

PART 2 YACHTING NEW ZEALAND AWARDS

Yachting New Zealand may annually call for nominations and present awards. In all award categories the appointed Judging Panel will have sole and absolute discretion to determine which nominations are accepted for awards or which make up the final nominations for Sailor of the Year, Young Sailor of the Year or Emerging Talent Awards. The Judging Panel also has discretion to accept and consider late nominations for awards for achievements after September 1 and up to four weeks prior to the date of presentation of the respective award.

Nominations

Nominations for awards may be made by Yachting New Zealand, a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand, or member thereof or a class association affiliated to Yachting New Zealand. The nominations shall be lodged with the Chief Executive of Yachting New Zealand on or before 1 September annually. Nominations shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for nomination including, the nominee's merits, performance, achievements or service.

Presentation

All awards will be presented at the Yachting New Zealand Excellence Awards Ceremony to be held annually as determined by Yachting New Zealand.

Judging Panel

The judging panel will comprise a representative elected by the Board of Yachting New Zealand and other persons appointed annually by the Board of Yachting New Zealand.

Style of Award

Awards shall be in the form of framed certificates bearing the Yachting New Zealand burgee, the title of the award concerned, the year of the award, the name of the recipient, followed by the appropriate citation.

2.1 Supreme Sailor of the Year for the Sir Bernard Fergusson Trophy

Nominees in all categories may be considered by the Judging Panel to be eligible for Supreme Sailor of the Year. The winner will be announced at the Yachting New Zealand Excellence Awards ceremony and presented with the Sir Bernard Fergusson Trophy. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel.

2.2.1 Male Sailor of the Year

Nominees in the Performance categories may be considered by the Judging Panel to be eligible for Male and Female Sailor of the Year. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award. The winner will be announced at the Yachting New Zealand Excellence Awards ceremony. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel. The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding competitive sailing performance(s).

2.2.2 Female Sailor of the Year

Nominees in the Performance categories may be considered by the Judging Panel to be eligible for Male and Female Sailor of the Year. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award. The winner will be announced at the Yachting New Zealand Excellence Awards ceremony. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel. The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding competitive sailing performance(s).

2.3.1 Young Male Sailor of the Year Award

Nominees in the Performance categories may be considered by the Judging Panel to be eligible for Young Sailor of the Year. The person or persons shall be under the age of 21 on December 31 in the year of the award. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award. The winner will be announced at the Yachting New Zealand Excellence Awards ceremony. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel.

The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding competitive sailing performance(s).

2.3.2 Young Female Sailor of the Year Award

Nominees in the Performance categories may be considered by the Judging Panel to be eligible for Young Sailor of the Year. The person or persons shall be under the age of 21 on December 31 in the year of the award. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award. The winner will be announced at the Yachting New Zealand Excellence Awards ceremony. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel.

The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding competitive sailing performance(s).

2.4 Emerging Talent Award

2.4.1 Eligibility

Nominees in the Performance categories under the age of 17 on December 31 in the year of the award may be considered by the Judging Panel to be eligible for the Emerging Talent Award. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel. A maximum of two Emerging Talent Awards shall be given annually.

2.4.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise an emerging male and female sailor or team, who have shown considerable promise in yachting in the twelve-month period ending 31 August in that year. The recipients will have displayed outstanding potential as future sailing stars for New Zealand.

2.5 Yachting New Zealand Performance Coach of the Year Award

2.5.1 Eligibility

The person or persons nominated for this award shall be any sailing coach, professional or amateur, who is a member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

2.5.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise one, some or all of the following:

- (a) Outstanding service to coaching at a performance level in current year
- (b) Outstanding success achieved by sailors coached during the current year
- (c) Sustained coaching success and commitment over several years
- (d) Recent innovation in coaching practice

2.6 Yachting New Zealand Community Coach of the Year Award

2.6.1 Eligibility

The person or persons nominated for this award shall be any sailing coach, professional or amateur, who is a member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

2.6.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise one, some or all of the following:

- (a) Outstanding service to coaching at community/club level in current year
- (b) Outstanding levels of self-development and/or leadership of others in their development
- (c) Sustained junior or youth coaching success and commitment over several years
- (d) Recent innovation in coaching practice

2.7 Yachting New Zealand Official of the Year Award

2.7.1 Eligibility

The person or persons nominated for this award shall be any sailing race official – Race Officer, Judge or Umpire - who is a member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

2.7.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise one, some or all of the following:

- (a) Outstanding service to officiating at any level in current year
- (b) Outstanding contribution to the development of their field of officiating
- (c) Exemplary conduct and leadership in the execution of their duty
- (d) Sustained diligence and commitment to the mentoring and education of others in the sport.

