

Tauranga Boys' College Teams Sailing Programme

Tauranga Boys College has a proud history of Sailing. Some of New Zealand's great sailors have passed through the school sailing programme. Most recently, Peter Burling (Olympic Athlete, Youth Americas cup skipper).

The school team races 420 class dinghies in 3 versus 3 boat Teams Sailing (Info below). The school has close ties to the Tauranga Yacht Club and most First Team members compete in their own boat classes through out the season. We have 2 members that represent NZ in their class and age group, Laser/29er and 420.

What is Teams Sailing?

Team Racing is closely related to Match Racing as seen in the Americas Cup. It usually involves teams composed of three crews in three separate boats matched against three opposing crews in their respective boats. In Team Racing, you achieve your strategy by assisting teammates. The goal is to have the majority of your team finish ahead of the opposing team.

Whilst the ability to sail fast is desirable, winning races often involves careful manoeuvring, use of rules and penalties and clever tactics.



Our teams racing program is run in international 420 dinghies, specially modified for teams racing (above right). They are a lightweight and powerful fibreglass dinghy, 4.2 meters long and designed for paired sailing with a helm and crew weight between 110-145kg.

These are a close relative of the Olympic 470 used in both Men's and Woman's Olympic competition.

Training is once a week on a Monday from 3.30- 7.00 usually during term1 and the end of term 4. We compete in the Central North Island Regional Regatta in March and the Secondary School National Regatta in April. We consistently place in the Top 3 NZ schools, which means that we are invited to travel to Australia to compete against the top Australian Schools in the Inter-dominion Regatta, usually held in November. Last year we placed 2nd in the country, missing out on 1st place by 1 point on the last day of the regatta.