



2026 JetPark Interdominion Schools Teams Racing Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

Thursday 1st October - Saturday 3rd October 2026

Host Club

Royal Akarana Yacht Club
8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club
in conjunction with the
New Zealand Team Sailing Association

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The Organising Authority for this event is the New Zealand Team Sailing Association (NZTSA) in association with the Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC). This regatta is a school-based competition of the three best All-Women teams and the three best Open teams representing both New Zealand and Australia.

Notation The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation [DP] signifies a discretionary penalty (the protest committee may choose a penalty less than disqualification, depending on the circumstances).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, including Appendix D Team Racing Rules, Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All races shall be umpired as per RRS Appendix D2
- 1.3 Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4 All amendments to the RRS will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Competitors shall comply with the NZTSA Health and Safety plan and may be required to go ashore to receive medical attention. If this is the case and the team has no suitable reserves, then they will need to sail with only two boats against the three boats of the opposition.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is an invitation event. Teams requiring an invitation, which will include the online entry link, should apply to RAYC no later than 8 September 2026. Earlier notifications of intent to enter will be appreciated.
- 3.2 Following registration please send a team photo, to dazelem.co.nz, for inclusion in the regatta e-booklet by 15 September 2026.

- 3.3 The regatta will include a maximum of 12 teams, consisting of 6 Open Teams and 6 Female Teams.
- 3.4 Invitations will be provided to the top three finishing open and all-girl teams from the respective Australian and New Zealand Secondary School Teams Racing Championships.
- 3.5 If any of the top three open and all-girl teams from either country are unable to compete, their places will be offered to the next teams in the finishing order of their Championships.
- 3.6 Should a country nominate a composite team of students from more than one school it will be subject to approval from the other country at their absolute discretion.
- 3.7 All teams shall consist of bona fide students representing schools from their relevant country and shall not have attained their 19th birthday before the end of the year in which the event is held.
- 3.8 Teams will consist of a maximum of eight (8) sailors who must be listed on the official entry form.
- 3.9 All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with their National Sailing Authority.
- 3.10 Any combination of six (6) registered team members may compete in any race, with the minimum combined weight of the helmsman and crew of each boat must be at least 110kg. Combinations weighing between 100kg and 110kg must carry correcting weights to ensure minimum weight is achieved. These correcting weights must always be carried and attached near the mast foot of their boat. There will be no weigh-in at the regatta, this responsibility is the Managers/Coaches to manage, however spot checks will be performed at the regatta and any teams with underweight crews may be subject to a RRS 69 hearing.
- 3.11 Only single school teams will be eligible for the first overall prize in either series.
- 3.12 All competing teams will have their results contribute to the scoring of the Interdominion Trophy.
- 3.13 Eligible teams will enter by completing the online entry and paying the relevant entry fee by 8 September 2026. Online entry link is here – <https://rayc.co.nz/event/jetpark-secondary-schools-interdominion-team-racing-championships/>
- 3.14 There will be no Late Entries.

4 Fees

- 4.1 All teams entering the regatta will, prior to 8 September 2026, be required to pay:
 - an NZD \$2,500 Entry Fee, and
 - A damage deposit of NZD\$500 per team is required and lodged with the entry fee unless one is already held with NZTSA. In the event of a team causing major damage to equipment likely to be in excess of NZD\$500, they will be required to pay an additional amount to cover the cost of the damage if they wish to continue competing, and
 - The Australian teams pay an Umpire Levy NZD \$430 to cover the costs of the Australian officials.

- 4.2 The entry fee will cover tickets for the welcome and prize-giving functions for ten people only representing each team.
- 4.3 Additional tickets for social events may be available for purchase on request subject to availability and capacity unless the event is sold out.

New Zealand teams

- 4.4 New Zealand teams shall enter the regatta prior to 8 September 2026 by:
 - Completing the on-line registration form at <https://rayc.co.nz/event/jetpark-secondary-schools-interdominion-team-racing-championships/>
 - and completing the relevant New Zealand Team Registration. At which point an invoice will be emailed with account payment details.
 - Paying the required entry fee and damage bond (if applicable) directly to RAYC.
 - The entry fee is not refundable.

Australian Teams

- 4.5 Australian teams shall enter the regatta prior to 8 September 2026 by:
 - Completing the on-line registration form at <https://rayc.co.nz/event/jetpark-secondary-schools-interdominion-team-racing-championships/> and completing the relevant Australian Team Registration. At which point an invoice will be emailed with account payment details.
 - Paying the required entry fee, umpire levy and damage bond directly to RAYC.
 - The entry fee is not refundable.

