



The Barfoot & Thompson Optimist Open and Optimist Green 2019 Auckland Championships

Incorporating the Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day regatta
January 26th – 28th 2019

The Organising Authority is Maraetai Sailing Club,
Maraetai Beach, Auckland

Notice of Race

1. RULES

1.1. For the Optimist Open Fleet:

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.

RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.

RRS Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.

1.2. 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/nziodadocumentrepository/green-fleet-rules-and-sailing-instructions>

or using this tinyurl

<https://tinyurl.com/yas27ajr>

The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, will apply.

International Optimist Class Rules will apply.

Racing Rules of Sailing Part 1, *Fundamental Rules*, will apply.

The Race Signals in the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.

Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A, *Scoring*, will apply.

Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix G, *Identification on Sails*, will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

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

- 3.1. 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 RRSs 35, *Time Limit and Scores*, and A4, *Low Point System* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The 'Optimist 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 Optimist 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 World Sailing 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 an Optimist Open Fleet regatta.

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

It is expected that Optimist 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.

4.2. 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.

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.

4.3. All Fleets

Normal entries close at 1700 on Friday 18th January.

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

On Line entry will open on Monday 26th November 2017.

One sailor in Optimist Open Fleet	\$125
One sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet	\$85
Each additional sailor from the same family	\$20 discount for each additional sailor
Late Entry fee	\$50 per sailor

- 4.4. Late entries accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion.
No entries for the Optimist Open or Green Fleets will be accepted after 1900 hours on Friday 25th January.
- 4.5. To be eligible to compete each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by their national authority. Each New Zealand sailor competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand.
- 4.6. The regatta is open to all competitors born in the year 2004 or later
- 4.7. All competitors are automatically entered into the 2019 Ports of Auckland, Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta which will be held on Monday 28th January.
- 4.8. Results for Monday's sailing will be forwarded to the Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta Organising Committee for a separate prize giving. Details can be found on their website <http://www.regatta.org.nz>

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Time (of First Warning Signal)	Optimist Open Fleet	Starling Fleets	Optimist Green Fleet
Friday	1600-2000	Registration	Registration	Registration
Saturday	0700-0900	Registration	Registration	Registration
	0900 hours	Sailors Welcome and Briefing	Sailors Welcome and Briefing	Sailors Welcome
	0915 hours	Support Boats briefing	Support Boats briefing	
	0930 hours	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	

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	0930 hours			Sailors Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing
	1100 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	3 races	
	1130 hours			3 races
Sunday	1030 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races
Monday	1030 hours	3 races – Final Series	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races

- 5.1. 9 Races are scheduled for the regatta for the Optimist Open fleet. If the fleet is split it shall comprise a 6 race Qualifying Series and 3 race Final Series.
9 Races are scheduled for the Optimist Green fleet.
- 5.2. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 5.3. Prize giving as soon as possible after racing is complete.
- 5.4. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.
- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET SAILORS RACE DAY BRIEFING

- 6.1. A Sailors Race Day Briefing will be held before each day's 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.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website www.maraetaisailingclub.org from Monday 14th January. Sailing instructions will not be distributed at the regatta.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The regatta will be based at Maraetai Sailing Club, 188R Maraetai Dr, Maraetai, Auckland 2018.
- 8.2. The racing area will be the waters of the Tamaki Strait in the vicinity of Maraetai Beach.

9. COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 9.1. **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.

9.2. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

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

10. FORMAT

- 10.1. 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. The Race Committee may decide to split the fleet at a lesser number.
- 10.2. The Optimist Green fleet will race as a single fleet.

11. LAUNCHING

- 11.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the beach/ramp on the Maraetai Reserve
- 11.2. The HeliPad may not be obstructed at any time during the event.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.
- 12.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. WHISTLE SYSTEM

- 13.1. 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.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Spot Prizes will be presented to those in attendance at a daily prize giving.
- 14.2. Optimist Open Gold Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st.
- 14.3. Optimist Open Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st.
- 14.4. Optimist Green Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st – 9yo, 10yo, 11yo, 12yo.
- 14.5. Various Auckland Championship floating trophies.

15. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 15.1. 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, including the sponsors advertising, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

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

- 16.1. There will be Coaches and Team Leaders meetings. The objective of the meetings is 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.
- 16.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed.
- 16.3. Team and individual support boats and their call sign must be registered with the race committee during Registration.
- 16.4. Support boats movements will be subject to restrictions that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.5. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the first day of the regatta.
- 16.6. Support boats may launch from the Maraetai Beach Boating Club's breakwater, under direction of the organising authority. Assistance and direction will be provided to launch and retrieve. Support boats and trailers may be overnighed in the MBBC compound.
- 16.7. Attention is drawn to the Auckland Council navigation by laws which requires a lifejacket be provided for every person on board a boat. The lifejacket shall be worn at all times unless the skipper decides there is no appreciable risk.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 4, *Decision to Race*, states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

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