



New Zealand Youth Championships– Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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This FAQ pulls together the most common questions raised ahead of the Youth Trials. It covers format, coaching boundaries, measurement, logistics, and support.

Measurement & Equipment

Q: Who are the class measurers?

A: John Thompson (420), Logan Dunning Beck (29er), Mike Knowsley (ILCA 6), Gary Hill (iQFOiL)

Q: Is the rigging area strictly closed?

A: Yes. Competitors-only. Boats must not leave until Flag D + class flag is displayed.

Q: Can private coaches/parents do repairs off the water?

A: Yes, but you must ask the PRO or Sam Mackay for permission first. If the breakage happens during the racing day and involves towing a boat in – let the Race Officer know.

Q: What happens if equipment fails an inspection during the regatta? What are the penalties?

A: The response depends on the Class Rules, Notice of Race (NoR), and Sailing Instructions (SIs). Outcomes may include a requirement to rectify/replace the item before the next race and may involve scoring penalties at the Protest Committee/Jury's discretion. If in doubt, notify the RC and Measurement immediately.

Q: Measurement outline for each class?

A: Included in the appendix.

Q: Can I substitute equipment during the regatta?

A: Equipment/crew substitution requires prior written approval (PC/Technical Committee) per the SIs. Obtain permission before use where practicable.

Coaching & Support Boundaries

Q: Can parents/coaches help sailors launch? Can they touch the boat after it leaves the rigging area?

A: OK to help launch from the beach. Yes parent can touch the boat once it leaves the rigging area.

Q: Is towing out to the course permitted? What about coaching on the way?

A: No tow-out, unless permitted by the RC (e.g., safety/damage). Coaches may speak to sailors before the race however once the Support Team Vessel Zone is in place, coaches/support boats may not leave that area.



Q: Are coaches allowed on the course area before racing starts?

A: No. After launching, support team vessels shall proceed immediately to the Support Team Vessel Zone.

Q: Can coaches operate below the course during racing?

A: Yes, coaching is allowed below the course within the Support Team Vessel Zone, unless directed otherwise by the RC.

Q: Is towing in allowed after racing?

A: No but if a boat has damage or safety issues, towing in is permitted with approval from the RC. Contact the RC on the designated channel before acting.

Q: Can we tow a boat in if there is damage?

A: Yes, but only with RC approval. If it is a safety situation no permission is required to assist.

Q: Can I access the boat park if we have damage?

A: Yes. Inform the PRO or Sam Mackay before entering. Access will be granted for repairs; keep movements minimal and comply with inspection requests. A list of approved entries into the boat park will be published online.

Officials, Protests & Umpiring

Q: Will there be on-water umpiring? How will rules be monitored?

A: There is no formal on-water umpiring. Officials will monitor RRS 42 (propulsion) and incidents. Officials on the water include: John Grace, Jamie Sutherland, Collette Kraus, Mark Howard, Joana Sachas.

Q: What is the protest procedure? Do sailors need to tell RC on the water?

A: Protest time limit: 60 minutes after the last boat in your class finishes the last race of the day or RC signals no more racing. Postings within 30 minutes after protest time. Sailors do not need to inform the RC on the water.

Bibs, Sign-on/Off:

Q: Are there regatta bibs?

A. No other than leaders after day 1 who will wear yellow bibs.

Q: What's the sign-on/off procedure?

A: Daily sign-on/off inside Manly Sailing Club each morning and evening. Penalties: If you don't sign-on, +1 point to your first race of the day; if you don't sign-off, +1 point to your last race of the day (not worse than DNF).



Coaching Support from YNZ

Q: Are YNZ coaches available to all sailors? Who are they? What can they carry?

A: Yes. YNZ coaches will support all sailors. They will carry tools only (no spares). They may carry food, but access between races is not guaranteed.

Coaches by class:

- 29er: Geoff Woolley, Molly Meech
- 420: Jenny Armstrong
- iQFOiL: Paul Snow-Hansen, Nathan Handley
- ILCA 6: Sara Winther

Logistics – Boats & Venue

Q: When can I take my boat to Manly in preparation for the regatta?

