



The 2011 NZIODA Optimist National Championship

Incorporating
The 2011 TOYOTA New Zealand Optimist Open Championship

Tuesday 19th April to Monday 25th April 2011
Narrow Neck Beach, North Shore, Auckland

The Organising Authority is
The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association
in association with Wakatere Boating Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. 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, will apply.
- 1.3. The NZIODA "Competition Rules" will apply.
- 1.4. Rule Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. Rule Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.6. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*.

2. 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:

- 2.1. Boats will not be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes rule 61.1(a), *Informing the Protestee*.
- 2.2. 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 and Bonus Point Systems* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The 2011 NZIODA Optimist Open Championship and the 2011 New Zealand Optimist National Championship are open to all boats of the Optimist class that have all valid measurement certificates and have passed the regatta registration process.

- 3.2. To be eligible to compete in the 2011 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. Any competitor in the championship must be a national of the country of the Member National Authority which is entering him/her or which he/she represents.
- 3.5. 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 17.5). 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 2011. 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.

- 3.6. Sailors wishing to be eligible for selection in a NZIODA representative team shall use foils which measure under the 2004 IODA class rules.
- 3.7. The 2011 NZIODA Optimist National Interclub Team Racing Championship is compulsory for all sailors aiming for NZIODA travelling teams' selection. Any exceptions are at the discretion of NZIODA. The 2011 NZIODA Optimist National Interclub Team Racing Championship will be sailed on Tuesday 19th April and if necessary on Wednesday 20th April. Refer to separate Notice of Race for the NZIODA Optimist National Interclub Team Racing Championship.
- 3.8. 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 a separate Green Fleet Notice of Race. Green Fleet racing will be on a separate course.
- 3.9. The regatta is open to all competitors born in the year 1996 or later. Total entrants in the Open Championship are limited to 250 boats. Earlier entries will be given preference. Additional entries may be accepted at the discretion of NZIODA.
- 3.10. There is a limit of 30 International Sailors with a maximum of 5 from any one country. Additional International competitors may be accepted at the discretion of NZIODA.
- 3.11. 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.
- 3.12. Entries will be accepted until the normal closing date of Friday 1st April 2011 by completing the attached registration form accompanied by a fee:

One sailor in Open Fleet	\$165
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One sailor in the Green Fleet	\$100
Each additional sailor from the same family	\$30 discount for each additional sailor
Late Entry fee	\$100 per sailor

Please use the following link for all entries.

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

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

- 3.13. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$100 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion until 1500 hrs on Friday 15th April 2011; however no event pack can be guaranteed.
- 3.14. Each boat shall present a valid measuring certificate at registration and in addition, measurement checks will be made.
- 3.15. Measurement requirements are:
- All boats and equipment to be used in the contest must have been measured and have a measurement certificate. Pre IOD 95 hulls can be measured using the NZ Ltd Measurement Form and be issued with a NZ Measurement Certificate.
 - 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 on 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.

- 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. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1.

Event	Day	Time or time of first warning signal	Number of Races
Registration	Tuesday 19 th April	1400 to 1800	
	Wednesday 20 th April	0800 to 1500	
Sailors Briefing	Wednesday 20 th April	1600	
Support Boat Briefing	Wednesday 20 th April	1630	
Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	Wednesday 20 th April	1700	
Racing	Thursday 21 st April	0955	3 races
	Friday 22 nd April	0955	3 races
	Saturday 23 rd April	0955	3 races
	Sunday 24 th April	0955	3 races

Event	Day	Time or time of first warning signal	Number of Races
	Monday 25 th April	1200	2 races

- 4.2. No practice race is scheduled.
- 4.3. 14 races are scheduled for the series.
- 4.4. Prize giving as soon as possible after racing is complete.
- 4.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.
- 4.6. No race shall start before 1200 hours on Monday 25th April being ANZAC Day.
- 4.7. No race shall start after 1500 hours on the last day, Monday 25th April.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Optimist Nationals web site www.OptimistNationals.org.nz from the 10th April 2011. Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The races will be held on the waters off Narrow Neck Beach, North Shore, Auckland. Indicative racing areas are shown in Attachment A.

7. COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 7.1. 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.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The fleet will be allocated into four or six groups depending on number of entries. For each race there will be multiple flights consisting of two groups per flight. The maximum size of any flight will be 100 boats.
- 8.2. The allocation to groups will be done by the Race Committee at 2100 on April 20th with the list of competitors already registered by that time. Competitors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of registration.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their flight.
- 9.2. Five races are required to constitute a series.
- 9.3. 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. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIIES

- 10.1. 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.

11. WHISTLE SYSTEM

- 11.1. 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.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. The official prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the last race on the last day of the regatta.
- 12.2. Spot Prizes will be presented to those in attendance at a daily prize giving.
- 12.3. The following trophies will be awarded
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| 1 st Open Championship | Open Event Trophy |
| 1 st National Championship | Ralph Roberts Trophy |
| 2 nd National Championship | Kohimarama Trophy |
| 3 rd National Championship | Harken Trophy |
| 1 st Female competitor | Judd Family Trophy |
| 1 st Sailor in their first nationals | Worser Bay Trophy |
| 1 st South Island competitor | Toyota Trophy |
| Notable Sportsmanship | Sportsmanship Trophy |
| Sailor finishing in median position | Eaglestone Trophy |
| National Club's Cup | Placemakers Trophy |

13. CHARTER BOATS

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

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

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed.
- 14.3. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the evening of Wednesday 20th April.
- 14.4. 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

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<http://www.optimistnationals.org.nz/>

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Attachment A

