

Welcome to the Top of the South Island Secondary School Team Sailing Regatta 2026!

Important information for participants and supporters is below:

Location and parking

The Nelson Yacht Club is located at 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson. There is parking space in the Council car park next to the Yacht Club and plentiful roadside parking nearby. To avoid congestion, please don't bring cars into the club area unless you are dropping off a boat.

Communications

Our website is nbteamsailing.org.nz. All regatta information including NOR, sailing instructions, safety information, updates and contact information will be published here. These will also be posted on the Yacht Club noticeboard.

Rob O'Grady 027 571 5611 is our coordinator for the event and **Maria Fillary 022 605 1674** is assisting. There are multiple parent helpers, sailing families and wonderful umpires and race officials. Rob or Maria will assist you if you have any questions or will try to find the right people who can answer your questions.

Team Managers WhatsApp Group

We will set up a WhatsApp group for communication with the Team Managers during the regatta.

Team Manager details are:

Nelson College for Girls - Rachel Davidson 027 244 1891

Nelson College - Nicki Lawes 027 771 1173

Waimea College - Karen Cameron 021 0267 1940

Nayland College - Dale McDonald 021 030 9043

Garin College - Matthew McTague 021 241 6965

Nelson Combined Schools Development Team – Karen Cameron/Nicki Lawes

Marlborough Boys College – David Wilson 022 012 8828

Marlborough Colleges Team Sailing (combined) – David Wilson

Christchurch Combined Girls Team - Pip Limbrick 021 940 070

Christ's College – Steve Everingham 027 421 0661

Mt Aspiring College – John Russell 021 966 667

Regatta Programme

We have 14 teams registered from Nelson, Marlborough, Christchurch and Wanaka.

THURSDAY 12 MARCH
8:30 REGISTRATION
10:00 RACE OFFICIALS AND
UMPIRE BRIEFING
10:30 START OF RACING

FRIDAY 13 MARCH
BRIEFING 10:00
PLAN TO RECOMMENCE
RACING AT 10:30

SATURDAY 14 MARCH
BRIEFING 10:00
PLAN TO RECOMMENCE
RACING AT 10:30
6:00 FORMAL DINNER

Registration will occur in the Nelson Yacht Club rooms, and we will conduct the briefings upstairs in the Aurora Lounge.

Food

The Penguin's Nest will be open from 9:00am-10:30am each morning for coffees and breakfast butties.

We will offer some free warm food to sailors for when they come off the water.

Formal Prize Giving Dinner

The formal dinner, for team sailors and team managers, will be held at the conclusion of sailing on Saturday, 14 March, in the Aurora Lounge, above the Nelson Yacht Club. Please be seated by 6:00pm (doors open at 5:45pm). Sailors, please come in your school uniform, number ones as this is a formal prize giving event.

If you have indicated on the entry form that any of your team have special dietary requirements, these will be catered separately at dinner. If you have missed anyone or anything, or have some concerns - please email natalia.harrington10@gmail.com. We will be happy to help.

As it is a school event it will be alcohol free. Non-alcoholic drinks will be on tables and are included in your entry fees.

The cost of the formal dinner for up to 9 people (sailing team and 1 adult) per team is included in the regatta entry fee.

For other parents/supporters wishing to have a social dinner together, we have pre-booked a table at Nahm (www.nahm.co.nz). Please let the registration team know if you wish to join in.

At the finish of both dinners, parents can attend the prizegiving in the Aurora Lounge (standing room only). The awards start at approximately 7:30pm. The expected finish time is approximately 8:30pm.

Photos

We have arranged for a photographer to take team photos on Friday morning. Please make sure all sailors in a team are similarly dressed, e.g. all in sailing gear and bibs,

Our Supporters

Please acknowledge and thank our supporters. We are grateful for their generous support!



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Information for Supporters and Spectators

We have two courses available for racing and our Race Officer will make a call on which one we use based on weather conditions.

The course locations are marked approximately on the aerial photo below. We plan to use Course 2, which is inside The Cut. Spectators will be able to see racing from Rocks Road if we use Course 2. Unfortunately, Course 1 is not visible from shore. Parents and supporters are welcome to base themselves at the Nelson Yacht Club where we are hosting the event. The Aurora Lounge (upstairs from the clubrooms) will be open during the event.

