



BOATS



New Zealand Team Sailing Association is proud its fleet of 420s is being used in this regatta. We would also like to thank other organisations and private individuals who have made their boats available for the running of this contest.

Sails are supplied by the New Zealand Team Sailing Association and are used exclusively for team sailing.

A Special Plea...

We ask that all competitors look after these boats as if they were your own, and to note the following:

1. Do not pull the boats up on the launching ramp. Always use a trolley.
2. Do not alter any of the rigging, etc. other than that specified in the sailing instructions.
3. If you have problems or wish to make adjustments you must obtain the approval of the BOATMASTER.
4. At the commencement of racing each day, the scheduled teams for the first race of the day will be responsible for rigging **all** the boats, including the spare boats.
5. At the end of racing each day, the last team using the boats is responsible for de-rigging, storage, cleaning out the boats and packing away the sails.
6. Do not undo any ropes that are taped up or undo any shackles other than the main halyard.
7. Report any damage to the BOATMASTER or finish boat immediately after racing or on returning to the shore.

Every effort must be made by competitors to avoid damage and collisions.

REMEMBER YOUR BOND IS AT STAKE!



Important Notes on Capsize Response and Recovery



1. To reduce capsizing drama, **DO NOT CLIMB UP BOAT** once the mast has touched the water.
2. Get round to the centreboard as soon as possible, usually around the stern.
3. Get hold of centreboard then put your weight on the lower gunwale of the boat while pulling steadily on the centreboard.
4. If the mast is pointing in to the wind hold on to the centreboard as the boat comes up, duck under the boat, swivel round and reach up for the side stay [or gunwale] which will be just above your head.
5. Once you have a firm hold of the weather stay the boat will be reasonably stable.
6. If you have a weaker / smaller crew, help them in by bending your knee up to act as a step. (If both sailors are small it is worth having a loop of rope at each side stay long enough to put their foot in to help get up into the boat)
7. Note, it is rarely worth holding on to the bow, as in old instructions, it causes the boat to be unstable and there is still the problem of getting back to the side stay.
8. If you are in charge of a safety boat it is well worth while having a blunt boat hook. This enables you to attach to the boat and switch your propeller off at a safer distance from the sailors.
9. Getting hold of the forestay and working your way along it until you are holding it a metre or so above the deck gives you good control over the boat.