5 Regatta Format [NP]

- 5.1 The Championships shall consist of two series competed separately across the duration of the regatta:
 - The Interdominion National Championship, and
 - The Interdominion Schools Championship

The Interdominion National Championship

- 5.2 The Interdominion National Championship will involve racing between teams representing each country.
- 5.3 Racing will be a series of separate round robins across two divisions:
 - The Open Division and
 - The Female Division
- 5.4 Each Divisional round robin will include 6 teams (3 from each country) and each round robin series will consist of 9 races – with each team representing a country sailing each of the teams from the other country.
- 5.5 The round robins will alternate between divisions.
- 5.6 A minimum of one round robin in each division will be necessary to gain a result in the National Championship.

The Interdominion Schools Championship

- 5.7 The Interdominion Schools Championship will involve racing between teams representing each school.
- 5.8 Racing will be a series of separate round robins across two divisions:
- The Open Division and
 - The Female Division
- 5.9 Each Divisional round robin will include 6 teams and will consist of 15 races – with each team sailing each of the other teams in the division.
- 5.10 The round robins will alternate between divisions.
- 5.11 A minimum of one round robin will be necessary to gain a result for each division.
- 5.12 The Schools Championships is planned for the third day of competition. The Schools Championships may not proceed if the Race Committee decides insufficient racing in the National Championship has been completed.

6 Racing Format [NP]

- 6.1 Racing will be sailed in three boat teams.
- 6.2 Racing shall consist in each division of as many round robin rounds as possible in the time allowed in the schedule.
- 6.3 Each team in the division will be allocated boats and remain in their allocated boats on water for the duration of each round robin.

7 Schedule

7.1 Tuesday/Wednesday 29 & 30 September

0900 - 1600 Pre-arranged Practice Sessions

1600 – 1730 Regatta Registration

Teams wanting to practice prior to the event (29/30 September) are to register this on their entry, so practice sessions can be scheduled. Priority will be given to the Australian teams.

7.2 Thursday 01 October, Race Day 1

0830 Regatta Briefing

1000 Warning signal for first race of the National Championship

Following racing Umpire Debrief

1800 Welcome gathering at Royal Akarana Yacht Club

7.3 Friday 02 October, Race Day 2

0900 Warning signal for first race

Continued racing of the National Championship

Following racing Umpire Debrief

7.4 Saturday 03 October, Race Day 3

0900 Warning signal for first race of the Schools Championship

1630 Last Warning Signal

Following racing Umpire Debrief

1900

Dinner and presentation at Royal Akarana Yacht Club

- 7.5 The process for booking practice sessions prior to the regatta can be found at the RAYC website <https://rayc.co.nz/event/jetpark-secondary-schools-interdominion-team-racing-championships/>. Teams entering the regatta will be informed of booking processes for practice sessions prior to the finalisation of registrations on the 8th September 2026.

8 Boats and Equipment [NP][DP]

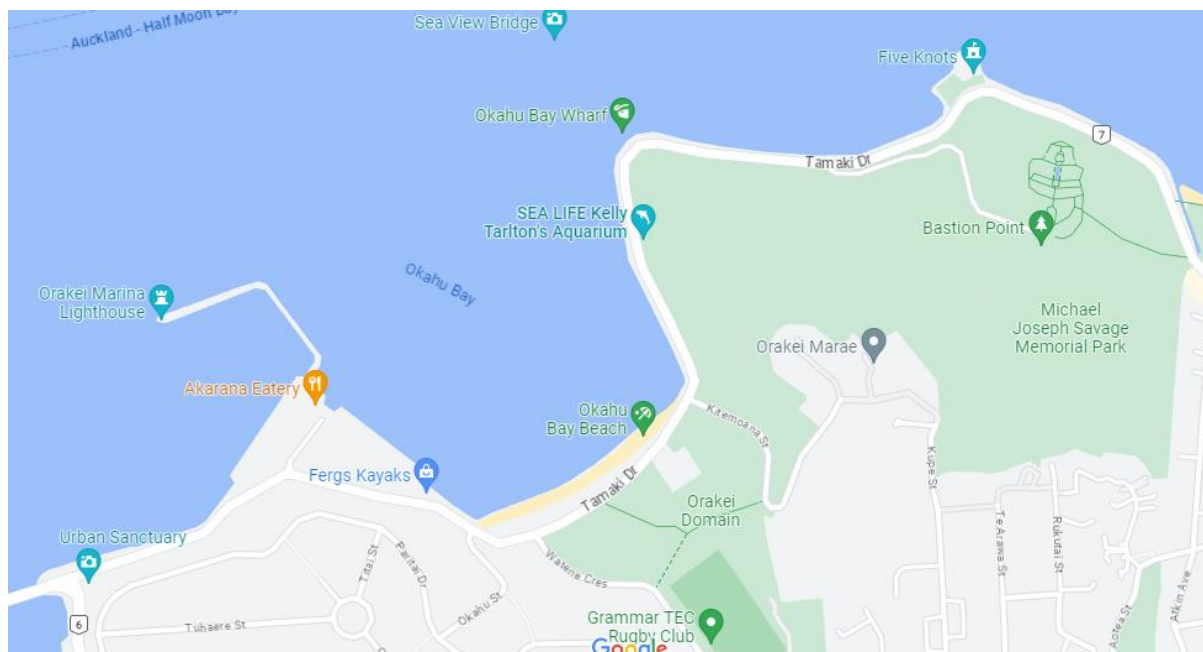
- 8.1 The championships will be sailed in modified 420 type boats, supplied by the Organising Authority. Spinnakers and trapezes are not permitted. The Organising Authority will co-ordinate the supply of the 420s required for the championships. Boats will be allocated in a draw and shall not be modified in any way unless permitted by the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 Protest flags and breakdown flags will be supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 8.3 Mainsails will be reefed at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 8.4 All teams need to supply their own bailers.
- 8.5 All teams must wear an outer garment with the back clearly identifying their school when racing (eg bibs, spray jackets or buoyancy vests).
- 8.6 Buoyancy vests must always be worn by sailors and support persons while afloat.
- 8.7 Damage that occurs whereby the responsible team cannot be identified will result in the cost of the damage being allocated equally across all teams entered.

