

The 2016 Optimist Open, Optimist Green, P Class, Starling and RS Feva Auckland Championships

an Optimist Ranking Regatta
and incorporating the
Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta

Saturday 30th January to Monday 1st February 2016

Maraetai Beach, Auckland

The Organising Authority is
Maraetai Sailing Club
in association with

The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA)



NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

During Auckland Anniversary Weekend Maraetai Sailing Club will host the 2016 Optimist Open Fleet, Optimist Green Fleet, P Class, Starling and RS Feva Auckland Championships.

The Optimist Championship is an NZIODA Ranking Regatta.

All boats that race on Monday will also be entered in the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta.

There will be security patrols of the boat park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights

2. RULES

2.1. For the Optimist Open, P Class, Starling and RS Feva 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.

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. For the Optimist classes only: Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may apply 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*.

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 2001 or later.

5.4. All Fleets

Normal entries close on Sunday 24th January 2016.

Entries should be made using the entry form which is accessible from <http://www.maraetaiboatclub.org.nz/sailing/auckland-champs/>.

One sailor in Optimist Open Fleet	\$115
One sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet	\$85
One sailor in the Starling, or P Class Fleets	\$85
One RS Feva yacht	\$125 per boat
Each additional sailor from the same family	\$20 discount for each additional sailor
Late Entry fee	\$50 per sailor

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- 5.5. All competitors are automatically entered into the 2016 Ports of Auckland, Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta
- 5.6. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion until 1700hours on Thursday 28th January, no entries will be accepted after this date.
- 5.7. Results for Monday sailing will be forwarded to the Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta 2016 Organising Committee for a separate prize giving. Details can be found on their website <http://www.regatta.org.nz/>

6. OPTIMIST OPEN FLEET MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta.
- 6.3. Each boat shall have a valid Registration Book and the sail shall be accompanied by a Sail Measurement Certificate.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1.

Date	Time (of First Warning Signal)	Optimist Open Fleet	Starling, RS Feva and P Class Fleets	Optimist Green Fleet
Friday 29 th ^h	1600-1900	Registration	Registration	Registration
Saturday 30 th	0700-0900	Registration	Registration	Registration
	0900 hours	Sailors Welcome and Briefing	Sailors Welcome and Briefing	Sailors Welcome
	0930 hours	Support boat briefing	Support boat briefing	Sailors Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing
Sunday 31 st	1100 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	3 races	3 races
	1030 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	4 races	
Monday 1 st	1100 hours			3 Races
	1030 hours	Either: 4 races – Final Series or 3 races if the fleet is not split	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races

- 7.2. No practice race is scheduled.
- 7.3. 9 Or 10 races are scheduled for the regatta for the Optimist Open fleet.
9 Races are scheduled for the Optimist Green fleet
10 Races are scheduled for the Starling, RS Feva and P Class fleets.
- 7.4. For the Optimist, P Class and RS Feva fleet no more than four races will be sailed by any fleet on any day. For the Starling fleet no more than five races will be sailed on any day.
- 7.5. Prize giving as soon as possible after racing is complete.
- 7.6. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.
- 7.7. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. GREEN FLEET SAILORS RACE DAY BRIEFING

- 8.1. 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.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website
<http://www.maraetaiboatclub.org.nz/sailing/auckland-champs/> from Monday 25th January and at registration.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The regatta will be based at Maraetai Sailing Club, Maraetai Beach, Auckland.
- 10.2. The racing area will be on the waters of the Tamaki Strait off Maraetai Beach.

11. COURSES TO BE SAILED

11.1. 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.

11.2. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

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

11.3. For the Starling, RS Feva and P Class Fleets:

The course will be either a trapezoid course with a windward beat to the finish or a windward/leeward course.

12. FORMAT

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. The Optimist Green, Starling, RS Feva and P Class fleets will race as single fleets.

13. LAUNCHING

- 13.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the beach/ramp on the Maraetai Reserve.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.
- 14.3. For the Optimist Open Fleet:**
- 14.4. 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. Only one race may be excluded from the Final Series races.
- 14.5. For the Optimist Green, Starling, RS Feva and P Class Fleets:**

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.

15. WHISTLE SYSTEM

- 15.1. 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.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Spot Prizes will be presented to those in attendance at a daily prize giving.
- 16.2. Optimist Open Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 16.3. Optimist Green Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 16.4. Starling, P Class & RS Feva Fleets: 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 17.1. 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

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

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed.
- 18.3. Team and individual support boats and their call sign must be registered with the race committee at Maraetai Sailing Club.
- 18.4. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the first day of the regatta.
- 18.5. Support boats movements will be subject to restrictions that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

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