

FOIL DRIVE



Foil Drive Wingfoil Regatta Nelson 2026

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th March

Notice of Race (NoR)



The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club Inc. 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson, 7010. NZ

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). The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2** Appendix WF – Wingfoiling races shall be sailed under the RRS as changed by this appendix. The term 'boat' elsewhere in the racing rules means 'wingfoil' or 'boat' as appropriate.
- 1.3** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.4** Appendix B, of the RRS will also apply.
- 1.5** Helmets shall be used while racing. Impact Vests/PFD to be worn at all times. Refer YNZ current regulation.
- 1.6** The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to remove any competitor from the race course and regatta that they deem to be racing in an unsafe or reckless manner
- 1.7** RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.8** In all rules governing the event the terms 'rider', 'competitor', 'crew', 'athlete' and 'owner' mean a person competing, or intending to compete, in the event.
- 1.9** The [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#) shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hrs on Monday 16th February 2026 at <https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/foil-drive-wingfoil-regatta-nelson-2026/>
- 2.2** No paper copies of the Sailing Instructions will be provided, but a copy will be displayed in the window of the Lower Lounge at Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay for the duration of the event.
- 2.3** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 1030 on the day it will take effect, and advised at the daily briefing. For the avoidance of doubt, this also applies to any change to the schedule of racing for the day in question.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The official notice board is located in the window of the Nelson Yacht Club's Lower Lounge. Notices to competitors may also be communicated via an event WhatsApp Group or similar. Entered competitors will be emailed with details prior to the event.
- 3.2** The event website is here:
<https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/foil-drive-wingfoil-regatta-nelson-2026/>
- 3.3** [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 divided into two fleets; Social Fleet and Race Fleet.

4.2 Eligible boats [boards] may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/foil-drive-wingfoil-regatta-nelson-2026/> and submitting it, together with the required fee, by 2359 hrs on Sunday 8th February 2026, to:
Account Name: Nelson Yacht Club Inc.
Account Number: 03-0703-0474907-00

4.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to close entries if it considers the practical capacity of the venue and/or resources has been reached.

4.4 Late entries may be accepted, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, and with the additional payment of the Late Entry Fee, until 1700 hrs on Friday 6th March 2026.

4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each Race Fleet competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority. This is not required for Social Fleet competitors.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class / Fleet	Early Entry Fee until 2359 hrs on <u>Sun 8th Feb 2026</u>	Standard Fee (incl \$50 Late Entry Fee)
WingFoil - Race Fleet - Senior	\$100	\$150
WingFoil - Race Fleet - Youth	\$75	\$125
WingFoil - Social Fleet - Senior	\$75	\$125

5.2 Other fees:

OPTIONAL - Saturday Party incl. 2 course dinner - \$45 - this will be a great social event!

5.3 On payment of the applicable Entry Fee, all New Zealand entrants are deemed to be a member of Wingfoil New Zealand for the current season and therefore have all rights that are bestowed on a member of Wingfoil New Zealand. This membership right does not apply to Overseas entrants.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS - N/A

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats [boards] may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES - N/A

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
Friday 6th March 2026	1200 hrs	1400 hrs
Friday 6th March 2026	1800 hrs	2000 hrs
Saturday 7th March 2026	0900 hrs	1000 hrs

9.2 Briefings:

Date	Briefing	Time
Friday 6th March 2026	Exhibition Race / Harbour Jam Briefing	1500 hrs
Saturday 7th March 2026	Official & Support Boat Briefing	1000 hrs
	Race Fleet Competitor Briefing	1030 hrs
	Social Fleet Competitor Briefing	to follow
Sunday 8th March 2026	Official & Support Boat Briefing	1000 hrs*
	Race Fleet Competitor Briefing	1030 hrs*
	Social Fleet Competitor Briefing	to follow

9.3 Dates & Times of racing:

Date	WingFoil - Social & Race Fleets	Scheduled first warning signal
06/03/2026	Exhibition Race / Harbour Jam (any races not to count for the series)	1600 hrs
07/03/2026	Racing - Race Fleet Racing - Social Fleet	1200 hrs* 1300 hrs*
08/03/2026	Racing - Race Fleet Racing - Social Fleet	1200 hrs* 1300 hrs*

*In typical Nelson sea breeze conditions at this time of year, we would expect to start ~1330 hrs. The schedule is set to allow flexibility to start earlier if conditions allow. The Briefing times and first warning signals for Sunday may be changed by a notice to competitors, if required.

9.4 Number of races:

Classes	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
WingFoil - Social	8	4	6	6 minutes*
WingFoil - Race	12	6	8	10 minutes*

9.5 *One or more of a Long Distance Race or Marathon Race may be held.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

9.7 A Prizegiving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of racing on the last day.

9.8 The Exhibition Race / Harbour Jam will provide an opportunity for competitors to get on the water ahead of the regatta, and showcase the sport to the Nelson community. It will be informal, and hopefully a bit of fun. Any races held on the Friday afternoon will not count towards a competitor's regatta score.

