



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Youth Training Programme is entering its 23rd year of operation. The Programme offers an in-depth organised long term training programme covering Fleet Racing, Match Racing and Harbour Racing. 40 sailors under the age of 20 years spend 11 months under the watchful eye of the Squadron Training Officer Guy Pilkington.

This programme has far exceeded the expectation of the Squadron Committee who established it with the help of Richard Endean and Coach Harold Bennett in 1987. It has now graduated over 360 young men and women, who have gone onto compete at the highest level, and many with fantastic results.

Many of them are now well known names reaching the top of their sport, including Volvo Ocean Race Champions, America's Cup Champions, Olympians and World Match Racing Championships. Sailors such as Mark Christensen, Gavin Brady, James Dagg, Jeremy Lomas, Chris Ward, David Endean, Carl Williams, Adam Minoprio, Sharon Ferris, Amy Mulcahy, Jessica Smyth, Dave Swete, Nick Blackman and Tom Powrie.

The Squadron has recently launched a new fleet of boats, ten seven meter training boats, designed by New Zealander Greg Elliott. The Elliott 7 is the development from the Elliott 6, which was recently selected as the yacht for the Women's Match Racing event in the Olympic Games for 2012.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON INC.
101 CURRAN STREET, WESTHAVEN, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
P.O. BOX 46182, HERNE BAY, AUCKLAND 1147

PHONE: 64-9-360- 6800 FAX: 64-9-360- 6802 EMAIL: ADMIN@RNZYS.ORG.NZ