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New Zealand supporters in
Marseille. Photo: World Sailing

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COVER: The NZL Sailing Team won two medals at the
Paris 2024 Olympic Games in France.
Photos: World Sailing



FROM THE CHAIR GREG KNOWLES



Olympic medallists Micah Wilkinson and Erica Dawson. Photo: World Sailing

In a media interview on the eve of their Olympic medal race in Marseille, Kiwi Nacra 17 sailor Micah Wilkinson was asked how he and his sailing partner Erica Dawson were handling the nerves before the “biggest race of their lives”.

“I don’t know,” Micah replied with a grin. “The Ngaroto Sailing Club Champs were pretty big too!”

Though said in jest, the nod to his sailing roots was not lost on anyone.

Micah learned to sail on Lake Ngaroto, at the family-oriented local dinghy and trailer yacht club on the outskirts of Te Awamutu. He has frequently spoken about how the Ngaroto Sailing Club shaped him as a sailor and the crucial role it played in his career.

The same sentiment was shared by other members of the 2024 Olympic sailing team. It was a recurring theme among them to highlight and thank every coach, volunteer, parent, and supporter who helped them achieve their Olympic dreams.

Similarly, I want to acknowledge a few key individuals for

their tireless efforts: Yachting New Zealand chief executive David Abercrombie, high performance director Ian Stewart, high performance programme manager Hayley Dorward, and the wider high-performance team.

A special thank you also goes to the Yachting New Zealand Olympic Committee, led by John Clinton, our Olympic selectors, and High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ), which not only funded our Olympic programme but also provided vital specialist support.

These are the people who worked diligently behind the scenes over the past three years to give our athletes the best chance of performing to the best of their ability in France – and they did just that, with two medals, a fourth and three other top-10 results.

Our team was relatively young and inexperienced (only four of the 12 sailors had been to the Olympics before), while the unpredictable and challenging weather conditions in Marseille tested every sailor’s mental toughness and determination.

Yet, Isaac McHardie and William McKenzie won 49er silver

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and Micah and Erica got the bronze following a dramatic medal race.

The performances of three of our debutants – windfoilers Josh Armit and Veerle ten Have, and ILCA 6 sailor Greta Pilkington – also bodes well for Los Angeles 2028 and beyond.

It was heartening to see our Olympians, both past and present, making the most of their opportunities on and off the water this year. Several of our sailors are involved in SailGP, the America's Cup, the Ocean Race, and other international regattas.

Yachting New Zealand is also endorsing Jo Aleh's nomination as vice-president of World Sailing ahead of next month's election, while New Zealand windsurfing legend Barbara Kendall recently received a lifetime honour from the World Olympians Association (WOA).

Our post-Games evaluation and planning process has already begun, and Yachting New Zealand is committed to supporting sailors on their future Olympic journeys.

Our support extends beyond performance and racing, however. The RŪNĀ programme, led by Yachting New Zealand national sport development director Raynor Haagh and education lead Alisa Torgersen, has seen tremendous growth over the past year. The number of schools interested in the programme has increased to over 180, and nearly 6,000



students have had sailing experiences integrated with their classroom curriculum.

Another initiative gaining momentum is the Yachting New Zealand Clean Club programme. We now have 41 yacht clubs registered nationwide, with 16 clubs fully certified and achieving star status.

These programmes are vital to our strategic objectives, aimed at strengthening member clubs as valuable community hubs; providing leadership, programmes, and resources; and positively impacting environmental issues affecting our clubs and their communities.

Thank you to the Yachting New Zealand management team for your ongoing dedication and commitment and to our Yachting New Zealand board members, who generously contribute their time and expertise to the sport. A special thanks to Arabella Vennell, who retired from the board by rotation earlier this year.

Finally, I must recognise the committees, managers, volunteers, parents, and coaches who ensure our clubs and class associations deliver outstanding events and experiences year after year.

With people like these, I am confident the next 12 months will be better and bigger than the last.

Perhaps even bigger than the Ngaroto club champs.

Ngaroto Sailing Club (below) and Yachting New Zealand's RŪNĀ programme (top).

Photos: Supplied





FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE DAVID ABERCROMBIE



In November 2019, a dozen Kiwi 49er crews joined over 300 other sailors at the world championships at Auckland's Royal Akarana Yacht Club.

Among them was a team eager to establish itself as one of the frontrunners of the international fleet, having just won the 49er junior worlds a few months prior.

Isaac McHardie and Will McKenzie finished 11th at that regatta, which was won by seasoned compatriots Peter Burling and Blair Tuke — who would go on to claim Olympic silver in Tokyo some 18 months later.

Fast forward five years, and Isaac and Will have now emulated Pete and Blair, finishing second in the men's skiff at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

For many New Zealand sailors, like these two, the 2019 championships were a rare opportunity to compete in a fleet of that size and quality on home waters. It also marked the last Olympic-class world championships hosted in New Zealand.

This is something Yachting New Zealand is determined to change in the coming years.

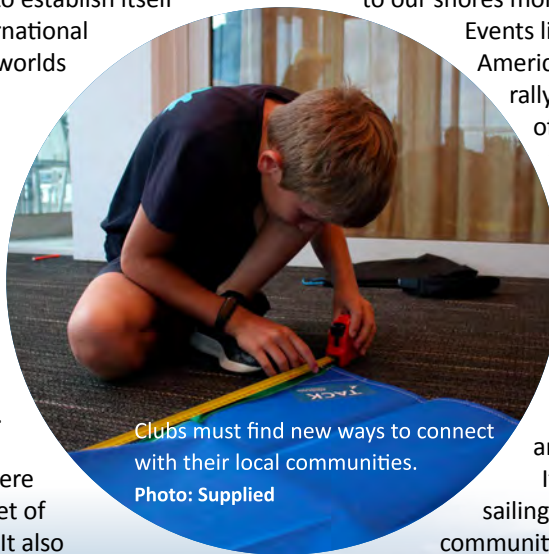
We've already started preparing for the next Olympic cycle, focusing on building excitement for the 2028 Los Angeles and 2032 Brisbane Olympics and bringing more world-class sailors to our shores more often will help us achieve this.

Events like SailGP in Christchurch and the America's Cup have shown how our nation can rally around elite sailing. With the disruption of Covid-19 now in our wake, I believe the time is ripe to again show the world what we can do in our own backyard.

Hosting Olympic or youth-class world championships can also boost club revenues, but it requires careful planning and collaboration with Yachting New Zealand. We have the experience, expertise, and resources to work with clubs to ensure these events are planned and delivered successfully.

It's also important to remember that the sailing landscape and the needs of our local communities has changed dramatically over the last few years.

The pandemic, unprecedented flooding, and soaring insurance and living costs mean our sailing and boating clubs must think differently than they have before.



Clubs must find new ways to connect with their local communities.

Photo: Supplied



The SailGP in Christchurch has seen Kiwis rally around top-level sailing.

Photo: SailGP



Two-thirds of Voice of the Participant respondents were satisfied with their club experience. **Photos: Supplied**

Yachting New Zealand’s RŪNĀ initiative is one way we’re supporting clubs with this. It provides a fresh approach for clubs to connect and engage with local communities, schools and kura in their regions and will continue to be an important part of our strategic priorities for the next four years.

As I write, Yachting New Zealand is putting the finishing touches on our new strategy, developed by our board and wider Yachting New Zealand team under the leadership of Greg Knowles, and in collaboration with Sport New Zealand.

This strategy will emphasise clear pathways for sailors, leadership development, and the sustainability of our clubs through good governance and effective resource allocation.

We’re also reapplying for Sport New Zealand’s Governance Mark, which we received in 2021 and is valid for three years. The mark is awarded through a comprehensive process that recognises organisations with clear plans for allocating time and resources, boards that follow a structured process for strategy development and monitoring, and a demonstrated accountability to stakeholders through structured communication.

In the coming months, our national sport development director, Raynor Haag, and I will visit clubs nationwide to share more about the new strategy and gather feedback. These sessions will also provide an update on the new Sport Integrity Commission and its integrity code, as fostering a culture of

integrity within our sailing community is essential.

This outreach builds on the recent Voice of the Participant survey, which showed strong results in key areas.

Sixty-six per cent of respondents were satisfied with their club experience, and 87 per cent planned to renew their memberships – a significant achievement, considering the challenges many of our clubs have faced since the last survey in 2021.

Despite these challenges, Yachting New Zealand’s membership numbers remain stable, and our financial position is strong. This is due in no small part to our incredible sponsors: Sport New Zealand, High Performance Sport New Zealand, Aon, Orbit World Travel, VMG, Oceanbridge, the NZL Sailing Foundation, the NZ Community Trust, the Lion Foundation, Melanoma New Zealand, Lawson’s Dry Hills, B&G, and Radix.

I’m also excited to announce that over the past 12 months, we have added several new names to our suite of partners, providing even more value and exclusive benefits to members.

While celebrating these successes, we acknowledge areas for improvement and are committed to addressing them in our new strategic plan.

We are inspired by the excellent work our clubs continue to do every day, and I want to challenge you all to not only survive but to thrive this season by showing ambition, innovation, and collaboration.

