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Report on Interdominion Schools Team Sailing Championships 2010

The New Zealand Team Sailing Association, in conjunction with the Sandspit Yacht Club, hosted the 2010 Interdominion Schools Team Sailing Championship from 3-6th October.

The top 3 “open” schools and the top 3 girls’ schools from each country were scheduled to sail in separate series held simultaneously. Unfortunately the top 2 Australian open schools and one of the Australian girls’ schools were unable to make the trip and their places were taken by the schools placed 4th & 5th and Westlake Girls High School (NZ), respectively. Two Australian umpires accompanied the teams.

Racing was held over 3 days in predominately light winds, which at times required weather related postponements. Five of the possible seven scheduled round robins were completed, providing an albeit light air competition consisting of more than 150 races in total.

The final result of the Interdominion was New Zealand 43 points and Australia 2 points, but this does not reflect the closeness of the racing, but is a clear victory on this occasion to New Zealand. Kerikeri High School won the top team trophy. Some of the logistics of this event are worth noting - twenty six 420 dinghies were provided by NZTSA and associated schools. This provided 3 boats for 8 teams at a time, with 2 spare. There was very little time lost due to gear breakage, which was due to the light airs and high quality maintenance.

18 umpires officiated, both qualified and trainees. Three people manned the start boat, including an IRO and three people manned the finish boat. Other roles included 2 people on the repair boat, 1 NZTSA person on the changeover boat and a person ashore looking after results. In addition, the crew of the Jane Gifford, a restored scow, kindly provided their boat as a change over boat, alongside which was tied the NZTSA pontoon.

The competition was extremely successful. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. To close with a quote from one of the crew from the Jane Gifford – “We have been delighted to have the sailors aboard. They have been so well behaved and are such pleasant intelligent young people. We are also impressed with how well organised and how well run this event has been. We have been pleased to be involved.”

Results

School	Total Points
Kerikeri High School (NZ)	20.5
St Joseph's College (Aus)	5.5
St Kentigern College (NZ)	11
St Michael's College (Aus)	2
Guilford Young College/St Virgil's College (Aus)	7
Tauranga Boys' College (NZ)	19.75