

2025 Top of the South Secondary School Team Sailing Championships

Thursday 20th Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd March 2025



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority for the Championships is Queen Charlotte Yacht Club in conjunction with Marlborough Colleges Sailing Club

1) RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028* including Appendix D.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions and Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.
- 1.3 Amendments to the RRS and Class rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions
- 1.4 Competitors shall comply with the 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 YNZ website <https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/resources/ynz-ethical-guidelines-sailors-coaches-and-parent-volunteers>

2) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

3) Eligibility & entries

- 3.1 Entry is available to teams representing secondary schools in the Nelson and Marlborough region and other secondary schools at the discretion of MCSC.
- 3.2 Teams shall consist of 6 sailors plus 1 or 2 reserves and 1 manager and/or coach. All sailing crew members must be:
 - (a) full time pupils (Years 7 to 13 inclusive) of the Secondary School(s) they represent;
 - (b) under 19 years of age on 1 January 2025.
 - (c) member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting NZ
- 3.3 A composite team comprising members of more than one school may be entered following consultation and approval of MCSC. Contact: Viv Butcher vivbutcher4@gmail.com or MCSC Secretary mcsailing.secretary@gmail.com
- 3.4 Weight Limitation: The two members of the crew of each boat must weigh a minimum of 110 kg combined body weight. Crews with a combined body weight less than 100 kg shall make up their weight to 110 kg with approved sand or water filled bottles to be fixed in the boat near the mast step. Teams are to supply their own weights if required. Team members may be weighed in normal clothing however if a combination is close to or under the weight limit they will be required to weigh in dry sailing gear.
- 3.5 **Entries will be accepted until the closing date of 27th February 2025**

by completing online Entry Form found here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/mcsc/top-of-the-south-regionals/2025-tots-regatta?em=1> and paying the entry fee via Internet Banking: Account Number: 12-3167-0255711-00 Reference: **TOTS plus School Team Name**

Inquiries: Contact Charlotte Patterson MCSC Secretary mcsailing.secretary@gmail.com
Or Viv Butcher vivbutcher4@gmail.com

Entry fee is \$ 900 per team for Schools outside the Nelson Marlborough region- this includes boat charter fees but does not include the refundable damage bond.

Entry fee is \$750 for Nelson & Marlborough region Schools in recognition of the supply of 420 yachts

- 3.6 Damage Bond: All teams must present a refundable damage bond of \$500 at or prior to registration (unless this is already held by NZTSA) In the event of a team causing major damage to a boat or boats they may be required to pay an additional damage bond payment if they wish to continue competing in the event

4) Boats and equipment.

- 4.1 MCSC will co-ordinate the supply of the 420 class dinghies for the event.
- 4.2 Teams must supply their own red protest flags, yellow break down flags and bailers.
- 4.3 All teams are requested to wear an outer garment which makes teams clearly identifiable on the water when racing (eg bibs, jackets or buoyancy vests) Where feasible distinctive school colours are recommended but a preponderance of Red can cause problems with protesting.
- 4.4 Approved buoyancy aids in accordance with YNZ specifications shall be worn at all times while afloat.

5) Schedule of events

- 5.1 Registration will be from 09.00 hrs on Thursday 20th March at the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club Shelley Beach Picton
- 5.2 Briefing 10:00 hrs on Thursday 20th March 2025
- 5.3 Back to Back racing commencing 10.30 hrs on Thursday 20th and will continue Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd March 2025
- 5.4 Prize giving and informal dinner will be held at QCYC on Saturday 22d March

6) Racing area

- 6.1. The Racing area will be in Picton Harbour.

7) COURSE

7.1 The courses will be as per the attachment provided.

8) SCORING

8.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D3 and D4 except as changed by the Sailing Instructions.

9) TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

9.1 Team support boats will not be allowed.

10) USE OF DRONES

10.1 All those who take part in this event as competitors, as well as support crew or spectators, agree to be overflown by a drone during the event for promotion or media purposes. This includes your person and your property(boats)

11) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 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 RRS4 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.

12) KITCHEN FACILITIES

10.1 Food will be available for purchase.

Attachments: 2025 Top of the South Secondary School Team Sailing Championship

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