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2023 - 2024 CLUBS



NORTHLAND

Bay of Islands Yacht Club
Dargaville Yacht Club
Kerikeri Cruising Club
Mangonui Cruising Club
Marsden Yacht and Boat Club
Onerahi Yacht Club
Opua Cruising Club
Russell Boating Club
Sandspit Yacht Club
Taipa Sailing Club
Tutukaka Coast Youth Sailing Club
Whangarei Cruising Club

AUCKLAND

Bucklands Beach Yacht Club
Clarks Beach Yacht Club
Clearwater Cove Yacht Club
Devonport Yacht Club
French Bay Boating Club
Glendowie Boating Club
Gulf Harbour Yacht Club
Hobsonville Yacht Club
Howick Sailing Club
Kohimarama Yacht Club
Manly Sailing Club
Manukau Yacht and Motorboat Club
Maraetai Sailing Club
Milford Cruising Club
Murrays Bay Sailing Club
New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club
Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club
Pakuranga Sailing Club
Panmure Lagoon Sailing Club
Panmure Yacht and Boating Club
Pine Harbour Cruising Club
Point Chevalier Sailing Club
Ponsonby Cruising Club
Pupuke Boating Club
Richmond Yacht Club
Royal Akarana Yacht Club
Royal New Zealand Navy Sailing Club
Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
Short Handed Sailing Association
Taikata Sailing Club
Takapuna Boating Club
Tamaki Yacht Club
Torbay Sailing Club
Waiheke Boating Club
Waiuku Yacht Club
Wakatere Boating Club
Weiti Boating Club



Manly Sailing Club



Bay of Islands Yacht Club

WAIKATO / THAMES

Cambridge Yacht and Motorboat Club
Hamilton Yacht Club
Mercury Bay Boating Club
Ngaroto Sailing Club
Thames Sailing Club
Waikato Yacht Squadron

BAY OF PLENTY

BOP Trailer Yacht Squadron
Lake Taupō Yacht Club
Mt Maunganui Yacht Club
Port Ohope Yacht Club
Rotorua Yacht Club
Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club

EAST COAST NI

Gisborne Yacht Club
Napier Sailing Club
Wairoa Yacht Club



Worser Bay Boating Club

WESTERN DISTRICTS

New Plymouth Yacht Club
Waitara Boating Club
Wanganui Sailing Club

WELLINGTON

Evans Bay Yacht and Motorboat Club
Heretaunga Boating Club
Lowry Bay Yacht Club
Muritai Yacht Club
Paremata Boating Club
Plimmerton Boating Club
Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
Titahi Bay Boating Club
Worser Bay Boating Club

2023 - 2024 CLUBS



Naval Point Club Lyttelton

Waikawa Boating Club

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

Motueka Yacht and Cruising Club
Nelson Yacht Club
Queen Charlotte Yacht Club
Tasman Bay Cruising Club
Waikawa Boating Club

CANTERBURY

Akaroa Yacht Club
Charteris Bay Yacht Club
Christchurch Yacht Club
Mount Pleasant Yacht Club
Naval Point Club Lyttelton
Pigeon Bay Boating Club
Pleasant Point Yacht Club
Stewarts Gully Sailing Club
Timaru Yacht and Powerboat Club
Waimakiriri Sailing Club

WEST COAST SI

Lake Brunner Yacht and Powerboat Club
Lake Mahinapua Aquatic Club

OTAGO

Broad Bay Boating Club
Lake Dunstan Boat Club
Macandrew Bay Boating Club
Otago Yacht Club
Owaka Yacht Club
Port Chalmers Yacht Club
Ravensbourne Boating Club
Vauxhall Yacht Club
Wanaka Yacht Club

SOUTHLAND

Bluff Yacht Club
Marakura Yacht Club
Riverton Sailing Club
Wakatipu Yacht Club



Bluff Yacht Club

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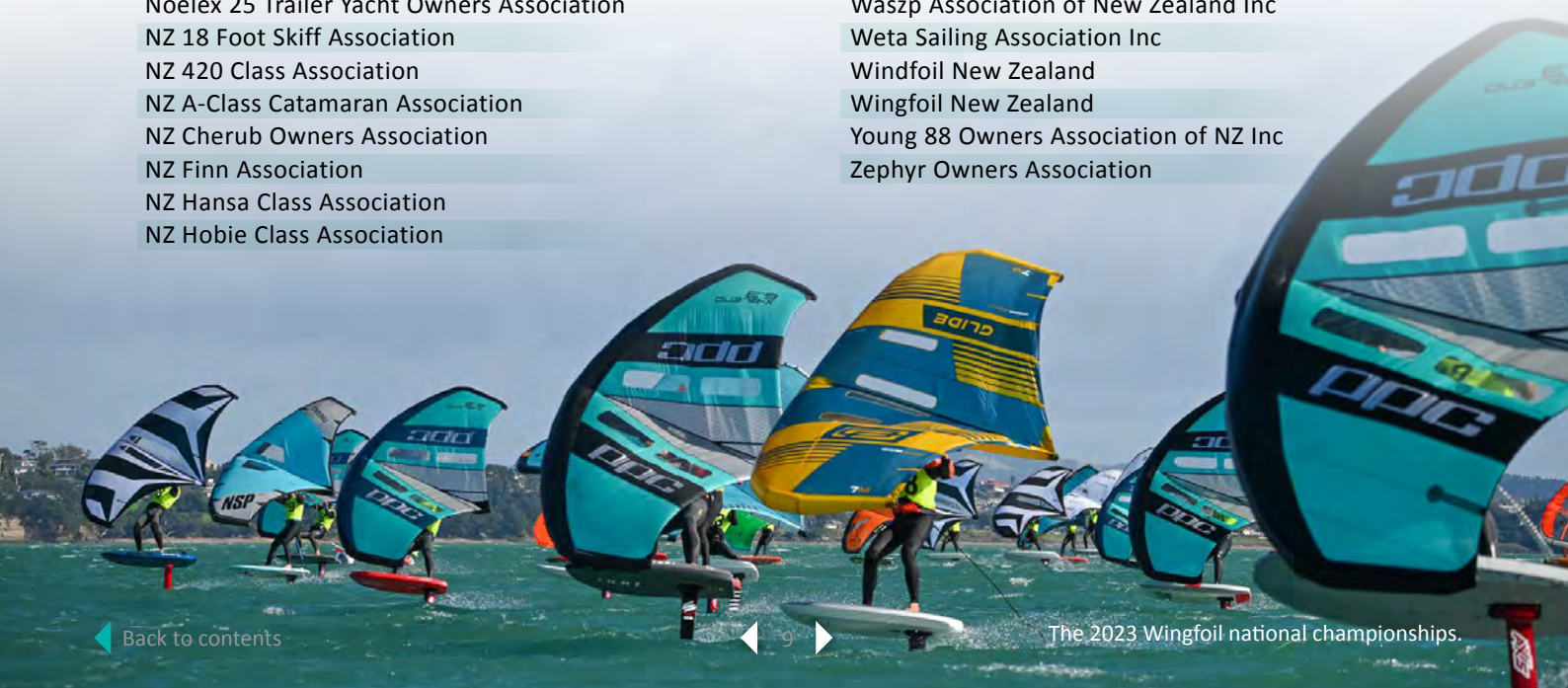
CLASS ASSOCIATIONS



A fleet of Starlings.

29er Class Association of NZ
3.7 Owners Association
49er Association of NZ
Classic Yacht Association of NZ
Elliott 5.9 Class Association
Europe Dinghy Class NZ
Farr 1020 Owners Association
Flying Fifteen NZ Inc. Association
H28 Yacht Owners Association
Hartley 16 Class Association
International 470 Class Association of NZ
The International Moth Class Association of NZL
The International Nacra 17 Class Association of NZ Inc
J14 Class Association
Javelin Class Owners Association
Magic 25 Class Association
Marauder 8.4 Owners Association
MRX Yachting Ltd
Noelex 22 Trailer Yacht Association
Noelex 25 Trailer Yacht Owners Association
NZ 18 Foot Skiff Association
NZ 420 Class Association
NZ A-Class Catamaran Association
NZ Cherub Owners Association
NZ Finn Association
NZ Hansa Class Association
NZ Hobie Class Association

NZ International Flying Dutchman Association
NZ International Optimist Dinghy Association
NZ International Tornado Association
NZ Kite Racing Association
NZ Laser Association
NZ OK Dinghy Association
NZ O'pen Skiff Association
NZ Paper Tiger Owners Association
NZ Radio Yachting Association
NZ RS Feva Association
NZ R Class Squadron
NZ Sunburst Association
NZ Team Sailing Association
P Class New Zealand
Reactor Yachting Association Inc
Ross 780 Owners Association
Starling Class New Zealand
Stewart 34 Owners Association
Townson 32 Owners Association
Waszp Association of New Zealand Inc
Weta Sailing Association Inc
Windfoil New Zealand
Wingfoil New Zealand
Young 88 Owners Association of NZ Inc
Zephyr Owners Association



LIFE MEMBERS

Aaron McIntosh
 Adrienne Greenwood
 Alex Maloney
 Barbara Kendall
 Blair Tuke
 Bruce Kendall
 Chris Bouzaid
 Craig Monk
 Dean Barker
 Derry Godbert
 Don Cowie
 Grant Beck
 Grant Dalton
 Greg Knowles
 Jan Dawson
 Janet Watkins
 Jan Shearer
 Jim Park
 Jo Aleh
 Joe Butterfield MNZM
 John Cutler
 John Faire
 John Street
 Kevin Shoebridge
 Leslie Egnot
 Martin Foster
 Matteo de Nora
 Molly Meech
 Neville Crichton
 Peter Burling
 Peter Dawson
 Peter Montgomery
 Polly Powrie
 Ralph Roberts
 Rex Sellers
 Rod Davis
 Sam Meech
 Sir Colin Giltrap
 Sir Russell Coutts
 Sir Stephen Tindall
 Terry Nicholas
 Tom Ashley
 Trevor Geldard

