

The **2018 Interdominion Schools Team Sailing Championships** was held recently at Algies Bay, Warkworth (NZ). New Zealand won the Interdominion Trophy, with steady sailing from the kiwi girls adding significantly to the points gained when the teams from the two countries met – 62.5 points to 54.5 points.

Westminster School won the Open Trophy ahead of fellow Australian rivals The Friends' School, following an epic battle between the two teams in one of the latter races of the regatta. Auckland Grammar School finished third, followed by Westlake Boys' High School, Brighton Grammar School and Christchurch Boys' High School.

Napier Girls' High School took out the Girls' Trophy after managing to move ahead of Ascham School. New Plymouth Girls' High School and Diocesan School for Girls finished third and fourth ahead of Fahan School and Canberra Girls Grammar School.

Going in to the final day there was still no clear leader in any of the divisions, except the kiwis had crept a little ahead for the Interdom Trophy. The top three open teams were separated by only 1.5 points and Ascham was just ahead of Napier.

Overall, the sailors at this year's event showed higher skill levels than seen in the past, resulting in very close racing. Seven round robins (210 races) over four days were completed in generally light conditions.

Next year's event will be held at Sandy Bay Sailing Club in Hobart in the new time slot of the July School holidays.

For full results refer to www.nzteamsailing.co.nz

