



interislander

NGĀ WAKA - NEW ZEALAND'S FERRIES

The 2015 Interislander Optimist Challenge

an Optimist Class Ranking Regatta

and the



Port Marlborough Starling Championship



Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd February 2015

Picton, Marlborough.

The Organising Authority is
Queen Charlotte Yacht Club



in Associations with The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Queen Charlotte Yacht Club will host the Interislander Optimist Challenge and the Port Marlborough Starling Championships on the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound beyond Mabel Island subject to weather conditions.
- Racing for the Optimist Green Fleet will be conducted on the waters of Picton Harbour.
- The Optimist Open Fleet regatta is an NZIODA ranking regatta.

2. RULES

- 2.1. For the Optimist Open and Starling Fleets:
- The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- Rule Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- Rule Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- For protests where only a rule of Part 2, *When Boats Meet*, or rule 31, *Touching a Mark*, is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.
- 2.2. For the Optimist Green Fleet:
- The regatta will be governed by the NZIODA Green Fleet Rules for Racing, version 2010-01 – May 2010 and are available at: <https://sites.google.com/site/nzcentreboardstandardsis/>
- The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, will apply.
- International Optimist Class Rules will apply.
- The Race Signals in the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.
- ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing rule Appendix A, *Scoring*, will apply.
- ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing rule Appendix G, *Identification on Sails*, will apply.
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3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*.

4. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

The Racing Rules will be changed in the Sailing Instructions in accordance with Rule 86, *Changes to the Racing Rules*, as follows:

- 4.1. Optimist Open Fleet boats will NOT be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes rule 61.1(a), *Informing the Protestee*.
- 4.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may apply to be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score". This changes rules 35, *Time Limit and Scores*, and A4, *Low Point System* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.
- 4.3. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors. The emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger siblings and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate without their feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive Open fleet. In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class Rule 2.4.1) but all hulls shall carry valid ISAF plaques.

It is unlikely that Green Fleet sailors will have sailed in an Open Fleet regatta of more than 40 boats.

It is expected that Green Fleet Sailors will:

- be 12 years and under.
- have sailed for less than 2 seasons.
- have not previously raced outside of green fleet except at regattas where no green fleet racing was offered.
- on achieving three or more podium finishes a sailor shall advance to the open fleet.

- 5.2. For the Optimist Open Fleet:

Entry is open to all boats of the Optimist class that have all valid measurement certificates and have passed the regatta registration.

This regatta incorporates the New Zealand representative selection trials. The Trials are open only to New Zealand Nationals or Residents in New Zealand. To be able to compete in the Trials each entrant shall be:

- a) A financial member of NZIODA.
- b) A financial member of a yacht club affiliated to YNZ.
- c) Eligible for a NZIODA representative team.

Sailors wishing to be eligible for selection in a NZIODA representative team shall use foils which measure under the 2004 or later IODA class rules.

Each boat and her equipment shall have a valid measuring certificate at registration and in addition, measurement checks will be made to check compliance with class rules and the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations.

- 5.3. For All Optimist Fleets

To be eligible to compete each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by their national authority and shall be a member of the national optimist association in their country of residence in addition each New Zealand sailor competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand and a financial member of NZIODA.

The regatta is open to all competitors born in the year 2000 or later.

Normal entries close on Sunday 15th February 2015.

Entries should be made using the entry form on clubhub through this link [here](#). The login is also available on the website www.qcyc.org.nz.

For Optimist Sailors to be eligible for an Optimist Regatta Tee Shirt the entry shall be received by the normal closing date.

5.4. Entry fees are:

One sailor in Optimist Open Fleet	\$95 per sailor
One sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet	\$65 per sailor
Two or more Optimist sailors from the same family	\$165
One sailor in the Starling Fleet	\$60 per sailor
Two or more Starling sailors from the same family	\$110
Late Entry fee	Additional \$30 per sailor

5.5. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$30 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion until 1700 hours on Thursday 19th February 2015. No entries will be accepted after this date.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1.

Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Open Fleet	Starling Fleet	Green Fleet
Thursday 19 th	1600-1900	Registration	Registration	Registration
Friday 20 th February	0800-0900	Registration	Registration	Registration
	0900 hours	Official Welcome and Safety Briefing		
	0930 hours	Sailors Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing		
	1100 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series		Friday is an optional training day for the Optimist Green Fleet
Saturday 21 st February	0800-0900		Registration	Registration
	0900 Hours		Official Welcome and Safety Briefing	
	0930 Hours			Sailors Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing
	1030 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	3 races	
	1130 hours			3 races
Sunday 22 nd February	1030 hours	3 races – Final Series	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 races

6.2. No practice race is scheduled.

6.3. 9 races are scheduled the Optimist Open fleet, 6 races for the Optimist Green fleet and the Starling fleet.

6.4. No more than four races will be sailed by any fleet on any day.

6.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.

6.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6.7. Prize giving as soon as possible after racing is complete.

7. OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET SAILORS RACE DAY BRIEFING

7.1. A Sailors Race Day Briefing will be held before each days racing. Except on the first day of the regatta it will be held one hour before the first warning signal all sailors should attend as it may contain information regarding the format of the day's racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website www.qcyc.org.nz from Monday 16th February 2015.

8.2. Sailing Instructions will not be distributed at the regatta, please print your Sailing Instructions from the website.

9. RACING AREA

9.1. The regatta will be based at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club, Shelly Beach, Picton.

9.2. The Racing area for the Open Optimist and Starling Fleets will be the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound subject to weather conditions. The Optimist Green Fleet will race on the waters of Picton Harbour.

10. COURSES TO BE SAILED

10.1. For the Optimist Open and Starling Fleets:

The course will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg and with a gate at mark 3.

10.2. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The course will be a triangular course with the same start and finish line on the upwind leg.

11. FORMAT

11.1. For the Optimist Open Fleet if entries exceed 99 the fleets will be split and the regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series.

11.2. The Starling and Optimist Green fleet will race as a single fleet.

11.3. A Qualifying Series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

12. LAUNCHING

12.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from Queen Charlotte Yacht Club at Shelley Beach.

13. SCORING

13.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.

13.3. For the Optimist Open:

When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.4. For the Optimist Green Fleet and Starling Fleet:

When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. WHISTLE SYSTEM

14.1. To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Protest Committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Optimist Open Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 15.2. Optimist Green Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 15.3. Interislander Optimist Trophy (North Island Clubs vs. South Island Clubs)
The trophy winners will be by way of results based on the home club selected on the electronic entry form.
- 15.4. Starling Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

16. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 16.1. By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

17. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHES MEETING AND TEAM LEADERS MEETING

- 17.1. There will be Coaches and Team Leaders meetings. The objective of the meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organisation, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general.
- 17.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed. Support boats and call sign must be registered with the race committee at QCYC. Support boats will be subject to controls that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 17.3. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the first day of the regatta.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

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