PERSONAL MEMBERS

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 Des Brennan
 Tony Brown
 Ian Clouston
 Ian Cook
 Doug Elder
 Russell Green
 Ernie Henshaw
 Rob Herries
 Graeme Kendall MNZM
 Andrew Knowles
 Colette Kraus
 Joyce Talbot MNZM
 John Parrish
 Graeme Robinson
 WG Whitiskie

COMMERCIAL MARITIME MEMBERS

888 Yachting Limited
 Great Escape Yacht Charters
 Island Cruising New Zealand
 Oceania Medical Ltd
 Sailing Away School of Sailing
 Skipper Training NZ

NON-COMMERCIAL MARITIME MEMBERS

Akarana Marine Sports Charitable Trust
 Auckland Anniversary Regatta
 Bay of Islands Sailing Week
 Bay of Plenty Disabled Sailing Trust
 Bay of Plenty Sailing Academy Trust
 Blind Sailing NZ
 International Order of the Blue Gavel
 Kerikeri High School Sailing Academy
 Nelson Bays Youth Team Racing Association
 NZ Open Team Racing Association
 NZ Sailing Trust
 NZ Schools Waterwise Inc
 NZ Trailer Yacht Association
 RNZ Coastguard Boating Education
 Sail Northland Charitable Trust
 Sailability Auckland
 Sailability Northland Trust
 Sailability Taranaki
 Sailability Tauranga Charitable Trust
 Sailability Wellington Trust
 Sailability Whanganui
 Sea Education Aotea Charitable Trust
 Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre
 Te Ara Moana Trust
 The Scout Association of New Zealand
 Tup Radford Intercollegiate
 Wellington Youth Sailing Trust
 Youth Sailing Academy Colville Inc
 Youthtown



FROM THE NATIONAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RAYNOR HAAGH



When Marian Wright Edelman coined the now-famous phrase, “You can’t be what you can’t see,” she likely didn’t have sailing in mind. Yet, her words resonate in our sport today as much as they do in any other industry.

Edelman, a prominent American activist for children’s rights, emphasised that kids are less likely to be inspired if they don’t see visible role models. Her quote has been used to challenge gender stereotypes and has been unofficially adopted by various organisations, including Yachting New Zealand, as we strive for greater representation and diversity.

This quote came to mind again during the refresh of our Women and Girls in Sailing strategy over the last 12 months.

Originally launched in 2019, the strategy has been refined because, despite encouraging growth in female participation since, inequalities persist. Women and girls still make up just under 30 per cent of Yachting New Zealand’s club membership and this year, we have put a lot of work into removing barriers to ongoing participation and raising awareness of opportunities in all facets of the sport.

Visibility is one of the three priority areas in our strategy, alongside leadership and participation. We’ve made significant progress in all these areas, most notably with the success of our female sailors at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Half of our 12-member Olympic team were female, with four achieving top 10 results, including Erica Dawson’s bronze medal in the Nacra

17 with Micah Wilkinson.

New Zealand’s race officials were also well-represented in Marseille, where the Olympic sailing competition took place.

Megan Kensington was appointed to the Games as an international race officer; one of three Kiwi race officials along with Alistair Deaves and Jamie Sutherland.

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Gillian Williams was also recently confirmed as the first female commodore in the RNZYS’ 153-year history, joining a growing number of female leaders at yacht clubs across the country.

Two of the most exciting initiatives driven by Yachting New Zealand in 2024, have been a new partnership with Australian Sailing to establish SheSailsNZ - a platform aimed at celebrating and highlighting more females in sailing - and the Starling Girls Accelerator Programme under the leadership of Jenny Armstrong, which fast-tracks a select group of sailors’ development through the single-handed dinghy class and into the Aon

The PredictWind Kohimarama Girls Championship Regatta is now in its 45th year. **Photo: Live Sail Die**





The O'pen Skiff class prioritises fun through events like the Regattapalooza while the Opti green fleet (below) has seen significant changes. **Photos: Supplied**

National Youth Programme.

Data also suggests that one of the major reasons girls leave the sport is an overemphasis on competition and a lack of enjoyment.

Earlier this year, at the PredictWind Girls Championships, young sailors were asked what they wanted most from the sport. The overwhelming response was the importance of having fun. Winning medals and improving skills still ranked highly, but for these sailors, the joy of being on the water and sharing the experience with friends mattered most.

This aligns closely with Sport New Zealand's "Balance is Better" philosophy, which focuses on providing quality sporting experiences for all young people, regardless of ability or motivation. It is a shift in attitude that is spreading among yacht clubs and class associations and one that we believe will ultimately help with longer term retention of sailors.

The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA) is one of the latest organisations to embrace this change. Earlier this year, they made significant adjustments to their green fleet guidance – emphasising skill development over results, lifting age-group restrictions, and focusing on daily or race-by-race recognition rather than overall winners. Destination sails and longer course sailing will also be new additions. For the sailors racing in the white

fleet races will be shorter, with possibly fewer races in a series. These changes are some of the most significant in the history of the Opti, the boat in which most young Kiwis cut their sailing teeth.

This approach mirrors that of the O'pen Skiffs, which prioritise fun through unique events like the 'un-regatta' Regattapalooza.

In the lead-up to their national championships in April, organisers put out an information sheet to all participants setting the scene for the regatta and listing the values they wanted sailors to champion – a positive attitude, sportsmanship, and perseverance.

When asked what they need from their parents, one sailor from the girls' regatta noted that "winning isn't everything, and having fun is more important". Another appreciated when her parent focused on her overall regatta experience rather than just her final position.

As an indicator of progress, results are important for sailors. But for many young sailors, like those girls at Kohi, it's also about making great sporting memories through being with friends, meeting new challenges, and having fun.

These clubs and classes deserve credit for finding innovative and bold solutions to increasing representation and retention. Solutions that, hopefully, will help to ensure the future of sailing in this country is full of Ericas, Megans and Gillians.





FROM THE HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR IAN STEWART



When Micah Wilkinson and Erica Dawson crossed the finish line in their tense medal race in Marseille just over two months ago, it marked the conclusion of a successful Olympic Games for our young NZL Sailing Team.

It signalled the end of a shortened Olympic cycle with many challenges but one, I believe, the team passed with flying colours.

This Olympic campaign was very different from Tokyo, which had been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

With a shorter, three-year cycle, and a younger team, we had less preparation time.

The makeup of the team saw several experienced sailors, including Peter Burling, Blair Tuke, Josh Junior, Andy Maloney, Sam Meech, Alex Maloney, Paul Snow-Hansen, and Dan Willcox, all stepping away from Olympic sailing at different

stages.

As a result, we arrived in France with a relatively inexperienced Olympic squad.

Only Jo Aleh, Molly Meech, Micah, and Erica had prior Olympic experience.

Jo and Molly were also new teammates in the 49erFX class, having only started sailing together in 2022.

Reflecting on the past three years, there's a strong sense of both pride and accomplishment.

I'm particularly proud of the sailors, coaches, and the Yachting New Zealand team for their dedication, and of how our team in Marseille came together, embraced the Olympics and truly had each other's backs.

The pressure of performing at major events, like the Olympics, is what makes great athletes and teams.

To help our team thrive under such conditions, we worked



Erica Dawson and Micah Wilkinson moments after winning bronze, and silver medallists Isaac McHardie and Will McKenzie (inset). **Photos: World Sailing**





A strong team environment was key to the team's success at the Olympics. Photo: World Sailing

with world-class performance psychiatrist Dr Ceri Evans over the past three years.

Ceri's help was significant, particularly building our sailors' capabilities with communication and decision-making under pressure.

We also placed a lot of emphasis on fostering a strong team environment, working closely with performance consultants James Parsons and Roger Mortimer in the lead-up to the event in France.

Bringing together individual teams to form a cohesive unit is always a challenge, but the groundwork we put into our shared identity as an Olympic team and a wider NZL programme team played a crucial role in our overall success.

Competing in Europe was always going to mean home advantage to those nations and they were able to train in Marseille regularly and return home on weekends.

Our sailors are quite robust, having to spend long stretches away from New Zealand each year, and they embraced our local base La Pointe-Rouge in Marseille as a home away from home.

Despite the challenges our team's achievements — winning two medals, coming within one race of getting a third, and securing three more top 10 results — made it all worthwhile.

Particularly encouraging was the performance of our younger sailors, like windfoilers Josh Armit and Veerle ten

Have, and ILCA 6 sailor Greta Pilkington.

They showed great promise and could be medal contenders in the future.

As we now turn our focus to Los Angeles 2028, we're already reviewing our performances in and preparation for Marseille, as we do after every Games. There are always areas where we could have been more efficient or approached things differently, but there were also many factors that contributed to our success this cycle.

Securing a training base in Marseille early on was vital, allowing our sailors to become familiar with the venue and racecourses. Our coaching staff worked seamlessly, and our venue development and analysis was top-notch.

The systems put in place will serve us well in future regattas.

