

2015 Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships

Monday 13 April – Saturday 18 April 2015
Taupo



Notice of Race



The Organising Authority is the New Zealand Team Sailing Association, in conjunction with the Lake Taupo Yacht Club.

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2013-2016, including Appendix D.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

2.0 Changes to Racing Rules

The Racing Rules will be changed in accordance with rule 86 as follows:

- 2.1 In Rule D 5.2, change red to yellow.
- 2.2 Add new rule D 1.1(i) when a boat completes a leg of the course in accordance with C7.2(c) she is not permitted to return to that leg.

3.0 Changes to Class Rules

The rules of the 420 class will be changed as follows: - spinnakers and trapezes will not be permitted. Clauses 5.1 and 5.2 also change class rules.

4.0 Eligibility

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all teams consisting of 6 sailors, plus 1 or 2 reserves and a manager or coach. All sailing crew members shall be:
 - (a) able to meet the NZTSA requirements set out in Appendix X, including attendance at seeding regattas.
 - (b) members of a yacht club affiliated to YNZ.
 - (c) full time pupils (Years 7-13) of the secondary school they represent, and
 - (d) under 19 years of age on 1 January 2015.
 - (e) composite teams see 4.3 below.
- 4.2 If a school has a 'one school' team, up to two members (only one being a skipper) of that school may sail in another team. All girls' teams are exempt from this ruling.

4.3 A composite team comprising members of more than one school may be entered but shall be constituted from schools within one region. A composite team may be accepted following consultation with, and the approval of NZTSA. Contact nztsasecretary@gmail.com. However, no composite team can be in the “gold” fleet and a composite girls’ team cannot win the Girls’ Trophy.

4.4 The two members of the crew of each boat shall weigh a minimum of 110kg combined body weight, except that crews between 100kg and 110kg may make up their weight to 110kg with a maximum of 10kg in approved sand filled bottles which shall be fixed in the boat near the mast step. These bottles shall be marked in waterproof ink with the school name, weight and crew combination requiring the weight. If a crew combination is close to or under the weight limitation, the team members shall be weighed in normal dry sailing gear.

4.5 A team representing the Cook Islands may be invited by the NZTSA.

4.6 (a) **Entries will be accepted until the closing date of 19th March 2015**, by completing the attached entry form, accompanied by a fee of \$2000 and mailing it to NZTSA, PO Box 73, Warkworth 0941. (Emailed entries to nztsasecretary@gmail.com and electronic bank transfers are also acceptable). The entry fee includes dinner for the 9 team members, including the coach or manager, a charter fee and one year’s membership of NZTSA.

(b) **No late entries will be accepted.**

(c) Unless a damage deposit is already held by NZTSA, a deposit of \$500 per team will be required as a cheque made out to NZTSA lodged with the entry. In the event of a team causing major damage to a boat or boats 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.

4.7 (a) Teams must provide an NZTSA approved support person to assist regatta organisation, otherwise the payment of an additional \$500 will be required.

(b) NZTSA requires each school or their regional NZTSA representative to forward the names of suitable personnel together with the tasks they are able to perform (e.g. rigging boats, repairing, starting/finishing, umpiring, Beach master, etc) to assist in running the event, equivalent to 1 person for every entered school within each region. Teams supplying boats must make them available 2 days before racing starts, together with a team representative for up to 2 days before the event.

5.0 Boats and Equipment

5.1 NZTSA will coordinate the supply of all the 420s required for the championships. Boats will be allocated according to a draw and shall not be modified except as set out in the Sailing Instructions

5.2 Boats will be fitted with NZTSA coloured mainsails, being 200mm shorter in the leech than a standard main and the size of a Sunburst main when reefed, and coloured standard sized jibs. Mains will be reefed at the Race Officer’s discretion. All boats will be equalized as far as possible. Any technical enquiries should be directed to Ross Sutherland 027 472 8332.

5.3 All teams shall supply their own red protest and yellow breakdown flags, (minimum size 200 X 150 mm), bailers, make weights if required and optional distinctive “bibs” to make teams recognizable on the water. Where feasible distinctive school colours are recommended, but a preponderance of red can cause problems with protesting.

5.4 Buoyancy vests must be worn by competitors and supporters at all times while afloat.

6.0 Schedule of Events

6.1 *Registration and weigh in:*

Monday 13th April from 1400 to 1730 at the Lake Taupo Yacht Club.

6.2 *Briefing:*

Monday 13th April at 1800 at the Great Lake Centre, Story Place, Taupo.
Daily briefing at 0815 at LTYC.

6.3 *Managers' Meeting*

Thursday 16th April at 1930 at LTYC.

6.4 *Racing Schedule:*

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Tuesday 14th April is 0945 hours and on subsequent days 0915hours.

Racing will continue on each day until Saturday 18th April.

No Round Robin will be started if in the opinion of the Race Officer it is unlikely to be completed (except as provided for in D4.2b) by 1700 on Saturday 18th April. However, racing may continue after this time to complete a series already commenced.

6.5 *Racing Format:*

It is intended that racing will consist of a series of seeded divisional round robins, each followed by repechages, to allow teams to move up and down the ranking, after which regatta points will be awarded.

If time allows, there may be round robin finals for the top six, four or two teams in the gold fleet and lesser RR finals for other divisions

However this schedule may be changed, at the discretion of the Race Committee, if weather conditions do not permit completion of the programme.

(Further format details will be included in the Sailing Instructions).

7.0 Sailing Instructions

The full starting sequence will be included in the Sailing Instructions, which will be available at registration.

It should be noted that the warning Signal will be made at 3 minutes before the start

The preparatory signal will be made one minute before the start.