2.8 Yachting New Zealand President's Award

2.8.1 Eligibility

Any club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand, any individual or organisation that meets the objects of the award is eligible to be nominated for this award.

2.8.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise the work done by a yacht club, individual or organisation in promoting, supporting or developing the interests of yachting in New Zealand.

2.9 Yachting New Zealand Performance Awards

2.9.1 Eligibility

Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive these awards. A maximum of ten Performance Awards shall be given annually.

2.9.2 Purpose

The purpose of the awards is to recognise outstanding sailing performance, and/or exceptional achievement(s), in the twelve-month period ending 31 August in that year and that either directly or indirectly shall have the effect of promotion, advancement and betterment in New Zealand of the sport of yachting and may include:

- (a) Outstanding examples of sailing achievement in the competitive international sphere excluding those representing countries other than New Zealand, in competition where New Zealand is represented
- (b) Outstanding examples of seamanship or sportsmanship
- (c) Design and/or building of boats.

2.10 Yachting New Zealand Youth Performance Awards

2.10.1 Eligibility

The person or persons nominated for this award shall be under the age of 21 on December 31 in the year of the award. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive these awards. A maximum of ten Youth Performance Awards shall be given annually.

2.10.2 Purpose

The purpose of the awards is to recognise outstanding sailing performance, and/or exceptional achievement(s), in the twelve-month period ending 31 August in that year and

that either directly or indirectly shall have the effect of promotion, advancement, and betterment in New Zealand of the sport of yachting and may include:

- (a) Outstanding examples of sailing achievement in the competitive international sphere excluding those representing countries other than New Zealand, in competition where New Zealand is represented
- (b) Outstanding examples of seamanship or sportsmanship
- (c) Design and/or building of boats

2.11 Yachting New Zealand Service Awards

2.11.1 Eligibility

Any member, past member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand, any individual or organisation that meets the objects of the award shall be eligible to receive these awards. A maximum of ten Service Awards shall be given annually.

2.11.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Yachting New Zealand Service Awards is to recognise exemplary and /or selfless service to the sport. This can be in any form and may include the commendable execution of rescue, excellence in and/or long-term commitment to club administration or training, or the advancement and/or betterment of the sport of yachting in New Zealand at club, regional, national or international level as rendered by any person, club, vessel, corporate body or company.

2.12 Yachting New Zealand Cruising Award

2.12.1 Eligibility

Any member or members jointly of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award or any person or organisation that meets the objects of the award.

2.12.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise an outstanding non-competitive voyage or cruise under power or sail or outstanding services to cruising rendered by a club member, club members or a club.

2.13 Yachting New Zealand Sustainability Award

2.13.1 Eligibility

Any club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand or affiliated organisation that meets the objectives of the award is eligible to be nominated for this award.

2.13.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise the work done by a yacht club, an individual or an organisation, in promoting, supporting or developing sustainable practices in New Zealand. This individual or organisation has gone above and beyond to bring about sustainable change, either within their organisation or wider community.

2.14 Young Leadership Award

2.14.1 Eligibility

The person or persons shall be over the age of 16 years and under the age of 24 years on December 31, in the year of the award. Any member or members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award.

2.14.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding leadership shown by a young individual in the sailing community

2.15 Sportsmanship Award

2.15.1 Eligibility

Any member or members jointly of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand shall be eligible to receive the award.

2.15.2 Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding sportsmanship of an individual or team who best exemplifies the spirit of yachting and boating. The selection decision is at the sole discretion of the Judging Panel and will only be awarded in an exceptional show of sportsmanship.

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