

Welcome back to team sailing.

NOR for April's Secondary Schools Team Sailing Nationals has been updated & finalised..

(Note: NOR #3.4 and #7 has been amended since the draft that was sent out at the end of November)

More detail will be given in the Sailing Instructions and at the event briefing.

The **closing date for entries is 8th April**, which is after all regional events have been held.

The entry fee of \$2300 is **due for payment by this date** also.

**Failure to pay the entry fee by the closing date may invalidate an entry.** An invoice can be sent if this assists organising payment. Please notify Gay.

A few points for attention:

- combined crew weights must be between 105 and 110 kg, i.e. make-weights to only 5kg being allowed. However, ONE crew only in each team, weighing between 100kg and 105kg, will be permitted when carrying the appropriate "make-weights" to give a total of 110kg. refer NOR #3.4

Note: It is generally accepted that the optimum combined crew weight for team sailing in a 420-type boat is 120 to 125 kg.

- permanently fitted protest and breakdown flags will be supplied, as used at last year's event - refer NOR #4.2.

The general idea for the use of these flags is "For protests by boats under D2.2, a red flag is conspicuously displayed when it is hoisted an arm's length up a shroud and it remains there until the protested boat takes a penalty or the umpires signal a decision. The flag shall then be lowered to deck level at the first reasonable opportunity. If a boat wishes to protest when the flag is already displayed it shall first be lowered to deck level and then displayed again."

Some regional event organisers are looking to trial this at their events.

- the final racing times and prize-giving times have both been brought forward from our usual timings to allow teams to start their trip home a bit earlier if they wish. - refer NOR #5.4 and #5.6.

- remember Monday 27 April is a holiday, due to ANZAC Day holiday being 'Mondayised'.

- with the new venue we are able to have changeovers directly from the shore or from the shore via a race committee rib.

Coach/managers will be responsible for organising their teams on shore.

Refer NOR #7.0.

- before considering entering the regatta, please note the guidelines in Appendix X, regarding assessing a team's suitability to compete at the regatta.

- many have noted that Vodafone cellphone coverage at Lake Hood is not great and you may wish to have sim card from another provider.

As usual the entries are via the online Entry Form, but refer to the NOR for required & essential info, before attempting to complete the entry.

As above always please pay particular attention to #4 Eligibility, including entry requirements and Appendix X.

Note that, as with other national sailing events, we require all sailors to belong to a YNZ affiliated club. The entry requires either the YNZ club membership number for the sailor, individual club membership number or as a minimum a letter from the club confirming membership.

There is no travel discount this year.

A reminder that all members of a secondary school sailing team who participate at either regional or national events must be junior members of NZTSA.

**Sailors in teams who attend regional events, but not SSNats must become members - we ask that the organisers of regional events collect the relevant sailor details (name & address) and fee (\$1 per sailor), then forward to the Secretary, NZTSA.**

This is not a revenue gathering exercise, but a method of registering members. *Regionals organisers please remember to adjust your NORs accordingly if necessary.*

Schools entered in SSNats, automatically become Associate Members and will be entitled to vote on any NZTSA matters. Other teams, etc (e.g. attending regionals only) may also apply for membership and therefore, be entitled to vote, too.

The annual teams **umpire course** will be held on Sunday 19 and Monday 20 April at Lake Hood (venue to be confirmed)

NOR for the **Lower South Island Regionals** now available.

**NB:** To enable this event to be organised, a **firm indication of attendance must be received** at [nztsasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:nztsasecretary@gmail.com) by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**, with completed entries being accepted until the closing date of **20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

The organisers of the **North of the Bridge** event to be held at Algies Bay invite south of bridge teams to compete too. NOR published.

Any further NORs, reports, etc can be forwarded for uploading on to the website.

This year's calendar has been updated

Further updates will be emailed and also posted on the website [www.nzteamsailing.co.nz](http://www.nzteamsailing.co.nz) and/or the face book page [www.facebook.com/New-Zealand-Team-Sailing-Association-1382277235350707/](https://www.facebook.com/New-Zealand-Team-Sailing-Association-1382277235350707/).

Lastly and **importantly**– **if you are able to bring a rib to Lake Hood** (eg from Starling or Opti Nationals) please contact Ross 0274728332 or [rosssutherland5@gmail.com](mailto:rosssutherland5@gmail.com)