



**2026 Top of the South Secondary School
Team Sailing Championships
Thursday 12th, Friday 13th & Saturday 14th March 2026**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority for the Championships is Nelson Bays Team Sailing Association (NBTS) in association with the Nelson Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by 'the rules' as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024', including Appendix D.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations: Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 All amendments to the RRS and Class rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 YNZ Ethical Guidelines will be followed at all times. A copy can be found on the YNZ Website <https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/resources/ynz-ethical-guidelines-sailors-coaches-and-parents-volunteers>

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration on Thursday 14th March and may be made available prior to registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entry is available to teams representing secondary schools in the Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough region and other secondary schools at the discretion of NBTS. Entries will be accepted until the closing date of **2nd March 2026** by emailing Entry Form to nbytra.treasurer@gmail.com and paying the entry fee of \$1,300 via direct credit to NBTS **NEW ACCOUNT NO:** 03 1354 0665266 00. Reference: TOTS plus School Team Name
- 3.2 For any other inquiries outside of entry forms, contact:
Priti Brixton NBTS Secretary nbytra.secreatary@gmail.com or
Rob O'Grady NBTS Chairman robogrady3142@gmail.com
- 3.3 Teams shall consist of 6 sailors plus 1 or 2 reserves and 1 manager and/or coach. All sailing crew members must be:
 - full time pupils (Years 7 to 13 inclusive) of the Secondary School(s) they represent; and
 - under 19 years of age on 1 January 2026.
- 3.4 Composite teams: A composite team comprising members of more than one school may be entered following consultation and approval of NBTS. Contact: NBTS Secretary nbytra.secreatary@gmail.com

- 3.5 Weight Limitation: The two members of the crew of each boat must weigh a minimum of 110 kg combined body weight. Crews with a combined body weight less than 105 kg shall make up their weight to 110 kg with approved sand or water filled bottles to be fixed in the boat near the mast step. Teams are to supply their own weights if required. Team members may be weighed in normal clothing however if a combination is close to or under the weight limit, they will be required to weigh in dry sailing gear.
- 3.6 Entry fees: Entry fee is \$1,300 per team - this includes boat charter fees but does not include the refundable damage bond. The entry fee also includes a formal dinner for up to 9 people per team (7 sailors plus one team manager and/or coach and/or additional reserve).
- 3.7 Damage bonds: All teams must pay a refundable damage bond of \$500 at or prior to registration, unless already held by NZTSA. In the event of a team causing major damage to a boat or boats they may be required to pay an additional damage bond payment if they wish to continue competing in the event.

4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 NBTS will co-ordinate the supply of the 420 class dinghies for the event which will be equalised as far as possible.
- 4.2 Boats shall be allocated to each team in accordance with a draw and shall not be modified unless permitted by Sailing Instructions.
- 4.3 Teams must supply their own protest flags, yellow breakdown flags and bailers.
- 4.4 Teams are requested to wear an outer garment the back of which clearly identifies the school when racing (e.g. bibs, spray jackets or buoyancy vests). Where feasible distinctive school colours are recommended but a preponderance of red can cause confusion when protesting.
- 4.5 Buoyancy vests must always be worn by sailors and support persons while afloat. No clothing or device to increase weight will be permitted.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Registration and weigh in will be from 08.30 hrs on Thursday 12th March at the Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson.
- 5.2 Briefing 10:00 hrs on Thursday 12th March 2026.
- 5.3 Racing Format will either be Swiss League Format or Round-Robin (the latter with seeding into fleets).
- 5.4 Back-to-Back racing commencing 10.30 hrs on Thursday 12th March and will continue Friday 13th March and Saturday 14th March 2026.
- 5.5 A formal dinner and prize giving will be held at the Aurora Lounge, Nelson Yacht Club from 6pm Saturday 14th March 2026. Sailors should wear their number one school uniform to the formal dinner.

6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Tasman Bay in the vicinity of Nelson Yacht Club in, or outside of Nelson Harbour.

7. COURSE

The courses will be as per the attachment provided.

8. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D3 and D4 except as changed by the Sailing Instructions.

9. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

Team support boats will not be allowed.

10. KITCHEN FACILITIES

Food will be available for purchase.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. ENTRY FORM

The entry form (attached) is to be returned by email to the NBTS Treasurer to nbytra.treasurer@gmail.com and entry fee of \$1,300 paid before **2nd March 2026**.

Internet Banking:	NBTS
NEW ACCOUNT NO:	03 1354 0665266 00
Reference:	TOTS plus School Team Name

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to be held at Nelson Yacht Club, Wakefield Quay, Nelson

ENTRY FEE \$1.300.00 | PLEASE PAY WITH ENTRY | REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 2 MARCH 2026

The entry fee includes formal dinner on Saturday 16th March for up to 9 people per team.

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A \$500.00 refundable damage bond is required unless already held by NZTSA.

Please deposit when making your entry payment.

School	
School Contact Person	
School Contact Number	

Team Manager	
Regatta Contact Person	
Contact Number	
Team Bib Colour/ Details	

		Names & Surname	Year	M F	DOB	YNZ affiliated club
Boat 1	Captain					
	Crew					
Boat 2	Captain					
	Crew					
Boat 3	Captain					
	Crew					
	Reserve 1					
	Reserve 2					

Medical Conditions & Dietary Requirements:

Names	Details

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I understand that neither the Organising Authority and its officers, members and servants or other persons assisting with the conduct of the regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta. I agree to the use of my photograph(s) and other relevant information in any event publicity and in the ongoing promotion of New Zealand yachting. I agree to the Organising Authority and NZ Team Racing Association holding the above information for the general administration and well-being of the sport, and for them to retain, use and disclose the information to affiliated organizations. I acknowledge my right to access to and correction of this information. The consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. I verify that all the above-named crews attend our school and that a team manager will be appointed and be responsible for the supervision of the students. I sign the declaration above on behalf of all our team members.

Signed:	Principal:
School:	Date

COURSE