Opting to stay in local AirBnB accommodations rather than the official Olympic hotels helped the team feel more at home, given their familiarity with the area from previous stays. We also had a solid support team, covering logistics, shore support, and athlete health, with a dedicated doctor, physio, and chefs ensuring everyone was well taken care of.

We competed in nine of the 10 available Olympic classes, with an equal gender split among our 12 sailors.

Our emphasis on building a shared identity and being part of the wider New Zealand Olympic team played a significant role in making these Paris Games truly special.

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YACHTING NEW ZEALAND COACHES, RACE OFFICIALS & YACHT INSPECTORS



825

There are now 825
qualified coaches in
New Zealand

30

Yacht inspectors
in New Zealand

194

The number of people who
have accessed the Coaching
101 online course this year

154

Category 1 yacht
inspections this year

42

The number of people who
have completed the intro to
race officiating course online

50

The number of people who
completed the club race
officers course online

162

The number of qualified race
officials in New Zealand

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



YACHTING
NEW ZEALAND
RECOGNISE THE
FOLLOWING SAILORS
AS THE NATIONAL
CHAMPION OF EACH
CLASS/NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT
FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON.
CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL

CLASS/EVENT

WINNER

29er	William Mason and Giorgio Mattiuzzo/Bella Jenkins and Nicola Hume
420	Joe Leith and Josh Ferrissey
470	Derek Scott and Rebecca Hume
49er	Isaac McHardie and William McKenzie
A Class	Dave Shaw
Cherub	Ray Davies and Hugo Davies
Elliott 5.9	Craig Satterthwaite, Richard Bearda and David Rolf
Europe	Antje Muller
Farr 3.7	Paul Moriarty
Farr 1020	Cameron Thorpe, Tim McCulloch, Paul Groom, Nic Tait, Jolly Kosca, Dwayne McGorman and Tim Sneddon



29er William Mason and Giorgio Mattiuzzo

Finn	Richard Hawkins
Flying Dutchman	Andrew McKee and Dave Hislop
Flying Fifteen	Sally Garrett and Neil Easton
Hansa 303 (doubles)	Kerehi Maxwell
Hansa 303 (singles)	Darrel Smith
Hartley 16	Sam Street and Alex Mitchell-Barker
Kitefoiling	Hugo Wigglesworth
ILCA 6	Naiomi Ferrissey
ILCA 7	Nik Burfoot
J14	Trent Justice
Javelin	Phill McNeill and Hamish Hey
Noelex 22	Dan Meehan, Matt Clarke and Alex Morris



Kitefoiling
Hugo Wigglesworth

Match racing (open)	Nick Egnot-Johnson, Chris Main, Zak Merton and Peter Soosalu
Match racing (women)	Megan Thomson, Josi Andres, Charlotte Porter, Ellie Copeland and Sophia Fyfe

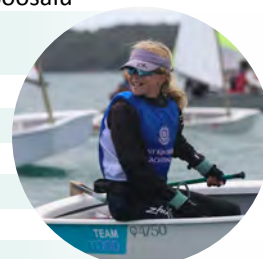


470 Derek Scott and Rebecca Hume



Finn Richard Hawkins

Moth	Jacob Pye
OK Dinghy	Steve McDowall
O'pen Skiff	Ewan Brazle/Elena Keall-Neches
Optimist	Matteo Barker/Zofia Wells
P Class	Oli Stone/Bella Jenkins
Paper Tiger	Dave Shaw



Optimist Zofia Wells

RS Feva
Secondary Schools Teams Racing

Callum Hyde and Jake Dickey, Gemma Hebbard and Gretel Satterthwaite
Tom Pilkington, Sean Kensington, George Turner, Oli Stone, Hugo Smith, Marlon Porteous, Ashton Cooke (Auckland Grammar School)/ Daniella Wooldridge, Jess Handley, Bella Jenkins, Gretel Satterthwaite, Danielle Robertson, Emily Turner, Charlotte Handley and Julia Nguyen (Westlake Girls High)



ILCA 6 Naiomi Ferrissey

Starling	Miro Luxford/Elbe White
Starling match racing	Blake McKinnon
Sunburst	Brett Linton and Alice Linton
Trailer yacht (division A)	Richard Hawkins, Andrew Duncan, Rolly Hill, Brett McCormick and Jono Kidson.
Trailer yacht (division B)	Nick Coultas, Bob Coultas and Tim Coop.
Trailer Yacht (division C)	Dan Meehan, Alex Morris and Matt Clarke.

Waszp	Tim Howse
Windfoil (9m)	Josh Armit
Windfoil (8m)	Veerle ten Have
Wingfoil	Sean Herbert
Young 88	Harry Thurston, Will Tiller, James Jennings, Thomas Olds, Luke Cashmore, Brad Marsh and Sam Barnett



Wingfoil Sean Herbert

Zephyr	Mark Orams
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AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Nik Burfoot (**chair**), Murray Brown, John Butcher, Jenna Hansen, Greg Knowles.

Ex-officio members: David Abercrombie, Dave Smith.

COMMITTEE FOR SAILORS WITH DISABILITIES

Dave Allerton (**chair**), John Andrews, Tim Dempsey, Helena Horswell, Andrew May, Chris Sharp.

Ex-officio members: David Abercrombie, Raynor Haagh, Wayne Holdt.

CRUISING, INSHORE AND OFFSHORE RACING COMMITTEE (CIORC)

Simon Hull (**chair**), Mark Findlay, Logan Fraser, Peter Henderson, Geoff Herd, Simon Manning, Viki Moore, Mark Mulcare, Bob Still, Rob Shaw.

Ex-officio members: David Abercrombie, Raynor Haagh.

GOVERNANCE AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Bridget Winstone-Kight (**chair**), John Butcher, Greg Knowles, Arabella Vennell.

OLYMPIC AND HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

John Clinton (**chair**), Jenny Armstrong, Grant Beck, Leslie Egnot, Dave Mackay, Andy Maloney, Ashton Welsh.

Ex-officio members: David Abercrombie, Ian Stewart.

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

John Parrish (**chair**), Ian Clouston, Alistair Deaves, Aaron Duncan, Doug Elder, John Grace, Megan Kensington, Colette Kraus, Shayne Priddle, Jamie Sutherland.

Ex-officio members: David Abercrombie, Raynor Haagh.



2023 AON YACHTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS



George Gautrey



Edge Women's Match

ORBIT WORLD TRAVEL SAILOR OF THE YEAR

George Gautrey

George was consistently near the front of the international ILCA 7 (Laser) fleet last season, with two medals. In April, he won silver at the Princess Sofia Regatta in Spain after taking out the medal race. He also secured bronze at the sailing world championships in August for New Zealand's only silverware of the regatta. George also finished just outside the podium spots – in fourth – at the Olympic test event in Marseille in July.

AON FEMALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Edge Women's Match

Celia Willison and her crew – Charlotte Porter, Paige Cook, Alison Kent and Serena Woodall – ended the Women's World Match Racing Tour championship in second place overall, just two points behind Sweden's WINGS match racing team. They won the inaugural Casa Vela Cup in San Francisco, before finishing second at the Santa Maria Cup in Annapolis a week later, and third in the Normandie Match Cup in Le Havre to secure a spot in the season-ending Bermuda Gold Cup.

AON MALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR

George Gautrey

George announced his arrival as a serious contender in the ILCA 7 with his third place at the class world championships in 2019 but he had to wait almost four years to get back on a major international podium. In 2023, he did. Twice. It included winning the silver medal at the season-opening Princess Sofia Regatta in Spain in April, coming from the back of the fleet to win the medal race in dramatic fashion.



Aimee Bright

NZL SAILING FOUNDATION YOUNG FEMALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Aimee Bright

Aimee won the women's title at both the New Zealand and Australian wingfoiling national championships, finished second in the free fly slalom at the GWA World Wingfoil Tour in Tauranga, and was selected for the 2023 Anoc World Beach Games in Bali. On her favoured iQFOIL, she took out the under-19 national title, won two

major regattas in America and booked her spot in the NZL Sailing Foundation youth team for the youth world championships in Brazil.

NZL SAILING FOUNDATION YOUNG MALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Ewan Brazle

The then 13-year-old O'pen Skiff sailor took out the under-15 division at the 2023 world championships in Rimini in July after an impressive fightback – securing the crown with victory in the last of his 14 races. He also won the age-group titles at two major Italian ranking regattas in the build-up to the worlds, the 2023 North American Championship, the NZ national championships, and the 2022 Sir Peter Blake Regatta.



Ewan Brazle

AON EMERGING TALENT AWARD

Greta Hutton

Greta finished 25th at the Optimist European championships in Greece in July – something no Kiwi girl has achieved since Naomi Ferrissey in 2018. She impressed all season, culminating in her victory at the Optimist national champs in tricky and tidal conditions. Greta managed top-10 results in half of the regatta's 12 races in a fleet of more than 100 boats.



Greta Hutton

Will Mason

Will had success in several different classes and won both the Optimist and Starling national titles within five days of each other in April. He also sailed the 29er – securing podium results at the Auckland championships and the Oceanbridge NZL Sailing Regatta, the P Class – finishing in the top three at the Tanner Cup, Tauranga Cup, and the North Island championships, and won the SailGP Inspire event in the RS Feva at Naval Point Club Lyttelton in March.



