2009 Secondary Schools Nationals

Friday April 24

National Championship	Place	Silver Fleet	Place	Girls	Place
Tauranga	1	Nelson Boys	1	Napier Girls	1
Mahurangi	2	Waimea	2	Nelson Girls	2
St Kents	3	Queen Charlotte	3	Christchurch Girls	3
Kerikeri	4	Timaru Boys	4	New Plymouth Girls	4
Whangarei	5	New Plymouth Girls	5	Craighead Girls	5
MacLeans	6	New Plymouth Boys	6		
Marlborough Boys	7	Francis Douglas	7		
Westlake	8	Nelson Girls	8		
Napier Girls	9	Mt Aspiring	9		
Lindisfarne	10	Canterbury Girls	10		
Chrischurch Boys' High School	11	Canterbury Boys	11		
Scots College	12	Paraparaumu	12		
		Craighead Girls	13		

- 1520 As things progress, it looks like Napier Girls as the Girls Winners this year.
- 1510 Final race in the championship just finished. Tauranga won it, but there is a protest going on. So provisionally its Tauranga Boys again.
- 1445 Silver Fleet Top four sail off resulted in Nelson Boys, 1st; Waimea, 2nd; Queen Charlotte, 3rd; Timaru Boys, 4th. Girls finals being sailed now.
- 1430 After 4 races in the final its 2-2 between Tauranga and Mahurangi.
- 1400 Semi final resutls. Mahurangi v MacLeans. 2-1 to Mahurangi. Tauranga v St Kents, 2-1 to Tauanga. So its Taurang v Mahurangi in the final.
- 1330 Some results. Quarter finals St Kents v Whangarei, 2-1 to St Kents. Kerikeri v MacLeans, 2-1 to Kerikeri.
- 1122 Silver Fleet round continues.
- 1100 Right! This how it panned out after count-backs. Tauranga 1st (16.5 points), Mahurangi 2nd (15), Kerikeri 3rd (12), Whangarei 4th (12), St Kents 5th (11), Macleans 6th (10.5), Marlborough 7th (10.5), Westlake 8th (10).
- So Kerikeri will sail off against MacLeans and Whangarei against St Kents in a best of 3 race round.
- 1045 Gold Fleet round has completed. Now to find out who has gone through to the next round.
- 0940 Heading out now to start sailing. We are standing by to load draws once we know who will be sailing who.
- 0850 Once the top six are found then the top two go direct to the final finals round. Places 3 to 6 sail off to find two teams to sail off against the top 2.
- 0840 Finals day. There is a NE of around 8 knts, so we may get sailing away earlier today. There are 4 races to sail in the Gold Fleet with the MacLeans v Lindisfarne and St Kents v Scots College critical to which teams go through.

Thursday April 23

1702 - Update: With Kerikeri beating St Kents it is now down to Kerikeri, MacLeans and Marlborough. It will be tight because both MacLeans and Marlborough could finish on the same points as Kerikeri. St Kents still have to sail Scots College.

1700 - Matches betweeen Kerikeri v St Kents, MacLeans v Marlborough and MacLeans v Lindisfarne will probably determine which of Kerikeri, St Kents, MacLeans and Marlborough make it through to the final series.

1630 - Looks like Tauranga and Mahurangi will get through and probably Whangarei. There is a real battle for that last place though. There are 5 teams within 2 points and it will probably come down to a countback.

1345 - Top six in Gold Fleet starting to sort themselves out with Tauranga, Whangarei and Mahurangi in the top three at the moment. There will be a bit of a battle for the 4th, 5th and 6th spots though.

1215 - Racing underway. E at about 8 knts. Course laid next to the Oil wharf again.

1140 - No wind as yet.

0840 - More of the same. Beautifully fine, but no wind. We will have to wait until something comes in. Gold and Silver Fleet round robin will continue today. Once the round robin is complete, the top six in the Gold Fleet will sail off for the championship. The top six in the Silver Fleet will sail off to find a winner there and the top four Girls teams will sail off for the Girls Trophy.

Wednesday April 22null

1640 - Nearing the end of another day. Could do with a bit more wind. Usual suspects doing well in the Gold Fleet with Mahurangi and Tauranga leading the way after about 1/3 of the races.

1500 - Realigning the course. Now a SE at about 8 to 10knts. Tauranga Boys look very proficient with 3 from 3 so far.

1410 - W of 10knts. Getting through the races although a bit slow.

1215 - Course laid and boats just going on the water now. Westerly at about 8 knots.

1144 - Still no wind. Waiting.....!

1000 - Once racing gets underway, results can be found here.

0920 - Water like glass. Very slight Westerly. Will have to wait until the wind comes in. The Gold fleet is very tight this year with most of the teams in with a chance.

0840 - Another beautiful (and brisk) morning. The top six from each fleet have gone through to the Gold Fleet. Napier Girls sailed very well to get through to the Gold Fleet.

Tuesday April 21

1600 - Hope to finish the Preliminary Round Robins tonight and start off clean with the Gold and Silver Fleets in the morning.

1415 - Nearing the end of the Preliminary Round Robins. Fleet 1 looks to be sorting itself out, but there may need to be count backs in Fleet 2 to decide who goes straight through to the Gold

Fleet. The top six in each fleet go straight into the Gold Fleet and then the 7th placed teams in each fleet will sail off for the final Gold Fleet place. Latest results $\underline{\text{Fleet 1}}$ $\underline{\text{Fleet 2}}$

1215 - Racing underway again.

1145 - Wind shift, course being re-laid after only two races. The wind was so fickle that both races finished at the same time, which made for interesting boat handling.

1125 - Racing underway. Course is laid closer to the port under the Oil wharf (red arrow on Port Web

Cam). Light ENE of about 5knts.

1113 - Course laid, boats heading out.

1035 - Still nothing.

0900 -Beautiful day here, but no wind at the moment. We'll wait until something happens.

Monday April 20

- 1640 Racing nearly finished for the day. It gets real cold once the sun goes behind the hills. SW at about 10 12 knts. There has been some very close racing. Watch out for Napier Girls, just beat Kerikeri in Fleet 1. Tauranga Boys, despite losing two of their champion skippers, have beaten Mahurangi, the other favourites from Fleet 2. Light winds forecast for Tuesday.
- 1500 Nearing the halfway mark of the Preliminary Round Robins. Gold fleet contenders are starting to emerge. SW breeze of around 20knts average. Could expect a postponement.
- 1330 Racing resumes.
- 1300 Southerly around 18 to 20knts. Sailing halted while a squall goes through.
- 1145 Results are being entered now, so we will catch up over the next hour or so. 1125 We are having some issues with getting the results to the scoring system. Bear with us while Mike the techo gets out to the finish boat.
- 1030 Racing underway in a softening breeze S 10 15knts.
- 0900 In a word, its cold. There is a 15 to 25knt Southerly blowing. Looks like reefed sails when the racing gets underway. There is one course with two seeded fleets sailing alternate races. At the end of the preliminary round robins, the fleet will be split into Gold and Silver.