

ROWING NEW ZEALAND (“RNZ”) 2025-2026 HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION GUIDELINES For Beach Sprint

RNZ intends to select crews for the following regatta, subject to meeting performance standards:

2026 PERFORMANCE LEVEL - BEACH SPRINTS

OPEN

World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals - Qingdao, CHN 18-21 October 2026

Priority boat selection

The focus will be on selecting Olympic Class boats - CW1x, CM1x, CMix2x

(Note: Other boats e.g Mix4x+, **may be** considered if aiding the Olympic aspirations of RNZ. The cost to tour will be the responsibility of the participants.)

The RNZ selection process is an ongoing one, with various marker points along the way, including the following selection trial:-

- a) **OPEN BEACH SPRINT SELECTION TRIAL** **9-10 May 2026** **(Venue TBC)**

HOW TO BE SELECTED FOR THE OPEN BEACH SPRINT SELECTION TRIAL

- 1 All athletes **shall be eligible** for the Open Beach Sprint Trial provided they:
 - a) Hold a **current NZ Passport**
 - b) Have nominated via the RNZ online [nomination form](#) no later than **19 January 2026**.
 - c) Participated in the Beach Sprint Nationals, **Owera Beach, 25-26 April 2026 in the Solo 1x**:
 - i) Note: Any exceptions to the requirements above e.g., cannot attend due to injury, bereavement, or the like, needs the prior approval of the GM Performance
- 2 Subject to compliance with the prerequisites set out above, athletes **may gain** selection for the Open Beach Sprint Trial:
 - a) By invitation of the RNZ Coastal Selection Panel

Note: The following summer series events are not prerequisites, but selectors may take performances of athletes at these events into consideration.

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| (1) | Beach Sprint Series 3, Ohope Beach, | 6 February 2026 | Solo 1x |
| (2) | Beach Sprint Series 4 (North Is Champs), Titahi Bay | 14 March 2026 | Solo 1x |