

2020/2021 Aon National Youth Programme

Yachting New Zealand are excited to announcement that registrations are now open for the 2020/21 Aon National Youth Programme. The programme will kick off with a three-day national clinic at Murrays Bay Sailing Club between the 21st and 23rd of December.

This season there will be nine national clinics with the focus being on supporting the best young New Zealand sailors that are working towards being capable of competing for medals at international events and world championships.

This training enables sailors from different clubs and regions an opportunity to:

- Share information on set-up/technique
- Access to worlds class knowledge and advice from coaches and support staff
- Build bonds and plans before international events
- Test their skills against their peers and use this domestic training to push each other to become world class

Eligibility - Before entering the programme, Sailors need to be signed off as having met the eligibility requirements of the programme.

There requirements are:

1. Assessed to have a basic competency in the class and of a sufficient level to take part safely and at the desired level of the clinics. Sailors must be confident in controlling their boat in winds up to 25 knots, so coaches do not get diverted to be safety boats during training.
2. Attended a recognised eligibility event where their skills can be assessed by a Yachting New Zealand coach.

These events include:

- Aon new to Youth Classes Clinic
- Regional Aon Youth Clinics
- Sir Peter Blake Regatta
- Oceanbridge NZL Sailing Regatta
- Class New Zealand National Championships
- Other specific regional regattas attended by YNZ youth coaches

Communication

We will be using [Teamapp](#) as a primary way of communicating with all members of the program. Through this app sailors need to click whether they will be attending any upcoming camps at least two weeks in advance. It is important you download the app and stay up to date with any updates.

Registration

For 2020 /2021 season, registration will be for the whole season programme. This includes all the Aon National Youth Clinics [on the calendar](#). We understand that sailors may not be able to attend all clinics due to exams and other time constraints and we are comfortable with this if there is an overall commitment to the season programme. We ask that when you register, you select all the clinics you know you can attend at this point in time. Once the programme begins, we also ask that everyone RSVP to each clinic two weeks prior on the [Teamapp](#) events tab. Those who fail to RSVP may not be allowed to take part in an upcoming clinic.

Cost

The registration fee for the whole season will be \$550 for sailors based in Auckland and \$350 for sailors living outside of Auckland.

The programme fee also includes a coach to provide support for those that are attending the class Youth Worlds along with all Aon Class Worlds Clinics in the build-up. There may be other targeted support towards other international events depending on COVID travel restrictions.

This season we are also adding three extra entry points into the programme for sailors that may transition into youth classes midway through the season and meet the entry requirements:

These entry points and costs are:

April 10th/11th: \$400

May 29th/30th: \$300

September 11th/12th: \$175

Regional Support

There is financial support available for regional sailors to attend any of the upcoming national clinics. The average cost of a return airfare from your home region is available for a maximum of two clinics. Double handed sailors should apply separately to both to receive funding. The criteria is very similar for this support to the requirements of the programme; the ability to sail in conditions up to 25 knots. The idea of this fund is to foster connections and increase opportunities for regional sailors. We understand it can be hard to participate in the programme with it being mostly Auckland based so please apply if you think you would like to be part of any of the clinics.

If you would like to find out more information, [please contact the Youth Coordinator](#).