

## Armstrong Social Wing Fleet Information

Saturday – Sunday 24-25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Foil Bay of Islands is running a fun social fleet for the first time this year which will be aimed at intermediate wingers. The course type and location will depend on the conditions on the day. Racing will be targeted to wingers who aren't yet ready for the full racecourse, who would enjoy some light-hearted winging around an easier course with other wingers of a similar level, that doesn't involve much upwind sailing. So, if you find yourself thinking – "I'm not a racer , I just like winging around with my mates" – then this is the event for you!

Although we will be awarding positions for the overall winners including categories for youth, female, masters (aged 40 to 54) and grandmasters (aged 55+ ), it won't necessarily be the winners that go home with the best of the goodies! All social and racing fleet entrants will be included in the amazing collection of Armstrong spot prize draws on an equal basis – the odds of going home with some new bit of Armstrong kit are a lot better than winning Lotto!

There will be a briefing each day for the social fleet to explain the format for the day and cover off the basic give way rules to avoid collisions on the water. So don't worry if you haven't competed before- you won't be alone. Whilst we will have rescue boats on the water, you need to be able to keep your position upwind in moderate conditions to be at the appropriate winging level for the event and generally be able to self-rescue. You don't need to be pulling off all your foil gybes to be good enough.

Armstrong social fleet sailors are also invited to join the Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, About Being Seen Island race if they feel they are competent enough to sail for around an hour or more upwind to a destination, which may include some waves or swell, and then a further race back to the Yacht Club after complimentary lunch. There is a separate entry category for this day for social sailors under registrations. These results do not count for the Armstrong social fleet series.

Online registration and payment <https://www.boiyc.org/foil-bay-of-islands>

Social fleet check in for bibs etc 8 to 930am Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb ,  
Briefing 930am.  
Check out our meals – book early – numbers are limited.

You will need to be a member of a yacht club to join the fleet however you can join our yacht club temporarily for the regatta for \$25 if you are not a member elsewhere. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply. All sailors must wear a buoyancy vest, impact vest, or lifejacket in good repair and a suitable protective helmet must be worn at all times while afloat.

Please contact Chris on 021 1058126 if you have any further questions.