Will Mason

B&G PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Howard

Mark is Yachting New Zealand's lead ILCA 7 (Laser) coach and was instrumental in the breakthrough success of sailor George Gautrey. Under his mentorship, George won medals at both the Princess Sofia Regatta in Spain in April, as well as the sailing world championships in The Hague – securing New Zealand's only medal at the event while also ensuring a nation qualification for the 2024 Olympic Games in the world's most hotly contested sailing class.



YACHTING NEW ZEALAND EMERGING COACH OF THE YEAR

Matthew Rist

Matthew has coached everything from O'pen Skiffs and Starlings to RS Fevas and the Learn to Sail programme with the Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation. His leadership, work ethic, creativity and dedication propelled one of his O'pen Skiff sailors to the gold medal and two others to top-ten finishes at the 2023 world championships. He was instrumental in preparing these sailors for their overseas regattas with great attention to detail.



MILLENNIUM HOTELS AND RESORTS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Alistair Deaves

Alistair is an international measurer for the OK Dinghy and Olympic Nacra 17 class and serves on the World Sailing international measurers sub-committee. He was the chief event measurer at the OK Dinghy world championships in Marstrand, Sweden late last year and was also part of the race official team at the Olympic test event in Marseille and the sailing world championships in The Hague.



YACHTING NEW ZEALAND RACE OFFICER EMERITUS AWARD

Harold Bennett

Harold has devoted the best part of his life to seeing races sailed fairly and well. He is best known for being the principal race officer for five America's Cups between 2000 and 2013 and was this country's first professional sailing coach. Harold is also credited with establishing the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's youth training programme, has coached at five Olympic Games and more latterly has been heavily involved with the Manly Sailing Club.



MAST ACADEMY YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nathaniel Short

Nathaniel has been an active member of Ngaroto Sailing Club from the moment he completed his first Learn to Sail programme eight years ago. Most recently, he has been coaching and managing all the club's LTS activities and has been a member of the club committee for the past four years. Nathaniel participated in the Blake Inspire for Sailors programme in 2019 and is committed to helping his club grow.



NORTH SAILS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Murray Hartley

In April, Murray went above and beyond to help a sailor he had never met so they could get on the start line for the Solo Trans-Tasman Yacht Challenge off New Plymouth. Australian sailor Trevor Hill suffered a major setback when his self-steering device failed less than an hour before the start of the race and Hartley undertook an 11-hour round trip to assist after learning about Hill's misfortune on social media.



EVOCEAN SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Live Ocean

Live Ocean are champions for the ocean – whether racing in the ETF26 series as Live Ocean Racing, shaping innovations, or leading projects and partnerships – they take the message of positive ocean action to the world. They did that more than ever in 2023 through several initiatives, including with their work with the oceanic manta ray; developing climate resilient kelp in Whakaraupo Lyttelton; and Jono Ridler's record-breaking Swim4TheGulf project.

LAWSON'S DRY HILLS PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Waikawa Boating Club

WBC has become synonymous with the Waikawa Women's Regatta – a celebration of female sailing from world and Olympic champions to absolute beginners. The event continues to go from strength to strength with the 2023 regatta attracting 255 females, making it the biggest in its history. Judges were most impressed with the club's continued passion for and commitment to advancing equal opportunities in the sport for females and growing the female sailing community.



YAMAHA MOTOR NZ SERVICE AWARDS

Bart Allsop-Smith and Taylor Williams (Pine Harbour Cruising Club)

Bart has volunteered as a race officer for over 20 years and has played a big role in educating local skippers on Yachting New Zealand's racing rules and training and supporting several others – including his grandson, Taylor. The 20-year-old now often takes on the race officer responsibilities on his own while also helping his grandad to assist other clubs like the Waikato Yacht Squadron with the running of the Gulf Classic.

Bruce Benson (Point Chevalier Sailing Club)

Point Chevalier Sailing Club's Learn to Sail programme has seen a boom over the past seven years – thanks in no small part to Bruce's efforts. Since taking over the LTS duties in 2016, he has committed a significant amount of his own time to growing the programme, coaching, and recruiting coaches, and managing support boats. This has seen an estimated 300+ junior sailors complete the programme under his guidance.

Chris Bowman (Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club)

Chris has been the Commodore at NBYC for the last eight years, overseeing the club's growth from fewer than 20 members to a financially viable organisation with an oversubscribed Learn to Sail programme. In this time, he has built a small but effective team with a clear strategy, ensuring it supports the local community, and has navigated several challenges – including the erosion of the cliff behind the club, parking, and use of its wharf, boat ramp and pontoon.





Ann Byford

Ann Byford (Clarks Beach Yacht Club)

Ann is credited with reviving the club's Learn to Sail programme in 2021, following a decade of inactivity. To do this, she completed her LTS coaching training during Covid lockdowns and raised money to repair the club's aged fleet of Optimists and Sunbursts. The first LTS intake graduated from the programme in October last year, and Byford has also arranged skipper courses to ensure confident and capable drivers during LTS and club days.

Alan Dawson (Waiuku Yacht Club)

Alan has served on the WYC committee for over 20 years, including three years as Commodore and 14 years as club captain. During this time, he has used his extensive networks for significant maintenance and development work on the clubhouse and surrounds, while also working alongside the council and other community groups to manage the foreshore. He has also kept the patrol boat fleet up to standard, developed a Finn fleet, and rebuilt several Hartley 16s.

John Elliott (Hamilton Yacht Club)

A member of the club for almost 50 years, John is the most successful Farr 3.7 sailor in NZ history. Equally impressive is his work in numerous administrative roles at the club – where he has been a long-term race and safety officer – and the Farr 3.7 class association, in which he has served as secretary and president for a combined 39 years. He also has a distinguished involvement with the Waikato Thames Yachting Association.

Egor Leonenko (Gulf Harbour Yacht Club)

Few have contributed more to simplifying racing in this country than Egor, through the development of several automation tools. These apps have improved the accuracy of race management and have replaced pages of tables and graphs. His dedication has reduced the number of people required on start vessels, enabled quick decisions to be made easily when under considerable time pressure, and helped minimise human error – ensuring almost anyone can now run good racing.

Paul Mygind (Paremata Boating Club)

When it comes to club sailing, there's seemingly nothing Paul can't do. He has been volunteering and sailing at the club since the 1980s and has organised and taught the Learn to Sail programme, served for many years as a race officer, authored countless sailing instructions, and been a scorer, umpire, handicapper and sailing committee member. He can also be found working on the club buildings and teaching and mentoring other volunteers.

Sarah Wiblin (SSANZ)

When Cyclone Gabrielle threatened to derail the 2023 Round North Island race, organisers needed someone with a cool head and plenty of drive and energy. Fortunately, Sarah has that in spades. She is the woman behind the successful last-minute stopover change during the race, and for the last five years, she has contributed to the retention of large fleets at SSANZ events and increased sponsorship opportunities through her work tirelessly marketing and promoting the association.



Sarah Wiblin



Chris Williams

Chris Williams (Waikawa Boating Club)

Chris has had a lifelong association with the club and his dad, Gwynn, was the club commodore. Over the years, he has contributed in many ways – from serving as Rear Commodore responsible for moorings and assets to several years on the management executive, and the sailing committee. Chris managed the funding and building of a fit-for-purpose start boat for the club and has also been the driving force behind its offshore racing programme.

KIWI YACHTING CRUISING AWARD

Island Cruising New Zealand

A business since the 1980s, Island Cruising NZ has gone from strength to strength in recent years, culminating in a record 87 entries for the 2023 Pacific Rally. This included participants from yacht clubs from across New Zealand and the world, as well as 35 children cruising in Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia. Island Cruising NZ is owned by Viki Moore and provides expert advice, support and training courses for those on long coastal or overseas voyages.



Island Cruising NZ

HARKEN YOUTH PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Matteo Barker (Murrays Bay Sailing Club)

In late June 2023, Matteo secured the highest-placed finish by a New Zealand sailor at the Optimist world championships since George Lee Rush in 2019. Matteo, one of five Kiwis in the fleet at the world champs in Costa Brava in Spain, had an outstanding qualifying series that saw him rise as high as seventh overall, before eventually finishing in 39th.

Stella Bilger (Wakatere Boating Club)

Stella won the women's title at two SailGP Inspire regattas in the Waszp, including at the Christchurch debut of the event. She was selected to represent New Zealand at the series final in San Francisco where she stormed to victory against seven competitors from across the globe. She also claimed podium spots at the iQFOIL national championships and the US Sailing youth champs.



Stella Bilger

Tessa Clinton and Nicola Hume (Wakatere Boating Club)

Tessa and Nicola achieved a rare sailing double when they won the women's title at the 29er national championship in June, only three months after also claiming the women's title at the 420 nationals – the first female combination in at least a decade to hold national titles in two double-handed youth classes at the same time. They also won the 420 North Islands, the 2023 Oceanbridge NZL Sailing Regatta, the 420 Auckland champs, and the NZ youth champs.

Callum Hyde and Callum Noyer (Maraetai Sailing Club)

The two Callums won the under-13 division at the RS Feva world championships in Follonica in July after earlier securing the junior category at the class nationals. In Italy, the duo finished an impressive fourth overall with four top-10 results across the 10 races, including a bullet in their sixth race.



Sean and Rowan Kensington (Kohimarama Yacht Club)

The Kensington brothers' impressive list of 29er titles over the last 12 months includes the North Island championships, the Sir Peter Blake Regatta, the Auckland championships, the Oceanbridge NZL Sailing Regatta, the national championships, and the NZ youth championships. They also finished 11th overall at the 29er world championships and helped Auckland Grammar secure the 2023 Harken national secondary school keelboat title.

