

The New Zealand Team Sailing Association is seeking expressions of interest from any clubs who may wish to host and assist in running the Secondary Schools Team Sailing Nationals in 2017.

The event is sailed during the second week of the April school holidays, with competition over five days.

Please forward to nztsasecretary@gmail.com by 24 July 2015

Some notes on running the Secondary Schools Team Sailing Nationals at Regional venues

At the Managers' meeting this year there was some discussion on venues for future Nationals. There was general support for Algies Bay being a main venue, but not necessarily the only venue. There arose the need to know the basic requirements for a Nationals event. Below is a draft summary.

Sailing venue:

1. Shore line / access to a reasonable area of deep enough water, with practical all weather, all tide launching and retrieval facilities.
2. Reasonably unobstructed wind.
3. Plenty of boat and vehicle parking.
4. Sailor facilities, toilets, shelter, suitable area for briefings.
5. Umpire briefing and protest room, results office.
5. Prize giving venue for approximately 350 people.

Boats:

1. Sufficient 420s in reasonable condition and matching fleets of six from the point of view of hull design, condition and rig settings. Matching means that the three boats in a team need not be identical but each boat must have an "identical" in the other half of the fleet. All six boats being "identical" is of course best.

Coloured sails will normally be provided by NZTSA. Boats need to be sourced and transported to the venue in good time before the regatta.

2. Sufficient usually means 30 420s plus at least two spares if we are running more than 24 teams
3. If there are more than 24 teams, then two adequate start and two finish boats are needed, to run 2 courses.
4. At least 2 mark-laying boats are needed ideally with 2 "repair" boats, though these may double up.
5. 2 large Ferry Ribs are usually essential.
6. Some form of change over vessel / barge(s) depending on size. Spectator vessel(s) are a bonus.
7. At least 15 suitable umpire boats plus a Chief Umpire boat.

Personnel:

Some of these may double up but all functions are required to be covered.

1. Management committee of 3 people, including Regatta Manager.
2. Race committee(s) of 3 on start boat and 3 on finish boat on each course (= 12 people).
3. Protest committee of at least 3 suitably qualified umpires including a Chief Umpire.
4. 'Beach-master'(s) to manage sailors on to and off the water
5. Boat-master(s) to manage boat maintenance on and off water.
6. Boat repair team on shore.
7. At least 5 fully experienced and qualified Umpires plus another 5 'good enough' umpires, plus trainees and a Chief Umpire. NZTSA will normally be responsible for most of these.
8. On shore coordinators 2, one can be the Regatta Manager.
9. Social management committee could include the Regatta Manager. This committee needs to organise regatta officials lunches, advise on accommodation, and organise the prize-giving dinner, catering, speaker etc.

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