A: Anytime. Many teams have already got their boats stored in the reserve next to Manly Sailing Club.

Q: When must my boat be in the boat park before the regatta?

A: Boat park restrictions will begin at 12:00pm on Saturday 20th September. Once sailors enter the measurement area, the rules apply. Following measurement, boats must go directly to the boat park. Practice sailing is permitted after measurement; however, sailors must go directly from the boat park to the beach with their boat.

Contact

Questions not covered here? Please contact Sam Mackay at sam@yachtingnz.org.nz.



Appendix – Measurement Information

General Process:

- Measurement will take place for all classes inside Manly Sailing Club between 12:00pm and 4:00pm on Saturday 20th September.
- Access to the measurement area is restricted to competitors only.
- Following measurement, boats must be taken directly to the competitors-only rigging area. Practice sailing is permitted after measurement if boats go directly to and from the beach.
- Boats must be clean and dry. Remove all items not required for measurement (extra mast sections, sails, foil bags, etc.).
- All boats/boards must be compliant with international class rules unless otherwise notified by the technical committee.

29er checks:

- Sails: record serial numbers on main, jib, gennaker
- Forestay length
- Hull weight: minimum 74 kg
- Hull corrector weights: presented dry; correctors ≤ 2 kg
- Mast chocks: number and thickness
- Class compliant sail numbers: on hull and trailer

420 checks:

- Sails: record serial numbers on main, jib, spinnaker
- Hull presented dry for full measurement
- Hull weight: either 80kg (CR D.5) or 100kg/101kg (CR C.6.1) depending on allocation. Allocation list to be posted prior. More information: [420 prep guide](#)

iQFOiL checks:

- Board, sail, and foils presented for QR code check

**ILCA checks:**

- Rigged with only lower section and boom (controls attached)
- All other equipment placed on deck
- Verify hull, sail, and foil numbers on measurement form. Class compliant sail numbers

Completion:

- Following inspection, forms will be signed by a Regatta Measurer and registration can be completed in the same location.

Regatta Measurers by class:

- 420: John Thompson
- 29er: Logan Dunning Beck
- ILCA 6: Mike Knowsley
- iQFOiL: Gary Hill



Appendix – 29er Specific Class Clarifications (as of 13 Sept 2025)

These clarifications are provided to ensure alignment with the current 29er Class Rules, and guidance from the International 29er Class Association Technical Committee Chair (Dr Csaba Cserep). Until any future class-rule updates are published, please follow the answers below.

Q1: Can the main halyard be modified to a 2:1 system at the masthead without adding blocks?

A: No. The TC may explore this in future, but it is not permitted now.

Q2: Is a bow fairing (to stop the kite sheet catching) allowed?

A: No. While the 2025 AGM in Porto approved a Bowguard in principle, the rule wording is not yet in force. In addition, carbon is not acceptable for this fitting.

Q3: Can the jib clew be attached to two clew holes at the same time (e.g., top + middle) to create a middle setting?

A: No.

Q4: Can a sailor remove a screw in the jib track and use that hole for the car pin as an alternative fixing point?

A: No.

Q5: Can teams repair and repaint foils?

A: Re-finishing, fairing of the daggerboard and rudder blade is prohibited except to facilitate localised repair. To finish a repair localised painting is permitted, a full repaint is not. Until clarified, repairs should be limited to restoring original shape and condition around localised repairs without full repainting.

Q6. If sailors present a foil that has been faired to the point of significant discolouration of the gelcoat over the boards surface, without having been painted, will that pass measurement?

A: No if the fairing is over the majority of the boards surface. Over a small portion of the surface, could be acceptable, given that it is due to a repair. However if even a small portion of a board has been sanded without the obvious presence of a repair then it should be seen as fairing and would not be acceptable.



Q7: Are sailors permitted to attach two pieces of bungy to the ends of their jib track, connected to a plastic ring, for the purpose of preventing kite sheets from going under the boat when not under tension?

A: Yes. Attaching two pieces of bungy to the ends of the jib track, connected to a plastic ring to prevent kite sheets from running under the boat, is considered class legal.