



2010 NZIODA Optimist National Championship

Including the 2010 **TOYOTA** New Zealand Optimist Open Championship

Wednesday March 31st –Tuesday 6th April 2010

**The Organising Authority is NZIODA.
The regatta is to be held at Whitianga off Buffalo Beach.**

Notice of Race

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, shall apply.
- 1.3 The NZIODA "Competition Rules" will apply.
- 1.4 The Organising Authority will require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3 (d)(1).

2.0 Changes to Racing Rules

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

- 2.1 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 2.2 Rule 61.1 will be changed to require that boats wishing to protest will be required to display a red protest flag.

3.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The 2010 Toyota NZIODA Optimist Open Championship and the 2010 Toyota New Zealand Optimist National Championship are open to all boats of the Optimist class that have all valid measurement certificates.

- 3.2 To be eligible to compete in the 2010 NZIODA Optimist Open Championship event, 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.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in the New Zealand Optimist National Championship event, each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand and a financial member of NZIODA.
- 3.4 These Championships incorporate 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.

Note Eligibility guidelines from IODA

A sailor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the NZIODA committee in consultation with the IODA executive.

Attention is drawn to the ISAF regulations to the ISAF World Youth Championship (ISAF regulation 17.3). These regulations clarify the term permanent or bona fide resident for those competitors who may be resident in New Zealand but who are not Nationals of New Zealand.

If a sailor does not comply with these guidelines but wishes to be considered for National representation then application may be made to NZIODA for dispensation. These applications must be received in writing by 20th March 2010. The final decision/ruling on a sailor's eligibility to represent New Zealand at the World Championships or other international Optimist regattas will be the responsibility of the NZIODA committee in conjunction with the IODA executive.

- 3.5 Sailors wishing to be eligible for selection in a NZIODA representative team shall use foils which measure under the 2004 IODA class rules.
- 3.6 NZIODA National Optimist Interclub Teams' racing is compulsory for all sailors aiming for NZIODA travelling teams' selection. Any exceptions are at the discretion of NZIODA.
- 3.7 Sailors who meet the NZIODA Green Fleet criteria and have not sailed in an open fleet regatta comprising more than 40 yachts are invited to participate in a separate fun event for Green Fleet sailors. Entry requirements for the Green Fleet are as stated in 4.1 and 4.2 (**refer to separate Green Fleet Notice of Race**). Green Fleet racing will be separate.

- 3.8 The regatta is open to all competitors born in the year 1995 or later. Total entrants in the Open Championship are limited to 240 boats. Earlier entries will be given preference.
- 3.9 New Zealand competitors will need to provide their NZIODA membership number with their entry. Overseas competitors will need to provide proof of age and club membership with their entry. A photocopy of birth certificate or passport is acceptable.
- 3.10 Entries will be accepted until the normal closing date of Friday 19th March 2010 by completing the attached registration form accompanied by a fee:

One sailor in Open Fleet	NZ \$ 165
One sailor in the Green Fleet	NZ \$ 100
Each additional sailor from same family	NZ \$ 30 Discount.
Late Entry Fee	NZ\$ 50 Extra

Please use the following link for all entries.

For online entry forms, support and rescue boat registrations and payment advise.

<https://www.clubhubssl.com/hubsystem/index.php?&callclub=NZOPTI>

- 3.11 Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion until 1500 hrs on Friday 26th March 2010; however no event pack can be guaranteed.
- 3.12 Each boat shall present a valid measuring or rating certificate at registration and in addition, measurement checks will be made.
- Measurement requirements are:
- a) All boats and equipment to be used in the contest must have been measured and have measurement certificate.
Pre IOD 95 hulls can be measured using the NZ Ltd Measurement Form and be issued with a NZ Measurement Certificate.
- b) Equipment to be used in the contest must be nominated on the entry form (only one of each item).
- Hull ISAF plaque or receipt number. This is usually on the thwart of the boat and recorded in the measurement book. Hull weight may be checked during registration or spot – checks during the regatta.
- Sail button number. This is not the sail number but is the number stamped the small green or red disk fixed near the tack of the sail. If you do not have a sail button, these are available through NZIODA.
- Mast, Sprit, Boom, Centreboard and Rudder. Measurer's serial number from the measurement certificate of each of these items.
- No measured equipment may be changed during the regatta without first gaining written

approval from the race officer. All replacement equipment must be measured. Retrospective approvals maybe given for equipment replaced on water between races. c) Entries will only be accepted from boats that have been previously measured as set out above. Apart from spot checks and substituted equipment, no measuring will take place at the regatta.

4.0 Schedule of Events

Wednesday 31st March 2010

Registration 10:00hrs - 21:00hrs. In Marquee on Brophies Reserve.

Thursday 1st April 2010

Registration 08:00hrs - 10:00hrs. In Marquee on Brophies Reserve.

Briefing 09:00hrs

Racing, first warning signal 10:55hrs

Friday 2nd April 2010

Racing, first warning signal 09:55hrs

Saturday 3rd April 2010

Optimist Club Teams Racing Day 09:30hrs

A separate Notice of Race will be available on the NZIODA website from February 30.

Sunday 4th April 2010

Racing, first warning signal 09:55hrs

Monday 5th April 2010

Racing, first warning signal 09:55hrs

Tuesday 6th April 2010

Racing, first warning signal 09:55hrs

Prize giving as soon as possible after racing is complete.

Up to four races are scheduled per day, with a maximum of three on the last day. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.

A total of 15 races are scheduled.

No race shall start after 15:00hrs on the last day, Tuesday 6th April.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Optimist Nationals web site www.optimistnationals.org.nz website from the 1st March 2010. Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

7.0 Racing Area

The races will be held on the waters off Whitianga. Mercury Bay.

8.0 Courses to be Sailed

The course will be the Optimist Worlds course with a gate at mark 3.

9.0 Scoring

- 9.1 Racing will be divided into two divisions each with two groups. Scores for OCS and DSQ etc will be equal to the total number of competitors in the event, divided by two, then rounded up if not a whole number, plus one.
- 9.2 A 'Still Racing Score' may be provided for boats still racing but not finished when the time limit for their flight expires.
- 9.3 Five races are required to constitute a series.
- 9.4 No score will be excluded until six races have been completed and a boat's two worst scores will be excluded when ten races have been completed.

10.0 Alternative Penalties

Appendix P will apply.

11.0 Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded.

1st Open Championship	Open Event Trophy
1st National Championship	Ralph Roberts trophy
2nd National Championship	Kohimarama Trophy
3rd National Championship	Harken Trophy

Other categories recognised include

1st Female competitor	Judd Family Trophy
1st Sailor in their first nationals	Worser Bay Trophy
1st South Island competitor	Toyota trophy
Notable Sportsmanship	Sportsmanship Trophy
Sailor finishing in median position	Eaglestone Trophy
National Club's Cup	Placemakers Trophy

The official prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the last race on the last day of the regatta.

Spot Prizes will be presented to those in attendance at a daily prize giving.

12.0 Charter Boats

Optimist charter boats will only be directed through NZIODA and the regatta organisers. Boats may only be chartered through a New Zealand based company.

13.0 Team Support Boats and Rescue Boats

13.1 Team and individual support boats will be allowed.

13.2 Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the morning of the first race.

13.3 Support boats and rescue boats must be registered with the organising authority using the registration forms. Note that there will be strict controls on support boat launching times and locations at the venue.