



The Optimist South Island Championships

an Optimist Class Ranking Regatta



Saturday 14th March to Monday 16th March 2015
Nelson, Tasman Bay.



The Organising Authority is
Nelson Yacht Club

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

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

This is a three day regatta for the Optimist Open fleet and a two day regatta for the Optimist Green fleet
The Optimist Open Fleet regatta is an NZIODA ranking regatta.

2. RULES

2.1. For the Optimist Open:

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.

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.

The objective of this regatta is to offer less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail in a Green Fleet regatta at the same venue as the Optimist South Islands without their feeling the need or burden to sail in the 9 race South Island Championship.

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.
- when having achieved a podium finish in an NZIODA ranking regatta green fleet or three or more podium finishes in other green fleet regattas 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 may 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 Friday 6th March 2015.

Entries should be made using the entry form on the website www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz

5.4. Entry fees are:

- One sailor in Optimist Open Fleet \$95
- One sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet \$65
- Each additional sailor from the same family \$20 discount for each additional sailor
- Late Entry fee Additional \$50 per sailor

5.5. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion until 1000 hours on Saturday 14th March. No entries will be accepted after this time.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1.

Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Open Fleet	Green Fleet
Friday 13 th	1700-1900	Registration	Registration
Saturday 14 th	0900-1000	Registration	Registration
	1000 hours	Sailors Briefing	Sailors Briefing
	1030 hours	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing
	1200 hours	3 races	3 races
Sunday 15 th	1100 hours		Sailors Briefing
	1200 hours	3 races	3 races
Monday 16 th	1200 hours	3 races	

6.2. No practice race is scheduled.

6.3. Nine races are scheduled for Open fleets, six races for the Green 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 1530.

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.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz from Monday 9th March 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 Nelson Yacht Club.

- 9.2. In the event that wind or sea conditions do not allow racing in the designated sailing area the race committee may use an alternative location anywhere within a 3 mile radius of Nelson Yacht Club.

10. COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 10.1. For the Optimist Open Fleet:
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. The Optimist Open Fleet will race as a single fleet
- 11.2. The Optimist Green fleet will race as a single fleet.

12. LAUNCHING

- 12.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the Nelson Yacht Club.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. For the Optimist Open Fleet:
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.
- 13.3. For the Optimist Green 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. Spot Prizes will be presented to those in attendance at a daily prize giving.
- 15.2. Optimist Open Fleet: 1st 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st 2nd & 3rd.
- 15.3. Optimist Green Fleet: 1st 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 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.

17.3. All support boats shall be launched from the Port Nelson slip in Akersten Street or as directed by the organising authority.

17.4. 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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