9 Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Wednesday 30 September 2026.

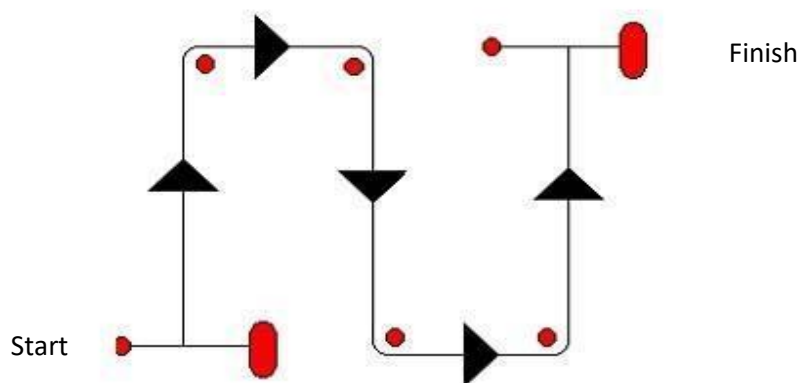
10 Venue and Racing Area

- 10.1 The regatta site and race area will be the Royal Akarana Yacht Club, 8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland.



11 The Course

11.1 The course to be sailed will be a starboard hand “S” course, consisting of a windward leg, a leeward leg and a windward finish leg. There will be short reaching legs between each of the windward/leeward legs.



12 Scoring [NP]

12.1 Scoring system is as follows and will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D3 and D4 with the exception as stated below.

12.2 The first round robin of the National Championships will be scored using half-points i.e. 1/2 point per win. Subsequent rounds will be scored using full points i.e. 1 point per win.

12.3 For the National Championship, regatta points will be aggregated for each country across both divisions to determine the overall winner of the National Championship.

- 12.4 For the Schools Championship, a regatta point will be awarded for each win and these regatta points will be aggregated for each individual team to determine the overall winner of the Schools Championship.
- 12.5 For the event to be 'completed', at least one full round-robin in each division of a series must be completed. This changes RRS D4.2(b).

13 Support Boats

- 13.1 Team support boats will not be allowed.

14 Radio and Team Communications [NP][DP]

- 14.1 Team managers, coaches, team members and supporters shall not communicate in any way with competitors from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Officer signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 14.2 A competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

15 Prizes [NP]

- 15.1 The Inter-dominion Trophy will be awarded to the National Championship winning country scored on the aggregate scores of races won by each country in both divisions in completed round robins.
- 15.2 Trophies will be awarded in the Schools Championship, to the top Open Team and the top Female Team scored on the aggregate scores of races won in completed rounds of their respective divisional round robin series.
- 15.3 In the event the two leading teams in a division of the Schools Championship, have an equal number of wins, a 3-race final may be sailed between those teams.

16 Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 16.2 The OA, sponsors, class association, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 16.3 YNZ Ethical Guidelines will be followed at all times. A copy can be found on the YNZ Website <https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/resources/ynz-ethical-guidelines-sailors-coaches-and-parents-volunteers>

17 Further Information

- 17.1 For further information, please contact:

2026 INTERDOMINION SCHOOLS TEAMS RACING CHAMPIONSHIP – NOTICE OF RACE

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