

Welcome back to team sailing.

Refer to the Events page for the NOR for Aprils Team Sailing Nationals. Note that the closing date for entries is 31st March, which, due to printing deadlines, is before most regional events.

As always please pay particular attention to #4 Eligibility, including entry requirements and Appendix X.

Also remember Clause #7 - Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee again intends that the warning signal will be made at 3 minutes before the start as normal, but the preparatory signal will be made at one minute before the start instead of the normal 2 minutes. This reduces the time before the start, when the rules of Part 2 apply, and therefore during which boats can be penalised, to only the last minute before the start. This change has been introduced in an effort to reduce the amount of rapid manoeuvring before the start, which frequently results in damage to boats.

At the time of entry could you advise if any of the entrants have any medical issues that we should be aware of, please.

Please also note that all supporters (as well as competitors) must wear buoyancy vests while afloat. This includes the change-over vessels and any other support boat. Make sure these are brought with you.



A reminder, that following on from the adoption of the new constitution, the classes of membership have been redefined, so that all members of a secondary school sailing team who participate at either regional or national events must be junior members. This year the fee for a Junior Member is \$1 - this will be included in the SSNats entry. However, sailors in teams who attend regional events, but not SSNats must become members - we ask that the organisers of regional events collect the relevant sailor details (name & address) and fee, then forward to the Secretary, NZTSA. This is not a revenue gathering exercise, but a method of registering members. Regionals organisers please adjust your NORs accordingly if necessary. Schools & other teams must become Associate Members to be entitled to vote on any NZTSA matters, they also need to nominate a person who can vote on their behalf. Refer clause 4.1 (b) for details. The current fee for Associate Membership is also \$1.

We are still seeking proposals for the 2017 event. If clubs, etc are interested, forward a draft proposal, including the named organising committee, to NZTSA, prior to SSNats and then present it at the managers' meeting to be held during the regatta.

The annual teams umpire course is scheduled to be held on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 April, at Sandspit Yacht Club, Sandspit.