9.9 Racing formats will be further described in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intention of the Organising Authority to provide suitable racing in preparation for the NZ Nationals, and to provide an accessible Social Fleet to encourage and develop local wing foil racing.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND GEAR CHANGES

10.1 General

10.1.1 Competitors shall use equipment that complies with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

10.1.2 All equipment shall be in safe working order.

10.1.3 Equipment will not be inspected by the Organising Authority for compliance prior to racing; competitors are solely responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets the requirements of this Notice of Race.

10.2 Wings

10.2.1 Wings shall have an inflatable leading edge and centre strut.

10.2.2 Wings shall be fitted with windows to ensure adequate visibility.

10.2.3 Wings of all configurations are permitted, including single skin, semi-double skin, and double skin constructions.

10.2.4 There is no restriction on the size of wings used.

10.2.5 There is no limitation on the number of wings that may be used during the event.

10.3 Foils and Boards

10.3.1 There are no restrictions on the type, design, or configuration of foils or boards.

10.3.2 There is no limitation on the number of foils or boards that may be used during the event.

10.4 Gear Changes and Assistance

10.4.1 Competitor 'on-water' gear changes are not permitted. Competitors must make all gear changes or adjustments onshore.

10.4.2 Assistance by a spectator or support vessel is not permitted for the purpose of adjusting or changing wing foil equipment.

10.4.3 Competitors are not permitted to swap equipment with any other competitor during the event.

10.5 Changes to RRS Appendix B

10.5.1 For the purpose of this event, the rules within RRS Appendix B (Windsurfing, Kiteboarding and Board Foiling) are modified as stated above to accommodate all approved Wingfoil equipment configurations.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 A competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 6 kilograms, as permitted by RRS 50.1(b).

12 VENUE

12.1 The event venue is Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson, 7010.

<http://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/the-club/location/>

12.2 The Racing Area will be on the waters of Te Tai-o-Aorere [Tasman Bay] and/or Nelson Harbour.

13 COURSES & MARKS

13.1 Courses to be sailed and marks to be used will be further defined in the Sailing Instructions and at Daily Briefings.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a gybe whilst sailing an upwind leg of the race, or a tack whilst sailing a downwind course. Whilst on a reach either is permissible except when rounding a mark and continuing in a new course direction.

15 SCORING

15.1 Five races are required to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than Five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from Five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.2 The Marathon Race and/or One Hour Race if held will be scored as two races. With the competitor's finishing position being recorded twice.

13.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support person vessels must be registered with the Organising Authority on the online entry form or at registration.

16.2 A representative from each support vessel shall attend the daily support vessel briefings.

16.3 [DP][NP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver AT ALL TIMES while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

16.4 Unless requested to assist by the race committee, support person vessels shall keep at least 100metres from the race area while boats are racing.

16.5 No support vessels may launch from the Nelson Yacht Club ramp. Support vessel launching is available at the public ramp at Nelson Marina. More details here:

<https://www.nelsonmarina.co.nz/page/83103-boat-ramp>

16.6 Attention is drawn to the local navigation bylaw:

[Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#)

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsor(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue for the event, until their final departure, without compensation.

17.2 Drones / RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft System) under the control of the organising authority may be used during the event. Participation in the event will be taken as agreement and consent to be overflown by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

18 BERTHING - N/A

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - N/A

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS - N/A

21 DATA PROTECTION - N/A

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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.**

23 INSURANCE

23.1 It is recommended that 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. Any liability, loss or damage arising from the actions of a competitor shall be the responsibility of the competitor.

24. SUSTAINABILITY

The Nelson Yacht Club is focused on minimising the environmental impact of its events. To this end the following requirements will apply to this event.

24.1 [DP][NP] The Foil Drive Wingfoil Regatta Nelson 2026 is being run as a Sailors for the Sea “Clean Regatta” and we request that competitors, supporters and officials support this initiative:

- a) Bring your own reusables: water bottle, coffee cup, lunch box/bag for yourself and your support team and avoid single-use plastics.
- b) Carefully choose the correct waste stream at the venue:
 - General recycling (Labelled YELLOW lidded bin) - cardboard, tins, cans, plastics 1,2,5.
 - Glass recycling (Labelled BLUE lidded bin) - no bottle tops please!
 - Compostable (return to Penguin’s Nest window)
 - Landfill (Labelled RED or BLUE lidded bins).
- c) Choose electronic viewing over printing out NOR or Sailing Instructions.
- d) Try to minimise your environmental impact when travelling to the event. Consider carpooling, active transport, public transport, community minibus and offsetting carbon emissions.
- e) Whilst afloat, race management and support vessels are requested to minimise the use of fuel where possible and appropriate.
- f) Competitors and supporters are encouraged to minimise use of resources. For example, limiting the use of fresh water when washing boats.

25 PRIZES

25.1 A Prizegiving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final day of racing. Prizes and/or certificates may be awarded in the following categories:

In both Race Fleet and Social Fleet:

- Overall
- Open Male
- Open Female
- Youth Male (under 19)
- Youth Female (under 19)
- Masters Male (over 40)
- Masters Female (over 40)

25.2 Spot Prizes may be awarded at the Prizegiving.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact:

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