Bella Jenkins (Kohimarama Yacht Club)

Bella won the girls' title at the AIMS Games in September last year and followed it up with victory in the Tanner and Tauranga Cups in January. She was second to Kate Rasmussen at the 2023 Starling national champs and, along with her Westlake Girls' High teammates, secured the school's first NZ secondary school team championship title since 2012, as well as the same division in the 2023 Harken national secondary school keelboat event.

Seb Menzies and George Lee Rush (Murrays Bay Sailing Club)

After 29er bronze at the youth sailing world championships and gold in the 49erFX at the junior worlds in 2022, Seb and George have shown steady progress since transitioning to the full 49er, with the highlight their top-10 finish at the junior class worlds in Germany in August. The pair also debuted in the foiling catamaran for the Live Ocean Racing team in the ETF26 series, finishing the season in fourth place overall.

Jacob Pye (Manly Sailing Club)

Jacob could lay claim to being the unofficial Moth world champion after sitting atop the leaderboard when the world champs were abandoned. Only two races could be completed – with the Kiwi winning both – before the breeze died two races short of a valid result. He had earlier won the UK national championships, known as the pre-worlds, by beating more than 90 boats from 16 nations, and dominated the 2023 New Zealand national champs in February, winning 13 of 18 races.

RADIX PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Jo Aleh and Molly Meech (Torbay Sailing Club)

It took Jo and Molly some time to hit their straps since joining forces in the 49erFX in early 2022, but the experienced duo showed significant progress since. They finished sixth at the sailing world championships in The Hague in August – their strongest performance of the season – after glimpses of their best at several European events earlier in the year.



Josh Armit (Wakatere Boating Club)

Josh has catapulted himself into the NZL Sailing Team with a string of top-10 results at several international regattas last season. He came agonisingly close to the podium at the Princess Sofia Regatta and finished ninth at the Olympic test event in Marseille – wedged between two seventh place finishes at the iQFOIL European championships in Greece and the sailing world championships.

Logan Dunning Beck (Wakatere Boating Club) and Oscar Gunn (Murrays Bay Sailing Club)

Logan and Oscar make up one of the country's two top 49er crews – and are among the best teams in the world. They started 2023 with a silver medal at the Lanzarote International Regatta and were the only New Zealand team to win gold at a major event last season – taking out the title at the Princess Sofia Regatta after a dramatic medal race.

Knots Racing

The Knots Racing team – Nick Egnot-Johnson, Sam Barnett, Zak Merton and Bradley McLaughlin – realised a childhood dream of standing on the podium at the prestigious 2023 Congressional Cup last year. They were third at match racing's most prestigious event in April after beating British match-racing great Ian Williams in the petit final and finished the world championship season in fifth overall.



George Lane (Hamilton Yacht Club)

George became the first Kiwi in more than two decades – and only the second ever – to win the men's ILCA 6 world championship when he struck gold in Poland in July. The 31-year-old secured top-five finishes in all 12 races – including four race wins – and held off strong challenges from the Montenegrin and British sailors in the final and decisive race to claim the title at his third attempt.



Isaac McHardie and William McKenzie (Torbay Sailing Club)

Isaac and Will forced their way into the top 10 in the world last year with consistently strong results on the big stage. They won bronze at the Princess Sofia Regatta and came close to the podium in three other major competitions – the French Olympic week, the Olympic test event, and the sailing world championships in The Hague.

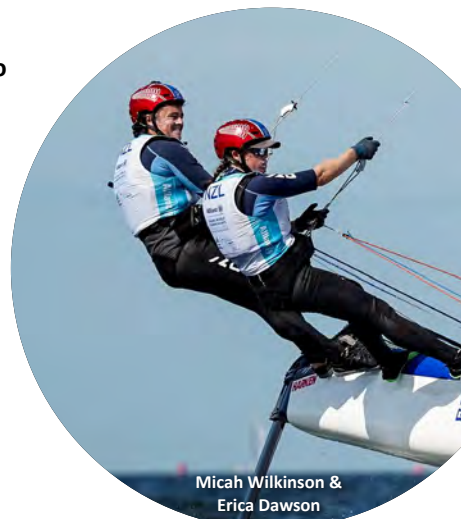
Veerle ten Have (Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club)

Veerle has stepped up a gear since her breakthrough season in the women's iQFOIL in 2022, claiming bronze in Palma in April and finishing sixth at the Olympic test event in July. She also competed at the iQFOIL European championships and the sailing worlds in August and has broken into the top 20 on the World Sailing rankings for the first time this season.



Micah Wilkinson (Ngaroto Sailing Club) and Erica Dawson (Murrays Bay Sailing Club)

The Kiwi Nacra 17 pair have continued their upward trajectory this season, qualifying for medal races in all but one of their international regattas. Bronze in Lanzarote in March has been the 2020 Olympians' only medal success, after just falling short at the Olympic test event, where they finished fifth.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Total Equity	2	<u>4,582,947</u>	<u>5,059,231</u>
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		842,448	520,658
Term Deposits		2,182,156	1,782,668
Accounts Receivable		37,645	95,625
Prepayments and Other Receivables		528,520	406,676
Investments	3	-	2,388,960
Total Current Assets		<u>3,590,769</u>	<u>5,194,587</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Term Deposits		1,400,000	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	355,067	490,245
Capital Work In Progress	5	-	10,860
Intangible Assets	6	14,800	28,925
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>1,769,867</u>	<u>530,030</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,360,636</u>	<u>5,724,617</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		298,333	235,232
Accrued Expenses		245,566	211,379
Grants Received In Advance		233,790	218,775
Total Current Liabilities		<u>777,689</u>	<u>665,386</u>
Net Assets		<u>4,582,947</u>	<u>5,059,231</u>

For and on behalf of the Board

Greg Knowles
Board Chairman

David Abercrombie
Chief Executive

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Operating Revenue			
Affiliation Fees		645,374	631,146
Gain on Asset Disposal		2,609	62,315
Grants, Sponsorship and Donations	10	4,887,256	5,837,224
Other Income		352,251	235,518
Total Operating Revenue		5,887,490	6,766,203
Operating Expenses			
Administration		642,359	478,620
Advocacy		2,716	17,437
Audit Fee		13,625	12,582
Depreciation and Asset Write-off	5, 6	228,688	258,133
Olympic Programme		2,642,331	2,538,805
Other Operating Expenses		113,911	76,464
Personnel		2,111,334	2,093,519
Programmes and Training Courses		183,172	255,031
Registrations, Handicaps and Safety		14,308	16,342
Talent Development		748,802	750,498
Total Operating Expenses		6,701,246	6,497,431
Operating Profit before Investment Income and Capital Grants		(813,755)	268,772
Investment and Interest Income		277,402	171,824
		(536,354)	440,596
Capital Grants	10	74,025	175,291
Profit/(Loss) before Other Comprehensive Income		(462,329)	615,887
Other Comprehensive Income			
Net Change in Fair Value of Available-for-Sale Financial Assets		(13,955)	54,403
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)		(476,284)	670,290

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



	Retained Earnings \$	Fair Value Reserve \$	Total Equity \$
Opening Balance at 1 July 2022	4,202,579	186,362	4,388,941
Profit for the year	615,887	-	615,887
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	54,403	54,403
Total Comprehensive Income	615,887	54,403	670,290
Closing Balance at 30 June 2023	4,818,466	240,765	5,059,231
Opening Balance at 1 July 2023	4,818,466	240,765	5,059,231
Profit for the year	(462,329)	-	(462,329)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	(13,955)	(13,955)
Total Comprehensive Income	(462,329)	(13,955)	(476,284)
Closing Balance at 30 June 2024	4,356,137	226,810	4,582,947

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash was provided from		
Grants	4,960,250	5,365,558
Affiliation Fees	645,374	631,146
Other Income	352,252	235,518
Investment Income	277,402	171,824
	6,235,278	6,404,046
Cash was applied to		
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	6,497,114	6,437,776
Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows) from Operating Activities	(261,836)	(33,730)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Cash was provided from		
Capital Grants	74,025	175,291
Disposal of Investments	2,388,960	-
Disposal of Property Plant and Equipment	2,609	77,734
	2,465,594	253,025
Cash was applied to		
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment and Software	68,525	228,177
Purchase of Term Deposits	1,799,488	878,782
Purchase of Investments	13,955	63,396
	1,881,968	1,170,355
Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows) from Investing Activities	583,626	(917,330)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	321,790	(951,060)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year	520,658	1,471,718
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of the Year	842,448	520,658

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



Description of the entity's outcomes

Yachting New Zealand Inc is the National Sports Organisation responsible for Sailing in NZ. We are an Incorporated Society with the overall vision to deliver high quality experiences and equal opportunities for participants at all levels and backgrounds that fosters a lifelong passion for sailing, boating and the environment. Our strategy is built on 5 key pillars being:

- To grow stronger member clubs which are a valued hub for their local community
- To deliver excellence in competition
- To provide leadership, programmes and resources
- To have a positive impact on environmental issues that affect member clubs and their wider community
- To increase gender and ethnic diversity among member clubs

Quantification of the entity's outputs

	2024	2023
Number of member clubs	106	108
Medalists at elite (overseas) events by NZ sailing team	2	5
School students sailing through the RUNA programme	5,877	3,044
Learn to Sail coach course participants	100	118
Member clubs with "Clean Club" certification	16	8
Percentage of female club members	30%	30%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Yachting New Zealand Inc is an incorporated society governed by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and is the National Sports Organisation for Yachting in New Zealand.

