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***Introducing the IOM Ranking Champion Shield***

Last year PRSC requested the NCA consider the introduction of an annual award for the NZL IOM Ranking Champion.

Criteria/scoring was discussed and agreed, and a suitably engraved wooden shield has been purchased by the NCA for presentation to the NZL IOM Ranking Champion.

The NZL IOM Ranking Champion is the skipper who has the highest number of ranking points for the year from their best four ranking regatta results up to and including that year’s National regatta.

**When does the competition start?**

The competition commences with the first ranking regatta following the IOM Nationals. For this year (2022), that is the North Harbour Champs at Gulf Harbour on 19 and 20 Feb.

**What is the scoring formula?**

The formula is the same as the existing IOM ranking formula.

Put simply - points from your four best ranking regatta results are totalled and the skipper with the most points at the conclusion of the IOM Nationals for that year, is the NZL IOM Ranking Champion. Points from the Nationals regatta are included, if it is one of your best four ranking regatta results.

**What happens in the event of a Tie on points?**

In the first place a tie will be broken using the better score from most recent National Championship. If neither skipper attended the Nationals, then the better score from the most recent Regional Championship, and then the most recent Provincial Championship will be used. If the tie still exists, then the toss of a coin will be used.

**When is the Shield Awarded?**

The Shield is awarded at the IOM Nationals Regatta prize giving.

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