2025 and Daily regatta briefings will take place at 0815 at New

Plymouth Yacht Club with only two representatives from each team.  
**All teams are expected to have representation at all briefings.**

### **5.3. Racing Schedule**

- 5.3.1.** The scheduled warning signal for the first race on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 is 1057, on all subsequent days it will be 0912. except Friday 25th April 2025 at 1257 due to ANZAC day.
- 5.3.2.** Racing will continue on subsequent days until Saturday 26th April 2025.
- 5.3.3.** No round robin shall be started if in the Race Officer's opinion it is unlikely to be completed (except as provided for in RRS D4.2(b) by 1500 on Saturday 26th April.

### **5.4. Racing Format**

- 5.4.1.** Teams will be seeded into four fleets mainly based on their results at regional events. It is intended that racing will consist of a series of seeded round robins, these series will include automatic promotion/relegation of the bottom and top two teams in each fleet for the first two round robins. However, the format may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.4.2.** As the "All-Women" teams may be seeded in different fleets (due to their regional performance), then at the end of the regatta (time and weather permitting) the top 4 "All-Women" teams may have a knockout series to finalise the top 4 places and the winning team. The format of this will be decided by the Race Officer.

### **5.5. Prize giving**

Prize giving followed by a social event will be held after the final day of sailing at the NPYC clubrooms at 1900 with the teams expected to be in school uniform. Details surrounding this will be available closer to the regatta.

## **6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1.** The sailing area shall be the waters off New Plymouth Yacht Club.

## **7. COURSES TO BE SAILED**

- 7.1.** The course will be a starboard hand 'S' course.

## **8. SCORING**

- 8.1.** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS D3 and D4 within each fleet formed as stated in NOR 5.4. The first two rounds will have automatic promotion and relegation of the top and bottom two teams. Should a team be involved in a promotion/relegation, their wins will score double in the second round and score treble in the third and any wins from the previous rounds shall be discarded.
- 8.2.** For the event to be 'completed', at least one full round-robin shall be completed. This changes RRS D4.2(b).

## **9. PRIZES**

- 9.1.** Trophies will be awarded to the top overall team, the team at the top of each fleet and the top 'All-Women' team.
- 9.2.** The top three eligible 'Open' teams and top three 'All-Women' teams will be selected for an Inter-dominion series. Selected teams unable to attend will be replaced by teams next down in the rankings to 5<sup>th</sup> place only, except in case of a special agreement by both countries.
- 9.3.** All teams entering the Interdominions will be granted NZ representative team status.
- 9.4.** Composite teams cannot win the 'Open' team trophy or the 'All-Women' trophy and may not represent New Zealand in the Inter-dominion Championships unless approved by both country Organising Authorities. They may however, win the 'top of fleet' trophies.

## **10. TEAM SUPPORT Vessels [NP][DP]**

**10.1.** Spectator vessels shall not be allowed on the course unless directed by the Race Committee. All support vessels shall always have an engine cut out switch (kill-cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

**11. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP][DP]**

**11.1.** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**12.1.** By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

**13.1.** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio & video recordings, and other respective reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

**14. USE OF DRONE**

**14.1.** Drones cannot be used at NPYC or anywhere in the Port Taranaki area due to Port safety and security rules.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

**15.1.** Further related information will be available online at the NPYC website [www.npyc.co.nz](http://www.npyc.co.nz)

## **Addendum X**

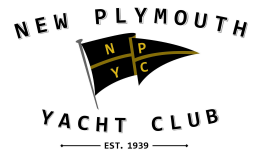
**NZTSA will use the guidelines set out below to assess a teams' suitability to be accepted for the event.**

These are guidelines for accepting entries to the event and they will be applied in the order below. It is the Organising Authority's sole right to accept or decline any entry.

NZTSA may give dispensation to a team that does not meet all of these requirements, which will not be grounds for redress or protest.

NZTSA will **attempt to accommodate** all teams that apply to attend the championships within the following:

- All sailors must meet the eligibility criteria set out in section 3 (above).
- The sailors must demonstrate the ability to handle 420 type sailing dinghies to NZTSA requirements
- The sailors must show they are actively 'playing the sport' of team sailing.
- The sailors must attend a 2025 regional seeding event, unless NZTSA has given dispensation.
- The Manager/Coach has attested to the crew's competency to understand how to be safe when the boat capsizes and be able to right it, to continue sailing.
- The Entry information, Event Fees and Damage Deposit (if required) must be provided before the 1st April 2025.



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**Monday 21st April – Saturday 26th April 2025  
New Plymouth Yacht Club**

## **Entry Information**

The entry to this regatta will be accepted when the following team details have been sent to our administrator via the online link [www.npyc.co.nz](http://www.npyc.co.nz) and the entry fee (and bond if necessary) has been deposited into the NPYC bank account (details below).

### The details required for the team are:

- School Name
- Open, Composite or All-Women Team
- Attest that the team meets the weight requirement and is able to right a capsized 420
- The details and contacts of Team Managers, Coaches, School Representative and School Principal personnel must also be provided, along with an indication of what skills your support person is able to provide (e.g., on/off water tasks, judging, rigging, repairs etc.).
- Plus several compliance questions.

### The details required for each sailor required, are as below:

- Name
- School Year
- YNZ Membership Number or Yacht Club Membership

**\*Principal's verification of student eligibility must be given (see Addendum X)\***

### **Payment Details:**

New Plymouth Yacht Club Regatta Account

TSB Bank

15-3953-0795504-00

GST: 049-439-768

Please include your team name in the reference field so that we can track entry fees.

If your school requires an invoice ahead of payment, please let our administrator know as early as possible on [npyc treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:npyc treasurer@gmail.com) so that this can be processed, and fees are paid in good time.