Statement of Compliance and Basis of Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (NZ GAAP) and Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (RDR). The entity is eligible to report in accordance with PBE Standards RDR as it is not publicly accountable, and it is not large. All available reporting exemptions allowed have been adopted.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for Investments classified as available for sale which are stated at their fair value.

Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars (NZD).

Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Taxation

Yachting New Zealand is exempt from income tax.

Foreign Exchange

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the foreign exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency in the Balance Sheet are translated to NZD at the foreign exchange rate at the date of reporting. Foreign exchange differences arising on their translation are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets

Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets are recognised at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation have been charged using the straight-line method, based on the following estimated economic lives:

Coach Boats	3-10 years	Trailers	4 - 7 years
Coaching Equipment	2-10 years	Training Boats	2 – 4 years
Office Equipment	3-6 years	Software	3 - 10 years
Office Furniture	10 years		

The residual value of assets is assessed annually.

Investment Income

Investment Income comprises of interest and dividends. Interest is recognised on an accrual basis and dividends on a cash basis.

Available-For-Sale Financial Assets

Investments in bonds and equities are classified as available for sale financial assets. Available-for-sale financial assets are recognised initially at cost and are subsequently measured at fair value. Fair value changes are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Fair value is the quoted closing price at balance sheet reporting date.

Impairment

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses directly reduce the carrying amount of assets and are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Leases

Operating lease payments are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in equal instalments over the lease term.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



1. Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Accounts Receivable

Receivables are stated at estimated realisable value after providing against debts where collection is doubtful. Bad debts are written off in the period which they are identified.

Revenue

Government and other grants received over more than one year are recognised as income based on the contractual obligations of the grants. Where the terms require the grant to be spent on defined expenditure, the recognition of the income is matched against the expenditure incurred in each year. Where surpluses are available to be retained these are recognised at the completion of the grant contract.

Grants and sponsorship income which has no defined terms for expenditure, including those in kind, are recognised as income in the year received.

Goods & Services Tax

These financial statements have been prepared on a Goods & Services Tax (GST) exclusive basis, except for receivables and payables, which are stated inclusive of GST.

Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Judgements made by management in the application of PBE accounting standards that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustments in the next year are disclosed, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



2. Equity

	2024	2023
Equity is represented by:	\$	\$
Designated Funds	1,065,447	999,942
General Funds	819,467	802,904
Restricted Funds	2,698,033	3,256,385
Total Equity	4,582,947	5,059,231

Designated Funds are set aside for a specific purpose as approved by the Board.

General Funds are not designated by the Board for a particular purpose.

Restricted Funds are set aside for a specific purpose as required by an external party.

Restricted Funds	2024	2023
Restricted Funds are represented by:	\$	\$
Olympic and High Performance Fund	2,273,564	2,838,713
Sailing Have A Go/RUNA Fund	337,869	335,798
St John's Rotary Scholarship Fund	86,600	81,874
	2,698,033	3,256,385

Olympic and High Performance Fund recognises the accumulated surplus from grants and donations to be used solely for the purposes of Olympic and High Performance sailing.

Sailing Have a Go/RUNA Fund has been established for the purposes of developing participation in sailing through the "Sailing Have a Go" initiative. A specific donation received in June 2009 requires that the related funds be used in the promotion and operation of this programme. Any unused funds from this donation are required to be applied in accordance with the Donor's objectives if Yachting New Zealand ceases the programme.

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2. Entity Funds (continued)

St John's Rotary Scholarship Fund recognises the funds donated by the St John's Rotary Club for the purpose of supporting two young talented New Zealand sailors to attend their youth class world championships.

3. Investments

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Bonds	-	1,375,961
Equities	-	679,033
Property	-	-
Cash	-	333,967
Total Investments	-	2,388,960

The investments managed by JB Were were withdrawn during the year and transferred to Cash Equivalents and Term Deposits.

4. Reconciliation of Cashflow with Operating profit

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	(476,284)	670,290
Add/(Deduct) Non-Cash items:		
Depreciation and Asset Write-off	228,688	258,133
Net change in fair value of Investments	13,955	(54,403)
Gain on Asset Disposal	(2,609)	(62,315)
	<u>240,034</u>	<u>141,414</u>
Add/(Deduct) Movements in Workings Capital Balances:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	57,979	18,267
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments and Other Receivables	(121,844)	(127,104)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	63,101	(51,144)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	34,187	(20,230)
Increase/(Decrease) in Grants Received in Advance	<u>15,016</u>	<u>(489,932)</u>
	<u>48,439</u>	<u>(670,142)</u>
Add/(Deduct) Items Classified as Investing and Financing Activities:		
Capital Grants	<u>(74,025)</u>	<u>(175,291)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows) from Operating Activities	(261,836)	(33,730)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



5. Property, Plant & Equipment

	30 June 2024			
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Depreciation and Write-off
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property, Plant & Equipment				
Coach Boats	1,032,713	732,099	300,614	161,439
Coaching Equipment	233,862	210,224	23,638	30,520
Office Equipment & Furniture	123,789	112,845	10,944	13,340
Trailers	52,040	37,208	14,832	7,442
Training Boats	144,788	139,746	5,042	1,824
Total	1,587,192	1,232,122	355,067	214,565

	30 June 2023			
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Depreciation and Write-off
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property, Plant & Equipment				
Coach Boats	973,749	584,205	389,544	154,371
Coaching Equipment	232,344	179,704	52,640	33,899
Office Equipment & Furniture	118,429	99,505	18,924	12,356
Trailers	52,040	29,767	22,273	7,442
Training Boats	144,788	137,923	6,885	4,666
Total	1,521,350	1,031,104	490,246	212,734

At 30 June 2024 there was no Capital Work in Progress (2023: \$10,860)

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Opening Net Book Value	490,246	452,410
Additions	79,386	265,988
Disposals	-	(15,418)
Depreciation and Asset Write-off	(214,565)	(212,734)
Closing Net Book Value	355,067	490,246

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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6. Intangible Assets

	Cost \$	Accumulated Amortisation \$	Net Book Value \$	Amortisation and Write-off \$
30 June 2024				
Software	245,499	230,697	14,800	14,125
30 June 2023				
Software	245,499	216,574	28,925	45,400

7. Lease and Capital Commitments

The premises are leased under an operating lease, which expires on 14 December 2025 with 2 further rights of renewal for 1 year each.

Payments under the lease are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Less than 1 year	97,124	97,124
1 to 5 years	48,452	145,576
Total	145,576	242,700

The expense for the year was \$97,124 (2023: \$95,121).

Capital Commitment – At balance date there are no capital commitments (2023: \$26,540).

8. Contingent Liabilities

Yachting New Zealand has a contingent liability under an indemnity for international shipping amounting to \$258,648 (2023: \$125,464).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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9. Financial Instruments Classification

	2024			
	Loans and Receivables	Available for Sale Financial Assets	Other Amortised Cost	Total Carrying Amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Cash and Term Deposits	4,424,604	-	-	4,424,604
Accounts Receivable	37,645	-	-	37,645
Investments	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	4,462,249	-	-	4,462,249
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	-	-	298,333	298,333
Grants in Advance	-	-	233,790	233,790
Total Liabilities	-	-	532,123	532,123

	2023			
	Loans and Receivables	Available for Sale Financial Assets	Other Amortised Cost	Total Carrying Amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Cash and Term Deposits	2,303,326	-	-	2,303,326
Accounts Receivable	95,625	-	-	95,625
Investments	-	2,388,960	-	2,388,960
Total Assets	2,398,951	2,388,960	-	4,787,911
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	-	-	235,233	235,233
Grants in Advance	-	-	218,755	218,775
Total Liabilities	-	-	454,008	454,008

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10. Funding received from Sport New Zealand, Community Trust Grants and Donations

Grants and donations recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income include funding received from the following organisations:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Operational Grants and Donations		
New Zealand Community Trust	145,000	145,000
Lion Foundation	30,000	-
Capital Grants and Donations		
High Performance Sport New Zealand	74,025	175,291
Sport New Zealand Grant		
Participation	345,000	427,060
High Performance	4,154,782	4,983,689

The Grants are shown at the amounts recognized as Operating Revenue, and do not include grants received in advance where the terms of the grants have not yet been met by Yachting New Zealand.

Included in funds received in 2023 from High Performance Sport NZ is a one-off amount of \$500,000 due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19, and increasing operational costs.

11. Related Party Transactions

Key Management Remuneration

The remuneration paid to the individuals who are designated as key management was as follows:

	2024		2023	
	Number	\$	Number	\$
Management	6	937,606	7	915,473
Directors	9	-	9	-

A number of Directors and Management are members of Yacht Clubs affiliated with Yachting New Zealand. There were no other related party transactions.

12. Subsequent Events

Up to the date of the financial statements there have been no subsequent events that materially impact the financial statements.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF YACHTING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Yachting New Zealand Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cashflows and statement of service performance for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Yachting New Zealand Incorporated as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance, cashflows and service performance for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Yachting New Zealand Incorporated in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in, Yachting New Zealand Incorporated.

