



# MANLY SAILING CLUB 2024 NEW ZEALAND O'PEN SKIFF NATIONAL CHAMPS

Dear O'pen Skiff Sailor,

Welcome to the 2024 New Zealand O'pen Skiff National Championships!

Brace yourself! This regatta is going to be off the hook! Sure it's a Nationals and that's a big deal but don't feel too overwhelmed. We do our National Champs right. This regatta will feature all the fun and competition you've come to love with O'pen Skiff regattas including adventure racing, beach games, lollies on demand 😊, and of course the BRIDGE OF DOOM!

Your mission over the five day event, if you choose to accept it 🙌, is to have fun, sail happy, and to become a more complete sailor. What's a more complete sailor? A complete sailor develops more than just great boat handling skills, race track navigation, and speed. To be a more complete sailor you need to develop other important attributes like these...

- 1) **Positive Attitude** – We want to see you eagerly take on new challenges and look on the bright side of things. Be hopeful even when things seem hard. Be optimistic and be a force for good on and off the water! You've got this!
- 2) **Sportsmanship** - Respect your fellow sailors and be a good citizen on the race track and in the rigging area. Help others in need, like that kid trying to rig up whose sail is flogging around on the ground like a king cobra ready to strike as it flies around uncontrollably in the wind. Say please and thank you to the volunteers, race managers, parents, random dogs on the beach, etc. This will give you superpowers and you might even earn some chocolate. Yeah, we'll have chocolate and lollies and well, you'll just need to come and find out.
- 3) **Perseverance** - For some of you this will be one of your first regattas. Don't get too worked up - it's a Nationals but our Nationals put an emphasis on fun! You might be nervous or scared or feeling like you might not be able to accept the challenges that come your way, but you can. Be brave and summon your inner strength to overcome and persist!

So, you wanna know a bit more about how this will all play out?

- **Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation Coaching Clinic** - The five days starts with a two-day Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation coaching clinic. You'll have some great coaches helping you learn more about the O'pen Skiff and how to sail it smart and fast. The clinic will be like a good mullett. Business in the front and party in the back! The clinic will have both focus on boat handling skills and speed but also provide opportunities for adventure racing and play.



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- **Welcome Social** - We'd love to see you at our Welcome Social (4 PM on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April) which will take place at the Manly Bowling Club. This is a short walk from the Manly Sailing Club.
- **Points racing** - We will begin points racing for Gold, Silver and Development fleets the following day (Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April). Checkout the Notice of Race (NOR) [here](#) for more details....yep, that's your homework kids. Read it and you'll get major bonus points plus you'll actually know where you are supposed to be and when! For anyone that's uncertain about which fleet they should register for, check out the [Notice of Race](#) as it includes more information about how to determine your fleet. If you still have questions, we can help you at the clinic or registration to make the best decision for which fleet to race in!
- **Prizegiving** – Prizegiving will take place after racing concludes on the final day (21<sup>st</sup> April) at the Manly Bowling Club. With spot prizes donated by Emirates Team New Zealand and special touches like custom-made Jewelry for our first girl finishers, you are not going to want to miss this!

## Schedule for the weekend

See the [Notice of Race!](#)

## Courses

Sailing Instructions to Follow!

## Boat Drop-off, Storage and Parking

Boats will be rigged in the large grassy area opposite of the club. Please drop the boat off and park your car behind the club and outside the rigging area, or there is plenty of parking surrounding the park opposite, towards the Bowling Club. Boats can be left in the rigging area overnight and security will be provided.

## Food

Sailors will get a sausage or hot soup or pie or something delicious coming off the water each day. More food options may arise. Stay tuned for more info. The Big Manly Ice Cream food truck will be operating on site and they do a mean ice cream and cup of joe. They typically offer toasties and other food items throughout the day. They do it right! <https://www.facebook.com/bigmanlyicecream>

## Lodging Options



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## Apartments

- Tindalls/Crown Road 2 bedroom apartment - accommodates 4. It has its own private entrance and driveway with room for a boat and parking. It's roughly a 10 minute walk to Manly beach and 15 minutes walk to Manly shops. Contact [geraldinecollett@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinecollett@gmail.com).
- Manly/21 Beach Road home - 7 beds (including 3 doubles). Contact [tjgillbanks@gmail.com](mailto:tjgillbanks@gmail.com)
- Whangaparaoa Lodge - Studio/One Bedroom/2 Bedroom Apartments- <https://www.whangaparaoalodge.co.nz/>

## Campgrounds

- Shakespear Regional Park - You may stay in a tent, campermatic/pop top camper and all purpose-built vehicle, motorhome, campervan, caravan, 5th wheeler or bus. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/stay-at-park/Pages/accommodation-details.aspx?itemID=68>
- Red Beach Top 10 - <https://top10.co.nz/park/red-beach-top-10-holiday-park>
- Orewa Beach Holiday Park - <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/Pages/park-details.aspx?Location=3542#stay>

See AirBNB / Bookings.com for available options.

We're excited to see you in April and for you to experience the joy of sailing an O'pen Skiff at the Manly Sailing Club!