



The 2013 Toyota NZIODA Optimist National Championship

Thursday 28th March to Tuesday 2nd April 2013
Timaru, South Canterbury

The Organising Authority is
The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association
in association with Timaru Yacht and Power Boat Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3. Rule Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Rule Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.5. 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. ADVERTISING

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

3. 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:

- 3.1. Boats will NOT be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes rule 61.1(a), *Informing the Protestee*.
- 3.2. 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 System* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The 2013 Toyota NZIODA Optimist National Championship is open to all boats of the Optimist class that have all valid measurement certificates and have passed the regatta registration and scrutineering process.

- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. This Championship 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.

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 24.5). 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 1st March 2013 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 who may refer it to the IODA executive.

- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. 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.
- 4.6. The regatta is open to all competitors born in the year 1998 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.
- 4.7. 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.
- 4.8. 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.
- 4.9. Entries will be accepted until the normal closing date of Tuesday 5th March 2013 by completing registration form available from <http://timaruyabc.co.nz> accompanied by a fee:
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| One sailor in Open Fleet | \$170 |
| One sailor in the Green Fleet | \$105 |
| Each additional sailor from the same family | \$25 discount for each additional sailor |
| Late Entry fee | \$100 per sailor |
- 4.10. Entries should be made using the attached Entry Form and sending it together with the required entry fee to: 2013 Optimist National Championship, Timaru Yacht & Power Boat Club, PO Box 93, Timaru 7910
- 4.11. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$100 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion until 1500 hours on Tuesday 19th March 2013; however no event pack can be guaranteed.

- 4.12. Each boat shall present 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.
- 4.13. 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 Regatta Measurer or 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 initial measuring will take place at the regatta.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1.

Event	Day	Time or time of first warning signal	Number of Races
Registration	Thursday 28 th March	1000 to 1700	
Sailors Briefing	Thursday 28 th March	1700	
Support Boat Briefing	Thursday 28 th March	1730	
Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	Thursday 28 th March	1800	
Racing	Friday 29 th March	1100	3 races - Qualifying Series
	Saturday 30 th March	1100	3 races - Qualifying Series
	Sunday 31 st March	1100	3 races - Qualifying Series
	Monday 1 st April	1100	3 races - Final Series
	Tuesday 2 nd April	1000	3 races - Final Series

- 5.2. No practice race is scheduled.
- 5.3. 15 races are scheduled for the championship.
- 5.4. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 5.5. Prize giving as soon as possible after racing is complete.
- 5.6. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day’s schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.
- 5.7. On Tuesday 2nd April, the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website <http://timaruyabc.co.nz> from the 21st March 2013 and at registration.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The regatta will be based at Timaru Yacht and Power Boat Club, North Mole, Timaru.
7.2. The racing area will be in open water off Caroline Bay, Indicative racing area is shown in Attachment A.

8. COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 8.1. 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.

9. FORMAT

- 9.1. The regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series.
9.2. If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
9.3. A Qualifying Series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.
10.2. Five races are required to constitute a championship.
10.3. 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. Only one race may be excluded from the Final Series races.
10.4. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the Final Series fleets. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.

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

- 12.2. The following trophies will be awarded

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. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 14.1. 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.

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

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed.
- 15.3. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the afternoon of Thursday 28th March.
- 15.4. Support boats and rescue boats must be registered with the organising authority using the registration forms.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. 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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

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