



The 2014 NZL Optimist Yachting Trust National Interclub & Open Team Racing Championship

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th April 2014
Manly, Whangaparaoa, Auckland

The Organising Authority is
The NZL Optimist Yachting Trust
in association with Manly Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired.
- 1.3. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, shall apply.
- 1.4. Rule Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.5. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the regatta marquee.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any written changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted immediately after the coaches' meeting for the day it will take effect. Any written changes to the time of the first warning signal will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Sailing Instructions can be changed orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires before the warning signal, when flag L is displayed. It is the responsibility of each team to obtain any oral instructions given. These changes will also be communicated to the coaches on VHF channel 77 and posted on the official notice board at the end of that day's racing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of the Manly Sailing Club.
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4.2. When flag AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 16 th April	0800	Coaches Meeting
	0830	Sailors Briefing
	0930	Team racing – Time of first warning signal
Thursday 17 th April	0930	Team racing – Time of first warning signal (if required)

5.1. No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Thursday 17th April.

6. FORMAT

6.1. The event will be between four boat teams. For teams of five competitors, any four may compete in a race, provided that the fifth competitor (who is not scored) remains in the area designated for coaches from the warning signal of that race until that race has been completed.

6.2. The format of the regatta will be explained at the Coaches Meeting and Sailors Briefing.

6.3. The Race Committee after consultation with the NZ Optimist Yachting Trust Course Representative may terminate any stage, or the event, when in its opinion it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

6.4. The Race Committee, with the approval of the NZIODA Course Representative may decide not to run a re-sail if the result of that race is not relevant to the progress of any team to the next round.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The class flag will be a white flag with the Optimist class logo.

8. RACING AREAS

8.1. The racing area is on the waters off Manly Beach.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. The Race Committee may move marks of the course. Rule 33, *Changing the Next Leg of the Course*, will not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rule 60.1(b).

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be danbuoys with flags.

10.2. The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and a teardrop buoy.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Minutes before starting signal	Sound	Visual Signals
Warning	3	One	Class flag displayed
Preparatory	2	One	"P" flag displayed
One minute	1	One	"P" flag removed
Start	0	One	Class flag removed

This changes rule 26, *Starting Races*.

11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark on the starboard end and the starting mark on the port end.

11.3. A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

11.4. Individual recalls will be signalled as per rule 29.1, *Individual Recall*, except that the "X" flag shall be displayed up to a maximum of 2 minutes after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.



11.5. The race number and the number of the teams to start will be displayed on the aft of the committee boat before the warning signal. When the race number is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules or instructions.

11.6. Boats may approach the starting line only after the race number with their team's number has been displayed. Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. The windward boundary of the waiting area will be designated by small white buoys.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark on the starboard end and the finishing mark on the port end.

13. TIME LIMIT AND ABANDONMENT

13.1. The time limit for each race will be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35, *Time Limit and Scores*.

13.2. The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. This changes rule 32, *Shortening or Abandoning after the Start*.

13.3. Abandonment may be signalled orally by the Race Committee and/or the umpires. Abandoned races may be re-sailed, and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes Rule 32, *Shortening or Abandoning after the Start*, and Race Signals.

14. UMPIRING AND FLAGS

14.1. The event will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D2, *Umpired Races*. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire.

14.2. The required red protest flag shall be attached to the sailor, clothing, or PFD, and it must be capable of being deployed at arm's length where it is easily visible to the protested boat and umpires and concealed when the incident is closed.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. For protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in rule D2.2, *Umpired Races*, competitors shall inform an umpire or the Race Committee immediately upon finishing. The umpires will, when appropriate, hear protests and requests for redress while afloat.
- 15.2. A boat requesting redress shall promptly display a red flag and inform the umpire.
- 15.3. The protest time limit for competitors is two minutes after finishing and for the Race Committee or Protest Committees it is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 15.4. A hearing may be deferred if it is not relevant to progress to the next round.
- 15.5. When a hearing ashore is necessary the schedule will be published no later than 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.6. Only the Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest for breaches of class rules and SI 17 and 21.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Rule Appendix A6, *Changes in Places and Scores of Other Boats*, will apply.
- 16.2. If for any reasons the finals and/or later flights cannot be sailed, the four best places will be allocated to the teams that have qualified for the final or earlier flights and the order will be determined according to their positions at the end of the previous stage.
- 16.3. For the purpose of D4.3, *Scoring a Round-Robin Series*, a terminated stage (as per SI 6) is a completed round.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1. A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee or safety boat before leaving the course, or notify the Race Committee immediately upon returning to shore.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment have been checked by the Regatta Measurer.
- 18.3. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Regatta Measurer after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Team Racing Sailing Instructions.

20. OFFICIAL AND ACCREDITED BOATS

- 20.1. Race Committee boats will be marked with a yellow flag with black "RC".
- 20.2. Umpire boats will fly a yellow flag with a black "J".
- 20.3. Regatta Measurer will fly a white flag with a black "M".

21. COACH BOATS

- 21.1. Coach boats shall remain anchored within the designated waiting area shown on the diagram in Attachment B unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee and/or Umpires for safety purposes.
 - 21.2. Each coach is required to carry a working VHF radio and be listening to channel 77.
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- 21.3. The penalty for failing to comply with instruction 21.1 may result in the disqualification (from the race/s in which the infringement took place) of the team associated with the infringing boat or other penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

22. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 22.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

23. LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVAL RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1. All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from the beach in front of the Manly Sailing Club except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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