



Our MISSION: “A family-friendly club focused on providing educational, recreational and competitive sailing and water sports opportunities for all in the Nelson and Tasman districts.”



Nelson Yacht Club Strategic Plan 2025-26

Purposes

Education & Recreation

Encouraging and facilitating learning, self-development, independence and the fostering of seamanship skills and safe practices through educational and recreational opportunities.

Accessible & Approachable

Being a family-friendly and approachable club that provides a safe, enjoyable, sociable environment that is inclusive and accessible to all.

Sailing as a Sport

Encouraging the pursuit of excellence in sailing as a competitive sport including the development of racing skills, knowledge of the racing rules and a good sense of fair play.

Governance & Sustainability

Sustainably managing the Club's assets, buildings, facilities and equipment to support community activities.

Clean Club

To act as a guardian of the marine environment, implementing measures to reduce waste and minimise the negative impacts of the Club's activities on the environment wherever possible.

Long term goals

- ❑ Maintain a strong Sailing School, with an annual programme of learn to sail training for junior/youth/adults, to make learning to sail accessible to newcomers.
- ❑ Deliver a comprehensive school engagement programme each season, including the full YNZ RŪNĀ framework
- ❑ Provide subsidised sailing experiences to classes from a minimum of 5 local High-Equity Index schools.
- ❑ Develop an enduring relationship with the local Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) to ensure that all local school children have the opportunity to try sailing at some point.
- ❑ Provide a pathway for young sailors to become instructors/coaches, opening up travel and career opportunities - Leaders in Training Programme

- ❑ When a visitor comes to the site, they are met with a smile and made to feel welcome.
- ❑ Members feel connected to each other, across all ages, genders, and abilities.
- ❑ All members and visitors feel safe when participating in club activities, both on and off the water.
- ❑ Family Memberships make up >50% of individuals who are members of the club.
- ❑ Increase diversity in sailing through Sailing School programmes like RŪNĀ, Wahine on Water, and by supporting the activities of the Sailability Nelson Trust.
- ❑ Secondary school students participating in Nelson Bays Team Sailing training and racing are valued members of NYC.
- ❑ Host the Nelson Tri Club Sea Swims
- ❑ Social Programme - 3 events per season

- ❑ Maintain & develop a healthy, competitive racing scene in Nelson, with strong classes & pathways, and good participation in a club racing programme.
- ❑ Each season, at least 20 Nelson Yacht Club sailors compete on a regional, national, and international stage.
- ❑ Each decade, at least 1 NYC sailor joins an Olympic team, a Sail GP / America's Cup team, or follows a career in the sport of sailing.
- ❑ Provide coaching opportunities, and race training for the club's competitive sailors.
- ❑ Race Officer Development - At least 1x qualified and active National Race Officer within the club.
- ❑ Create a culture of giving back, to encourage more experienced sailors to mentor and support less experienced sailors

- ❑ Maintain status as a well used, and well loved community facility, with diverse revenue streams to support the required maintenance and redevelopment of club facilities, and to help reduce cost barriers to sailing.
 - ❑ Commercial & Facility hireage
 - ❑ Sailing School Activities
 - ❑ Membership Activities
 - ❑ Grants & Sponsorships
- ❑ Fit for purpose facilities and equipment.
- ❑ Plan for sea level rise, and climate change mitigation
- ❑ Maintain a sustainable membership
 - ❑ >400 individuals,
 - ❑ growth of 5% annually
 - ❑ retention of >75%.
- ❑ Ensure a minimum 3% surplus is generated annually.
- ❑ 5 year Strategic Review

- ❑ All members take pride in looking after our environment.
- ❑ Ensure there is a Clean Club representative on the Administration Committee.
- ❑ Decisions are made with an environmental lens applied.
- ❑ See Environmental Sustainability Policy:
 - ❑ Lead from the top
 - ❑ Care and Conserve
 - ❑ Communicate & Advocate

Short term focuses

- ❑ Maintain high participation rates for Sailing School activity.
- ❑ Ensure both affordability and profitability of Sailing School activity
- ❑ Run a Wahine on Water programme incl. a Steering the Course event
- ❑ Run an Open Day to promote the Club and the sport of sailing
- ❑ Continue work towards the Kāpehu Whetū sculpture project.
- ❑ Secure funding for High Equity Programme, RŪNĀ development & delivery
- ❑ Engage with local iwi
- ❑ Source funding for, and run a dedicated learn to sail format/experience for Maori & Polynesian youth.

- ❑ Run a free RŪNĀ Sailing Experience day for local teachers/kaiaako.
- ❑ Continue to develop the Moanamana module
- ❑ Provide cultural competence training to upskill coaches
- ❑ 3x Club social events per season.
 - ❑ Opening Day
 - ❑ Christmas/Regatta
 - ❑ Closing Day & Prizegiving
- ❑ Create a Social Committee
- ❑ Grow the team of Penguin's Nest Volunteers

- ❑ Improve progression from Sailing School activities to regular participation. Eg. Green Fleet, communication between fleet reps and upcoming sailors.
- ❑ Continue to support the Club's Pathway Classes
- ❑ Ensure the Club Racing programme is sufficiently resourced at all times
- ❑ Deliver a well run and profitable Regatta Programme
- ❑ Deliver more coaching and learning opportunities for club sailors
 - ❑ Eg. Rules & Strategy sessions, Race Management training

- ❑ Complete and “all of club” 5 year Strategic Review.
- ❑ Finalise NYC Finance & Budgeting Guide
- ❑ Develop and communicate the NYC Strategic Plan 2025-26
- ❑ Approve an Operating Budget to achieve min 3% operating surplus.
- ❑ Secure funding for and complete Stage 2 of the seismic strengthening project.
- ❑ Replace Nahm roof.
- ❑ Complete temporary ramp repairs
- ❑ Work with NCC on long term ramp renewal/replacement
- ❑ Review Aurora Lounge Hire rates
- ❑ Review and update Changing Rooms renovation project

- ❑ Review and update Clean Club Action Plan
- ❑ Work towards achieving YNZ Clean Club 3 star status
- ❑ Continue to develop the delivery of the Moanamana module
- ❑ Install signage above the recycling & waste bins
- ❑ Complete Korora Cam project to install cameras to monitor the Kororā we share the waterfront with.

