

Nelson Marlborough Regional Inter-school team sailing regatta
Held over three days 22nd – 24th March.
Great sailing conditions generally in light northerly sea breeze.

Four teams from Nelson. Nelson Boys, Nelson Girls, Nayland College and Motueka High School.

Three teams from Marl. Queen Charlotte College, MARlb Girls & Marl boys.

QCC.

Cloe Vining Captain
Hamish Baxter-Broad
Libby Donovan
Justin Richards
Nellee Gregor
Warren Horncastle
Lee Stuart
Luke Bergman

A team of mixed experience with this being the first season for four members but some long term experience with Cloe and Hamish.

Marlb Girls

Rachael Clark
Tess Landon-Lane Captain
Liese Belgrave
Hannah Teonea
Mary Rose Dashfield
Coral Denize
Brooke Battersby

A fairly novice team with many of it's enthusiastic members being new to sailing in general, well led by Rachael and Tess with some team sailing experience between them.

Marlb Boys.

Declan Burn Captain
Jason Anderson
Jeremy McCaffrey
Taylor Burn
Corey McCaffrey
Ben Halverson
Liam Stonely
William Hay

A team with a great depth of experience with all but one sailor having competed in past team sailing regattas, hoping to do well in this one and in the Nationals next month.

Regatta program was for three round robins of 21 races in each to be held over the three days then a final between the top four teams.

Day One: RR 1

Postponed start due to lack of wind. 1st race started around noon.

Light northerlies most of the day dying out mid afternoon. Managed to get all 21 races of 1st RR.

Results at that stage.

Marlb boys and Nelson Girls = on 5 wins

QCC & Nelson boys = on 4 wins

Motueka 2 wins

Nayland 1 win

Marb Girls 0 wins

Nelson verses Marlborough for regional trophy tied at 6 wins each

DAY 2: RR 2

Late start again. Good light northerlies although 4 course changes were made to accommodate 2 wind-shifts from the south - good course setting practice!

Results at end of RR 2

Marlb Boys & Nelson Boys = on 10 wins each

Nelson girls 8 wins

QCC 7

Motueka 4

Nayland 3

Marlb Girls 0

At this stage Nelson beating Marlborough region by 13 wins to 11.

Day 3.

Winds were light again and it was decided to hold the finals based on results from end of RR 2.

The competition started afresh with final teams being. M Boys, Nelson Boys, Nelson Girls & QCC.

The finals consisted of 3 round robins.

Marlb boys won all three races in the first two round robin, QCC won 2 in each losing only to their old arched rivals, Marlborough boys putting them up near the top also. In the 3rd round both teams seemed to go to sleep where M boys lost all three races with that being QCC's only win.

All races in the finals were close finishes with positions constantly changing throughout each race. It was a fantastic display of teams racing at it's best with all teams putting on a great show and giving it their absolute best.

Finals results were

MBC 1st with 6 wins

QCC 2nd with 5 wins

Nelson Boys 3rd with 5 wins (losing to QCC on count-back)

Nelson Girls 4th with 2 wins

Although Marlborough Girls did not make the finals this young team made a lot of progress during the regatta, which will put them in good stead for the future.

Nelson won the regional trophy. Wining 13 /11 to Marlborough.

Both Marlb Boys and QCC will be competing in the National teams racing in Lyttleton in April where they will be pitting themselves against each other and 24 other NZ teams, once again - aiming for the finals.