Board's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements that are in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime and such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board are responsible on behalf of Yachting New Zealand Incorporated for assessing Yachting New Zealand Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate Yachting New Zealand Incorporated or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



Auditor's Responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud and or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud and error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of the users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the XRB's website at

https://xrb.govt.nz/Site/Auditing_Assurance_Standards/Current_Standards/Description_Auditors_responsibilities.aspx.

This report is made solely to the members, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the members, as a body, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "HLB Mann Judd".

HLB Mann Judd
11 September 2024
Auckland

INCOME STATEMENT DETAIL

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024				2023			
	CLUB SERVICES	SPORT DEVELOPMENT	OLYMPIC & TALENT DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL	CLUB SERVICES	SPORT DEVELOPMENT	OLYMPIC & TALENT DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL
Revenue								
Affiliation Fees	645,375	-	-	645,375	631,146	-	-	631,146
Funding From Sport NZ	345,000	-	-	345,000	425,000	-	-	425,000
Funding From High Performance Sport NZ	-	-	4,154,782	4,154,782	15,645	-	4,968,044	4,983,689
Promotion and Communications	28,109	-	-	28,109	19,696	-	-	19,696
Sponsorship	28,750	10,000	201,250	240,000	15,535	10,000	258,000	283,535
Donations and Grants	145,000	2,474	-	147,474	145,000	-	-	145,000
Programmes and Training Courses	97,461	-	-	97,461	82,098	-	-	82,098
Funding from Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Registrations, Handicaps and Safety	59,793	-	-	59,793	81,863	-	-	81,863
Gain on Disposal of Assets	-	-	2,609	2,609	-	-	62,315	62,315
Investment Income	65,178	29,604	182,618	277,401	42,836	15,378	113,609	171,824
General Income	7,695	11,703	147,490	166,888	2,374	1,251	48,236	51,861
Total Revenue	1,422,361	53,781	4,688,749	6,164,892	1,461,193	26,629	5,450,204	6,938,027
Expenses								
Promotion & Communications	92,734	1,650	-	94,384	38,291	10,067	-	48,358
Administration Expenses	146,862	823	494,674	642,359	154,300	1,277	323,043	478,620
Advocacy	2,716	-	-	2,716	17,437	-	-	17,437
Audit Fees	13,625	-	-	13,625	12,582	-	-	12,582
Depreciation, Amortisation and Asset Write-Off	42,681	-	186,007	228,688	59,343	-	198,790	258,133
Personnel	891,276	-	1,220,058	2,111,334	819,611	-	1,273,908	2,093,519
Governance and Committees	19,527	-	-	19,527	28,106	-	-	28,106
Programmes and Training Courses	176,747	425	6,000	183,172	252,289	1,742	1,000	255,031
Olympic Programme	-	-	2,642,331	2,642,331	-	-	2,538,805	2,538,805
Talent and Development	-	-	748,802	748,802	-	-	750,498	750,498
Registrations, Handicaps and Safety	14,308	-	-	14,308	16,342	-	-	16,342
Total Expenses	1,400,476	2,898	5,297,872	6,701,246	1,398,301	13,086	5,086,044	6,497,431
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	21,885	50,883	(609,123)	(536,354)	62,892	13,543	364,160	440,596
Capital Grants	-	-	74,025	74,025	-	-	175,291	175,291
Net Change in Fair Value of Available for Sale Financial Assets	(3,250)	(1,530)	(9,175)	(13,955)	15,203	4,872	34,328	54,403
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss)	18,635	49,353	(544,273)	(476,284)	78,096	18,415	573,779	670,290

This page of the financial statements has not been audited.

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024 BOARD MEMBERS BOARD REPORT



GREG KNOWLES (CHAIR)

Greg returned to the Yachting New Zealand board in 2023 after earlier serving as chair and president. He is a retired senior partner and former board director of KPMG, where he advised on some of the largest mergers and acquisitions in the country. As a sailor, Greg and Murray Jones placed fifth at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games in the Flying Dutchman and fourth in Barcelona four years later. He was also a director of Ski Racing New Zealand and is a past president of Tongariro Ski Club.



SARAH BACON

Sarah is a former lawyer, business owner, and mother of three sailors. She practised law for over 20 years (10 as a partner) and founded successful skincare brand

Velettà in 2017. Sarah is a director of three construction-focussed companies, the chair of the Digital Media Trust, a founding trustee of the Boat and Beach Wise Trust, and a member of Worser Bay Boating Club, where she served as the secretary of the club's general committee for several years.



MURRAY BROWN

Murray has spent more than 30 years in the finance sector, initially in share broking but then in funds management, and is a chartered member of the Institute of Directors. He also has a strong grassroots sailing background, was the Paremata Boating Club's treasurer for several years and is a former Starling national champion.



NIK BURFOOT

Nik is a CFA charter holder and for the past 13 years has worked as the commercial manager for international technology company TT Global. A former ILCA 7 (Laser) world champion, Nik was a dominant force in the class during the 1990s. More recently, he has served as head of the centreboard division at Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club, overseeing the annual Tauranga regatta – one of the biggest multi-class regattas in the country.



JOHN BUTCHER MNZM

John is a simulation specialist and senior instructor for Serco NZ Training Services (Defence), contributing to the professional and personal development of naval officers in the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN). He has a background in leadership, navigation, ship handling and naval warfare, retiring in the rank of Commander after 33 years with the RNZN. He also has extensive experience within higher defence and government departments, is an avid sailor and previously served as the commodore of Gulf Harbour Yacht Club.



JENNA HANSEN

Jenna is a chartered accountant and has worked in the banking, investment, and advisory service sectors across the globe. She sailed at the 2012 Olympic Games in the NZ Women's Match Racing Team. Sailing is a lifelong passion for Jenna, and she has been heavily involved in the sport as a sailor, coach and more recently finding the enjoyment of cruising.



NICOLA HARRISON

A senior project manager with Beca, Nicola specialises in risk and design management in the construction industry – guiding projects through the design process and providing high-level risk management advice and risk escalation reporting to governance boards. She is an active sailor, is passionate about increasing female participation in the sport, and currently serves on Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club's general committee and as the secretary for TYPBC Women on Water.



ARABELLA VENNELL

Arabella has spent over 25 years in the tech industry and currently works in a professional services advisory and sales role at Amazon Web Services.

A member of the Olympic development squad, she campaigned for the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games in the women's singlehanded class (Europe dinghy), along with competing at national, international and world championship level. She loves cruising the Hauraki Gulf, is passionate about supporting sailing at all ages and is an active and competitive keelboat racer.



BRIDGET WINSTONE-KIGHT

Bridget is a director in PwC's Workforce team, helping clients solve problems and create value through their workforce. A non-practising lawyer, and a certified executive coach with an MBA from the London Business School, she has held several governance positions in the private and public sectors. Bridget is a current member of the Institute of Directors and played for the Black Sticks women's hockey team from 2005-2009. She also captained the New Zealand Women's Masters Hockey team at the Masters World Cup in Cape Town in October 2024.



BOARD DIRECTORS

	TYPE	NO. OF MEETINGS	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Sarah Bacon (joined Oct 2023)	Elected	8	7
Ross Blackman (retired Oct 2023)	Elected	2	2
Murray Brown	Appointed	8	8
Nik Burfoot	Appointed	8	6
John Butcher	Elected	8	6
Jenna Hansen	Elected	8	7
Nicola Harrison (joined Oct 2023)	Elected	8	8
Greg Knowles (joined Oct 2023)	Elected	8	7
Sarah Meikle (retired Oct 2023)	Elected	2	2
Viki Moore (retired Oct 2023)	Elected	2	2
Arabella Vennell (retired July 2024)	Appointed	7	4
Bridget Winstone-Kight	Appointed	8	7

GENDER DIVERSITY

The 2023/2024 board was made up of 55.6 per cent females and 44.4 per cent males.



2023/24

OUR TEAM



PATRON

Governor-General
Dame Cindy Kiro



David Abercrombie
Chief executive



Raynor Haag
National sport
development director



Dave Smith
Finance
manager



Eduan Roos
Communications
manager



Angela Jordan
Partnership and events
coordinator



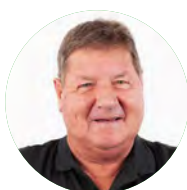
Mel Hurst
Office and sailing
administrator

MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

PARTICIPATION & DEVELOPMENT



Kelly Mulcahy
Regional
development manager
(northern region – south)



Wayne Holdt
Regional
development manager
(central region)



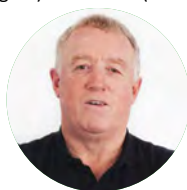
Ian Gardiner
Regional
development manager
(southern region)



Hayden Whitburn
Regional
development manager
(northern region – north)



Alisa Torgersen
RŪNĀ Kaiwhakahaere
Education Lead



Colin Rickett
Programmes
coordinator



Kirsten Moratz
Coach development
manager

OLYMPIC, HIGH PERFORMANCE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

GENDER DIVERSITY

The Yachting
New Zealand staff in
2023/2024 were
made up of
60 per cent males and
40 per cent females.



Ian Stewart
High performance
director



Geoff Woolley
Talent development
manager



Hayley Dorward
High performance
programme manager



Sam Mackay
Youth and events
manager



Jenny Armstrong
Women's sailing
manager



Nathan Handley
Olympic coach



Mark Howard
Olympic coach



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