

Top of the South Regatta has been completed. Each day we waited for a short time until the breeze filled in and on Saturday afternoon it peaked briefly at 16 knots before dropping again to near perfect conditions. On both day two and three we managed to complete two round robins in both the gold and silver fleet with a best of three repechage after each one. We awarded regatta points as we went along and had many races closely contested, with teams abilities improving as the regatta progressed.

Saturday saw a particularly busy day on Picton Harbour. As usual we had the interisland ferries coming and going but we also had to contend with increased commercial traffic, including the float plane, who were catering to the thousands of people who had arrive into Picton for the day on the cruise ship that had berthed nearby our course. What an interesting wind shadow that caused when they departed in the late afternoon !

Final results saw Marlborough on top, winning the Top of the South trophy from Nelson for yet another year. Marlborough Boys College took the overall top placing, with the Marlborough Girls not so far behind. Waimea College took the third place and we look forward to seeing them at the Nationals this year. Queen Charlotte College moved into fourth place with Christchurch Boys High School in fifth.

Nayland College fought hard in the repechage races and eventually were winners in the silver fleet. A composite Marlborough team of up and coming young sailors took out the seventh place ahead of Nelson College for Boys, with Nelson College for Girls taking the final place, and also the award for being so polite !
Congratulation to Oliver Clark, Marlborough Boys College, for taking the sportsmanship award.

Prizegiving dinner was held last night and included fun activities for all teams. Nayland College managed the most creative boat built from limited materials and all Team captains showed they are such good sports off the water as well as on, as they competed in a very entertaining game of "Distraction"

2013 Top of the South Secondary School Team Sailing Championships

Final Placings:

Gold Fleet:

1. Marlborough Boys College
2. Marlborough Girls College
3. Waimea College
4. Queen Charlotte College
5. Christchurch Boys High School

Silver Fleet

6. Nayland College
7. Marlborough Combined Team
8. Nelson College Boys
9. Nelson College Girls

Top of the South Trophy:

Marlborough: 29 Nelson: 14

Highest placed Girls Team : Marlborough Girls College

Regatta points:

	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday		
	Full RR	RR1	RR2	RR3	RR4	total	Final placing
Marl Boys	1	2	1	1	1	6	1
Waimea	2	3	4	2	4	15	3
Chch Boys	3	6	5	5	3	22	5
Marlb Girls	4	1	3	3	2	13	2
QCC	5	4	2	4	5	20	4
Nayland	7	5	6	8	6	32	6
Marlb Comb	6	7	8	7	8	36	7
Nelson Girls	8	9	9	9	9	44	9
Nelson Boys	9	8	7	6	7	37	8

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Top of the South regatta has begun, with nine teams from Nelson, Marlborough and one from Christchurch competing.

We had a great day of sailing once a gentle breeze filled in with the first round robin of 36 races completed in 5-8 knots of wind on Picton Harbour

Results so far, which have determined the gold and silver fleets to continue racing Thursday:

Gold:

1. Marlborough Boys College
2. Waimea College
3. Christchurch Boys High School
4. Marlborough Girls College
5. Queen Charlotte College

Silver

6. Nayland
7. Combined Marlborough Team
8. Nelson College Girls
9. Nelson College Boys