



NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL
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e-NEWS February 2014

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Dear Sailors and Parents,

NZIODA Fundraiser - final return of tickets

Thanks to all who have helped. Please return all remaining ticket stubs to **Russell Weston** in person at the QCYC Interislander Challenge **by this Friday** to be in the draw. Money can be deposited to NZIODA bank account: 06 0287 0091930 02. Please use Sailors Surname followed by ticket number range e.g. Weston 721-730.

- 1 2014 Interislander Optimist Challenge - ranking regatta entries still open**
Feb 21-23rd at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club. Enter on line at www.qcyc.org.nz.
Informal Green Fleet training from 3.00pm - meet at the QCY Club ramp.

2014 Toyota NZIODA National Optimist Championship - please help the organisers - enter now!



The 2014 Toyota NZIODA National Optimist Championships to be held at Manly SC, 18-22nd April. A number of international entries have been received. Enter via the web www.sportsground.co.nz/2014optimistnationals. The web site also has plenty of information on accommodation and other useful tips. Don't forget the Pre-Nationals (12-13 April) as well as the OWNZ team's racing (16-17 April).

NZ Optimist Squad

During the season we have discussed the concept of developing a NZ Optimist Sailing Squad consisting of around 25 sailors. To test the concept, starting from post the 2014





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Toyota Nationals at Manly, we will offer to the top 25 ranked sailors the chance to join a squad. These 25 sailors will be, as a first up, invited to join a training camp to be held at Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island over Queen's Birthday weekend. The concept is not to create an elite group of champions. Rather, as an initial vision, it is about training and developing a range of sailing skills within a team of fellow sailors and getting to know coaches and how to manage yourself in a group away from home - specifically developing the skills needed to take your sailing to the next level and the preparation required before going on to compete in an overseas regatta. By leveraging off the top sailors we hope to also develop the next generation of sailors and above all making sure all continue to enjoy the sport of sailing. More details will follow in the next e-news and on the web and facebook.

Results.

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Congratulations to the following sailors on their recent achievements. We have had a very good mix of sailing conditions post-Christmas, testing sailors in light as well as heavy conditions. Sailors must develop skills over time to manage all conditions well and all sailors should take the opportunity to treat every day sailing as a great day - regardless of the breeze! A special mention needs to go to Scott McKenzie (KYC) who, to date, has not lost a major regatta, a very strong performance from him.

Auckland Champs.

Open Fleet - Gold: 1st Scott McKenzie (KYC), 2nd Jackson Keon (MBSC), 3rd Sam Bacon (WBBC)

Open Fleet - Silver: 1st Alice Haslett (WBC/GBC), 2nd Amy Anderson (WBBC), Helene Johnson (Rarotonga)

Green Fleet: 1st Ottis Burrell (Rarotonga) 2nd Gavin Nines (FBYC), 3rd Braydon Keith Bertelsen (BBYC)

Junior Sail Auckland.

Open Fleet: 1st Scott McKenzie (KYC), 2nd Kerensa Jennings (MBSC), 3rd Josh Armit (MBSC)

Green Fleet: 1st Gavin Nines (FBYC), 2nd Ryan Harden (TSC), 3rd Blake McGlashan (MBSC)





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2014 Regatta dates.

February

- Interislander Optimist Challenge. [NZIODA Ranking Regatta](#). 21-23 February - Queen Charlotte YC.
- Tauranga Regatta 22-23 February

March

- Auckland Girls Championships Regatta - 1st March 2014 at Kohi YC
- Bay of Island Centreboard Regatta - Paihia 8-9 March
- Mighty River Centreboard Regatta - Lake Taupo 8-9 March
- South Island Optimist Champs 22-23 March - Naval Point YC
- Maraetai Centreboard Regatta - Maraetai, 29th March

April

- NZIODA Pre-Nationals 12-13 April - Manly SC
- OWNZ Trust Team's Racing 16-17 April - Manly SC
- [Toyota NZIODA National Championships 18-22nd April - Manly SC](#).

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International Travelling Teams 2014.

Each year around 22 sailors have the opportunity to travel overseas representing NZIODA.

Three teams (the Asian, Euro and North American) are normally selected from the sailor's two best results from the three ranking regattas (40%) and their result at the Nationals (60%). The World's team (5 sailors) is based solely on the Nationals where the top 5 are selected. Some teams typically also have a requirement to include both female and male sailors, so this sometimes results in selection of sailors outside of the top placings to meet these criteria.

NZIODA also select a development team to travel to Noumea. Based only on results at the Nationals, selection is based on the top five 11yo and top five 12yo sailors in the Open Fleet at the Nationals, who are not in any other travelling team. This team travels to Noumea for training and to compete in the New Caledonian Opti Nationals.

For those looking for more information on the location for the travelling teams in 2014, here are a few more details - you can keep up to date on all IODA regattas by visiting the





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IODA web site - www.optiworld.org.

- European Championship (Euros) IRELAND July 12-20th. www.oppieuros2014.com
- North American Championship (NAMS) July 9-16th, Nayarit, MEXICO.(Vallarta YC)
- IODA World Championship (Worlds) San Isidro, ARGENTINA October 20-31st.
www.cnsi.org.ar

Remember this year the timing of the Asian Championship affected our ability to include all ranking regattas hence the earlier than normal selection of this team. The Asian team has been training strongly and departs NZ on the 23rd March. You can follow their progress on the NZIODA Facebook page as well as the regatta web site:
www.optimistasian-bahrain2014.com

Winter Sailing Opportunities.

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The following regattas are on over our winter months and represent a great way to keep sailing up as well as time in the sun. NZIODA do not organise teams to these events but we do encourage families, teams and clubs to coordinate a trip. A team from French Bay YC have already planned a trip to Spain! There are events in, Australia (Queensland Youth Regatta). Singapore (Nationals), Aitutaki (Anne Tierney - anne@jta.co.ck); Argentina (San Isidro Labrador Champs - www.yachting.cnsi.org.ar); New Caledonia Opti Clinic 9-13th June (Roland Bone - verdierbone@nautile.nc); to name a few. Contact NZIODA for more details or search the web and put a team together.

NZIODA Registration.

Remember all Green and Open Fleet sailors attending an NZIODA regatta (the next one is the Interislander Optimist Challenge at QCYC) you must join NZIODA. To register go to the NZIODA web www.optimist.org.nz and click on Club Hub

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