



Welcome to Nelson Bays Team Sailing (NBTS)

NBTS is dedicated to providing secondary school students in our region with the opportunity to participate in competitive team sailing.

We are a volunteer organisation of parents and supporters and governed by a committee. We work closely with Nelson Yacht Club and School Sports Coordinators to make the programme happen for the sailors.

Each school has 1, 2 or sometimes 3 teams, managed by a team manager, who is also on the NBTS committee. Each sailing team is made up of 6 sailors sailing in 3 boats, plus 1 (or 2) reserve sailor(s). Each school has a training day, and Sunday is race day.

Why sail with us?

Team sailing is fast paced, very sociable and a lot of fun. You will get wet, experience amazing highs and lows and develop a whole range of sailing and life skills. For many past team sailors sailing has become a lifelong passion, with team sailing providing a gateway into other sailing disciplines, such as sail cruising, and fleet racing.

What does it cost?

Nelson Yacht Club [Youth Membership](#) \$120
This covers the whole sailing season spanning 2 terms

NBTS Term 4 Membership \$350
9-week duration

NBTS Term 1 2027 Membership \$350
8-week duration
Includes coaching towards the Regional Regatta

Regional Regatta (Picton) TBC
Per-sailor cost is based on a percentage of the regatta fee
**School teams fundraise*

National Regatta (Lyttelton) TBC
**School teams fundraise*

Additional Nationals coaching TBC

The Nelson Yacht Club membership is required because NBTS operate out of Nelson Yacht Club and are users of all their facilities. This membership also includes Yachting New Zealand membership.

We keep our fees as low as possible and school teams minimise the cost associated with away events (like Regionals, if not hosted in Nelson, and Nationals) through fundraising (which is also a great team building activity!).

Our term fees are excellent value for money – up to 6 hours per week of professional coaching!

What we offer

- Sailing on Nelson harbour in our Olympic class 420 sailing dinghies
- Professional training and coaching twice a week
- Free use of our boats for NYC fleet racing (for suitably experienced sailors)
- The opportunity to compete at regional, national and international level
- Safety systems and protocols to minimise inherent risks of sailing
- Safety boat cover
- A fun, welcoming and professional environment

This season we are delighted to have Paige Langford as our coach. Paige has sailed competitively at local and national events as well as interdominion events. She has also sailed ILCAS and keelboats in fleet racing, and has been a coach at the Nelson Yacht Club for 3 years. You can find out more about Paige on our website:

www.nbteamsailing.org.nz/become-a-member/

What we expect from you and your family

- A commitment from each sailor to attend training and racing sessions (one weeknight and every Sunday throughout the season)
- A commitment from each sailor's parents/caregivers to help out on 2 days per season and some extra 'mixed duty' days (which coincide with long weekends) with weekend racing (no experience necessary)
- A commitment from sailors and their parents/caregivers to help out with fundraising
- Assisting with working bees as they arise during the season

Dates and events

Our sailing season kicks off with pre-season training in the first full week of October.

Pre-season training

Development Sailors - Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October, 9am-4pm daily. \$130 for 2 days of training.

This course will be a fun introduction to development team sailors who might like to try team sailing before committing to the season, and it is for other sailors who might like to upskill, try out skippering or just get more experience. Expectation is all participants would be Level 1 Learn to Sail Level (or equivalent). This will be limited to 12 sailors.

Advanced Sailors - Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October, 9am-4pm daily. \$130 for 2 days of training.

This course is intended for our experienced team sailors and those wanting to step up to a more competitive level. Limited to 12 sailors.

Friday 9th is a reserve day in case of bad weather.

To register for either holiday courses or term training, sailors need to:

- Log in to their Club Profile <https://nelsonyachtclub.friendlymanager.com/login>
 - On the homepage, you click the link in the top right corner that says Club Login
 - On a mobile, select the Sailing School menu > Other > Club Login.
- Once logged in:
 - Got to "Register Now"
 - "Nelson Bays Team Sailing"
 - Select the appropriate group

Please note you are required to either join the Nelson Yacht Club or already be a member in order to participate in any courses.

Open Day

Our Open Day will be on Sunday 11th October, from 11am-3pm. This is the last day of the school holidays and straight after the holiday programme.

This is an opportunity for sailors from all schools to get together and meet other sailors. New sailors are welcome to come and have a go. There'll also be a BBQ/sausage sizzle.

Term Training

Each secondary school is allocated a training night in term 4, these training start on Monday 12th October. Training nights will be as follows:

- Monday - Waimea College
- Tuesday - Nelson College for Girls
- Wednesday - Garin College
- Thursday - Nayland College
- Friday - Nelson College

On training nights sailors should arrive as soon as possible after school to rig boats and get ready. Training (coaching) runs from approximately 3.30pm and finishes no later than 7pm. If weather conditions prevent sailing, then land-based training/teambuilding takes place instead.

Towards the end of term 4 our coach will allocate sailors to A and B teams. A teams compete at Nationals.

Sunday Racing

Each Sunday during the season the schools race against each other in 2 sessions. 10am-1pm and 2-5pm.

During term 4 sailors will have the opportunity to sail with different combinations of skippers/crew and teams. Your sailor may do the early session one week, then the next week the late session.

Each school takes turns providing adult volunteers to provide crew for the start boat and the safety boat for the Sunday sessions. The dates and team responsibility days are below:

Duty Days - volunteers needed for each duty day by the following teams

- 18th October – Waimea College
- 25th October – Mixed duty (Labour weekend)

- 1st November – Nelson Girls College
- 8th November – Garin College
- 15th November – Nayland College
- 22nd November – Nelson College
- 29th November – Waimea College
- 6th December – No racing (NYC event)
- 13th December – Nelson Girls College
- 31st January – Mixed duty (Nelson anniversary weekend)
- 7th February – Mixed duty (Waitangi weekend)
- 14th February – Garin College
- 21st February – Nayland College
- 28th February – Nelson College
- 7th March – No racing (NYC event)
- 21st March – Mixed duty

Regional Regatta – Top of the South Team Sailing Regatta 11th-13th March 2027

All sailors will be given the opportunity to attend and sail at the regional regatta on the 11th-13th March. This season it will be held in Picton. Each team organises its own entry costs involved for each sailor. Team managers will be in contact with more information.

National Regatta – Lyttelton 20th-24th April 2027

Sailors selected for national teams will travel to compete at the Secondary Schools Team Sailing National Championships in Lyttelton in the second week of the April school holidays. Again each team organises its own travel and entry with costs involved for each sailor.

Looking for more information or have questions?

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