



2025 Nelson Waszp Grand Final Qualifier

30th November - 1st December 2025



Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *Wasp Class rules*, as of November 30th 2025

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply

1.3 Appendix T may apply

1.4 RRS 35, A4 and A5 may be changed in the Sailing Instructions to allow for a "Grand Prix Style" finish

1.5 The [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#) shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 9am on the 16th of November 2025 at <https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/2025-26-waszp-grand-final-qualifier-30th-nov-1st-dec/> and on the NZ Waszp WhatsApp/Facebook

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The official notice board is located in the NYC Lower Lounge at 322 Wakefield Quay. Notices to competitors may also be posted on the NZ Waszp WhatsApp group.

3.2 [DP] [While racing][From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the WASZP Class and whose sailors are current financial members of their respective class association and a Club affiliated to their National Member Authority.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online booking form and payment on website: <https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/2025-26-waszp-grand-final-qualifier-30th-nov-1st-dec/> by 2100hrs 16th Nov 2025.

4.3 Late entries accompanied by the late entry fee may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion until 1000hrs on 29th November 2025.

4.4 Entries to the event may be of any age, but to be eligible to qualify for the finale event in Auckland, Male competitors must be under 25. There is no age limit for Female competitors.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$95

5.2 The late fee for the event is an additional \$50

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
30 th Nov	0900hrs	1100hrs

7.2 Dates of racing:

Date	Waszp
Sunday 30 th Nov	1300hrs
Monday 1 st Dec	1300hrs

7.4 Number of races:

Class	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
Waszp	10	5	7	8

7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1300hrs.

7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Competitors must sail with a full 8.2m sail, in line with Inspire standards.

8.2 All boats shall comply with Waszp rules, available here
<https://racehub.waszp.com/rules>

8.3 A member of the Race Committee may direct any competing boat be checked at any time during the event.

8.6 All beach trailers/trolleys must have boat names and numbers clearly marked on them

8.6 Helmets meeting the requirements of the class rules must be worn by all competitors while racing.

9 VENUE

9.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Tasman Bay and/or Nelson Harbour.

10 COURSES

10.1 In line with Inspire qualification standards, courses will be a mix of both pure downwind “slalom” and windward leeward. Starts will always be reaching.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the ‘Two-Turns’ penalty is replaced by a 270° degree turn. On a windward leg, the turn must comprise of a gybe, and on a downwind leg, the turn shall comprise a tack, to comply with [Waszp Class Rules](#)

12 SCORING

12.1 5 races are required to constitute a series

12.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores

12.3 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 When more than 8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 [DP] All coach / support vessels must register with the organising authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support.

13.2 All occupants of support vessels less than 6 metres long shall always wear an appropriate size personal flotation device (PFD) while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Each PFD shall comply with Maritime Rules Part 91, Navigation Safety Rules. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs. For support vessels 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the vessel to carry sufficient personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location.

13.4 [DP] All support/coach vessels are required to have a VHF for communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

13.5 [DP] Support vessel drivers shall have a kill-cord attached to themselves while the engine is running at all times while afloat, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the organising authority.

13.6 Support vessels will not be able to launch from Nelson Yacht Club

14 LAUNCHING

14.1 All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from the ramps adjacent to the Nelson Yacht Club, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Overall
- 1st Youth
- 1st Master
- 1st Woman
- As per the NZ SailGP Inspire Qualification rules, if there are <8 sailors competing, the highest placed <25 yrs male or any aged female will be awarded a spot in the SailGP Inspire final in Auckland. If there are >8 sailors competing, the two highest placed <25 yrs males or any aged females will be awarded a spot in the SailGP Inspire final in Auckland.

15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the NZ WASZP Association or the Organizing Authority.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These

risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 USES OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

18.1 All those who take part in this event as competitors or support persons, agree to be overflown by a drone during the event for promotion or media purposes. This includes your person and property (boats, support vessels).

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

19.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20. SUSTAINABILITY

20.1 The Nelson Yacht Club is focussed on minimising the environmental impact of its regattas. To this end the following requirements will apply to this regatta.

- Minimise the use of single use plastics.
- Minimise fuel use by race management and support vessels. Towing of boats to or from the course will only be permitted during the regatta when allowed by the race committee.
- Competitors and supporters are encouraged to recycle all waste and minimise use of resources such as fresh water when washing boats.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please contact:

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