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Dear Sailors and Parents,

Upcoming regattas

Auckland Junior Winter Sprints Series

Like the Facebook page [Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series](#). All dates, venues, information and the NOR will be on here. Keep checking this page for updates.

Optimist Travelling Teams Planning and Development Camp

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This inaugural Camp was held at Peter Snell Youth Village, Whangaparaoa on the weekend of 12/13 May. All sailors from the Worlds/Euros/NAMS/Asians/Noumea and Girls Development Team attended with one parent per sailor. It included meetings for the Teams to plan their training and travel logistics, a presentation from Euros 2017 Team to learn from their successful trip, talks from Josh Junior and Richard Meacham from Team NZ and 2 on water sailing sessions from Gulf Harbour Marina.

The camp created the possibility to share knowledge and experiences across sailors coaches and parents. It is intended to hold this Camp in this format each year and it replaces the Camp Bentzon Queens Birthday Weekend Camp. The new Camp format and location is less demanding in terms of logistics and cost, and provides a better quality return for everyone.

NZIODA Executive Committee

Our Committee Members met a few times over the Camp weekend to sort out some matters including NZIODA's Vision going forwards, Ranking Regattas and Selection criteria for our IODA and other Travelling Teams.





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Ranking Regattas 2018/2019 Season

The major change to our Ranking System for next season is that we will reduce our ranking regattas by one. This means Auckland Champs will no longer be a Ranking event however NZIODA wishes to continue to support its value as a significant event in the region. Listening carefully to feedback from parents that the cost, time and effort of attending all the Ranking events has become too high, we have responded as a committee and decided to make a change. North Island Champs and Interislander Regatta will continue as Ranking events, with Nationals making up the final event as usual. Your best placing from North Islands or Interislander counts for 30% and Nationals counts for 70% towards your final ranking score. So only 2 events need count towards your final Ranking score for next season. The wider Auckland Region will be included in the rotation for the North Island Champs, meaning that North Islands will no longer just be held only at Napier/Taupo/New Plymouth.

Travelling Teams 2019 and their Selection Criteria

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NZ has by rights not been eligible for NAMS (North American Champs) entries for 4 years, however we have lobbied and been successful in getting spots for our NZ Sailors. This year we were denied spots and the NAMS 2018 Travelling Team are heading to Singapore Nationals instead in early June. For 2019 we are tidying up our Selections in response to the above.

Selection for 2019 is as follows:

Worlds – Top 5 Ranked Sailors

Euros – Next Top 4 Ranked Sailors (must include 1 from the opposite gender)

Asians – Next Top 10 Ranked Sailors (must include 3 from the opposite gender)

Japan Friendship Regatta – Next Top 2 Ranked Sailors – This regatta is by invitation from the regatta organisers who may stipulate other criteria but traditionally the sailors must be 12 years old

Noumean Development – Top 5 Twelve Year Olds based on National Champs Results; Top 5 Eleven and Under Year Olds based on National Champs Results. NOTE: A Sailor may only be in the Noumea Dev Team once. Eg. they cannot go as an 11 year old and again as a 12 year old.

Girls Development - Top 6 Ranked Girls inside #100 Ranking

RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup – Top Ranked Sailor – This regatta is also by invitation from the organisers who may stipulate other criteria





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Singapore Nationals and European Champs Teams

These two teams head away in June for their respective Regattas and we wish them safe travels and the best of luck. Don't forget to support them on facebook. We look forward to hearing about their campaigns on return.

Our Singapore Nationals (qualified as the NAMS Team) comprise of:

Ned Bacon

Lucy Leith

Noah Shirley

Stella Bilger

Coach: Connor Corgard Team Manager: Scott Leith

Our European Champs Team heading to Sheveningen at The Hague in the Netherlands comprise of:

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Lucas Day

Robbie Wooldridge

George Pilkington

Naiomi Ferrissey

Coach: Peter Soosalu Team Manager: Guy Pilkington

Lucy Leith represents NZIODA in Bermuda

NZIODA's yearly invitation to the RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup in Bermuda was extended to our Top Female this year. With Amelia and Naiomi opting not to attend, Lucy Leith jumped at the opportunity and travelled to Bermuda with her Mum. Lucy finished a credible 23rd and we look forward to hearing more from Lucy about the Regatta soon.





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New Treasurers for NZIODA

Mark Shapland has been NZIODA's Treasurer for many years and is currently handing over his responsibilities to Scott Leith and Amy Mulcahy. We sincerely thank Mark for the huge effort he has put into NZIODA, not just in the Treasurer position but in all aspects of NZIODA's operations. He will be missed.

Next seasons Ranking events:

The 2018/2019 seasons ranking regattas are as follows:

- North Island Champs: Friday 26th to Sunday 28th October 2018 at Napier SC.
- Interislander Champs: Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th February 2019 at Queen Charlotte YC.
- Nationals Fleet Racing: Friday 19th to Wednesday 24th April 2019 at Murrays Bay SC.
- Nationals Team Racing Friday 19th April

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Finally, please like the NZIODA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NZIODA>. It is updated regularly and in doing so you can follow our Representative Teams as they travel to and compete in their International Regattas. Go Teams!

All the best from your Committee

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