**YACHTING NEW ZEALAND**

**Information for holding a National Championship**

There are a few important criteria required to be met for the event to be signed off as a National championship and the winner to be recognised by Yachting New Zealand as the National Champion.

The full regulations can be found [here](https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/sites/yachtingnz/files/regulations_part_4_administration_of_racing_rules_july_2018_1.pdf) but these criteria include:

* A **National/Major Event Application Form** to run the event must be submitted to Yachting New Zealand, no later than 30th June.
* The Organising Authority is required to hold current Public Liability insurance to a minimum of $5,000,000. Certificate of insurance to be provided to Yachting NZ with event application
* The race officer must be a Yachting NZ qualified **National Race Officer**
* The protest committee must include a minimum of one Yachting NZ qualified **National Judge**. Dispensation can be granted to allow a National Judge on telephone link if necessary.
* Race documents must be produced using the **YNZ Standard NOR/SI templates.**
* **Notice of Race** must be submitted to Yachting New Zealand for approval before publication, 4 months prior to the event.
* **Sailing Instructions** must be submitted to Yachting New Zealand for approval before publication, 2 months prior to the event.
* A minimum of **7 races** shall be scheduled of which a minimum of **5 races** are required to be completed to constitute a series
* A minimum of **six yachts** must have started in any one race in the series (with the exception of the following classes: Skud 18, 2.4, Sonar, Hansa 2.3, Hansa Liberty, Hansa 303 – Single Handed, Hansa 303 – Double Handed where 5 yachts must have started in any one race in the series).
* All entrants and crew members shall be financial members of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand, or be a member of his/her Member National Authority
* An **event report** shall be submitted to Yachting New Zealand within two weeks after the event

Yachting New Zealand may give dispensation to requirements of this addendum upon application from the Organising Authority prior to the event.

It is up to the Organising Authority to ensure these requirements are complied with. Failure to comply will result in the winner not being recognised as national champion.

All National championship events will be appointed a National Race Officer to review your race documentation and provide race management guidance if required.

More information can be found on the [national events page](https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/events/event-management/national-events) on the Yachting NZ website.