(This will mean that boats will only be **racing** from the one minute signal. A boat not **racing** shall not be penalised for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing except rule 24.1).

8.0 Racing Area

The sailing area will be Tapuaeharuru Bay, Lake Taupo.

9.0 Courses to be Sailed

The course will be a right hand 'S'.

10.0 Scoring

10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D3 and D4 within each "seeded group" as stated in 6.5(a). Following reallocation after any repechage teams will be awarded 'regatta points', based on the number of teams in the event. These points accumulate over all RRs in the series to give the final ranking.
If the number of teams in the competition is not equally divisible, the extra team(s) shall be put into the Divisions in order from Gold to B, to C, etc.
No combined schools team which finishes a round robin at or near the top of silver fleet may sail in any repechage. The order will be re-arranged so that their place will be taken by the next highest placed single school team. The regatta points awarded after the repechage has been sailed will be based on this rearrangement of the order

10.2 For the event to be 'completed' at least one round robin shall be completed. This changes Rule D4.2b.

10.3 The top three eligible teams will be selected for the Interdominion Series. It is intended that up to 3 top girls teams may also be invited. Selected teams must confirm their intention to attend and deposit a good faith bond of \$500 to NZTSA within 14 days of selection. This bond to be returned when attendance at the Interdoms is confirmed. Selected teams unable to attend will be replaced by teams next down the rankings.

11.0 Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the top "open" team, the top silver and bronze fleet teams and the top "single school" "girls only" team.

Note: Formal dress uniform is required for the prize-giving dinner, to be held on Saturday 18th, at 1900, at the Great Lake Centre, Story Place, Taupo.

12.0 Team Support Boats

Spectator boats shall remain more than 100m from the course area.
One coach/manager per team may be allowed on the changeover barges.

13.0 Decisions of the protest committee

In accordance with RRS 70.5 and Addendum A, Yachting New Zealand has approved the denial of the right of appeal for these championships.

14.0 Advertising

Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: Advertising limited to one organisation may be displayed on clothing and equipment worn by competitors.

Any advertising must be declared prior to registering for the championships and must not conflict at any time with the main sponsors.

15.0 Further Information

Lunches will be available for purchase. Please advise on your entry if you are likely to want this service.

Results and other regatta information will be available from the website www.nzteamsailing.co.nz.

Appendix X

NZTSA will use the guidelines set out below to assess a team's suitability to be accepted.

These are guidelines for assessing entries to the event. They will be applied in the order below. It is NZTSA's sole right to accept or decline any entry. Failure of a team which is accepted, to not meet any of these guidelines shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

The two main criteria are involvement in encouraging team sailing and ability to handle the boats used in the regatta safely.

This year NZTSA is attempting to accommodate all teams that apply to attend the National championships with the following limitations:-

1. They must demonstrate an ability to handle 420 sailing dinghies to NZTSA requirements.
2. They must show that they are actively "Playing the Sport" of teams sailing.
3. They must submit the Team Entry Form, regatta fees and bond (if required) by 19th March 2015.

To comply with 1 and 2 above teams must have attended, not earlier than 2014, an NZTSA approved regatta. These include:-

1. 2014 Nationals,
2. 2014 October Spring regatta
3. Auckland, Upper, Central and Lower North Island and South Island Championships 2014 onwards.
4. Any NZTSA approved Regional regattas involving four or more teams, 2014 onwards.
5. December training regattas where an NZTSA instructor validates the teams' skill level.

2015 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAM SAILING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Taupo, 13th – 18th April

TEAM ENTRY FORM



Tax Invoice GST no 79-078-948

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED by 5pm on the 19th March.
including payment of \$2000 (Inc GST) Entry Fee and \$500 DAMAGE DEPOSIT if not already held by NZTSA.

School Name

	NAME	YR	SEX	D of B	Email	Wt kg	YNZ affiliated club
BOAT 1	SKIPPER						
	CREW						
BOAT 2	SKIPPER						
	CREW						
BOAT 3	SKIPPER						
	CREW						
Reserve	1						
	2						

We agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. We understand that neither the Organising Authority and its officers, members and servants or other persons assisting with the conduct of the regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta. We agree to the use of our photograph(s) and other relevant information in any event publicity and in the ongoing promotion of New Zealand yachting. We agree to the Organising Authority and Yachting New Zealand holding the above information for the general administration and well-being of the sport, and for them to retain, use and disclose the information to affiliated organisations and any other persons or organisations that Yachting New Zealand believes will further the interests and objectives of Yachting New Zealand. We acknowledge my right to access to and correction of this information. The consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

I verify that the above named crew attends.....School

Signed:..... Principal

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Team Manager	Contact Details
Team Coach	Contact Details
Nominated Support Personnel	Preferred Task(s)
Mob	Email.....

(or payment of \$500, if no approved support person provided)

Travel Arrangements:

Method of Travel	Extras with Team
Date of Arrival	
Contact Address and Phone during Event	

		Amount Paid
Entry Fee (incl GST)	\$2000.00	
Refundable Damage Deposit (unless already held by NZTSA)	\$500.00	
No Support Person	\$500.00	
	TOTAL	

Team Dinner Tickets Required (max 9 included in entry fee)	
Extra Dinner Tickets Required (cost to be confirmed)	
Lunch (indication of number. Cost to be confirmed)	

Please pay by cheque made payable to New Zealand Team Sailing Association or

Bank Transfer to: NZTSA – Events Account

**ASB Bank Ltd
Northland Commercial Banking
12 3091 0150496 01**

Please ensure that the team name is included in the reference field