



2021 OPTIMIST AND STARLING AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 30th January – Monday 1st February 2021

Incorporating the AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY REGATTA

The Organising Authority is MURRAYS BAY SAILING CLUB (INC.)
511 Beach Road, Murrays Bay, Auckland 0630
in association with the NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY
ASSOCIATION (NZIODA) and the STARLING CLASS ASSOCIATION (SCA)

NOTICE OF RACE

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 For all classes except the Optimist Green Fleet, the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. For the Optimist Green Fleet, the NZIODA Optimist Green Fleet Rules for Racing will apply.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.
- 1.3 Under RRS 86, *Changes to The Racing Rules*, the following racing rules are changed:
 - RRS A4, *Low Point System*, and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*, will be changed to state that a boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
 - For the Optimist class, RRS 35, *Time Limits and Scores*, A4, *Low Point System*, and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*, will be changed to state that boats still racing but failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score".

This score will be three (3) points more than the last boat to finish in the fleet of that race but not more than DNF.

- A boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), *Informing the Protestee*, immediately after finishing inform the race committee on the finish boat of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes rule 61, *Protest Requirements*.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.4** Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the sailing instructions.
- 1.5** Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.6** Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The regatta is open to boats of the Optimist and Starling classes.

- 3.1.1** For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The Optimist Green Fleet is open to less experienced Optimist 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 Optimist Green Fleet except at regattas where no Optimist Green Fleet racing was offered;
- on achieving a podium finish in a NZIODA ranking regatta green fleet or the Sir Peter Blake Torbay regatta, or three or more podium finishes in other green fleet regattas the sailor shall advance to the open fleet.

Regatta officials should refuse an entry from a sailor who they believe should be entered in the "Open" fleet racing

- 3.1.2** For the Optimist Open and White Fleets:

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.

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.

3.1.3 For the Starling Development Fleet:

The Development Fleet is to encourage less experienced and less confident Starling sailors to sail and participate at major Starling regattas. To be eligible to race in the Development Fleet a competitor shall not have previously raced in Open Fleet except at regattas where no Development Fleet was offered.

3.1.4 For the Starling Fleet:

Entry is open to all boats of the Starling class that comply with the Starling Class constitution and class rules.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by going to www.murraysbay.org and completing an on-line entry form and paying the correct entry fee by 0900 on Monday 25th January.

3.3 Late entries will be accepted up until 1900 on Thursday 28th January at the discretion of the Organising Authority. An additional late entry fee of \$80 per boat shall apply.

3.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a current financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority and for the Optimist Fleet of NZIODA (or of the national optimist association in their country of residence) and for the Starling Fleet of the Starling Class Association of NZ Inc.

3.5 All competitors are automatically entered into the 2021 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta on Monday 1st February. Further details can be found on the regatta website www.regatta.org.nz.

4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 There are no classification requirements that will apply (see RRS 79, Classification).

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees (incl. GST) are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee
Optimist Open or White Fleet	\$150
Optimist Green Fleet	\$110
Starling	\$140
Starling Development Fleet	\$100

Included in the Entry Fee is the \$10 entry fee for the 2021 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 For the Optimist Open and Starling Fleets, if entries exceed 79 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. The Optimist White and Green Fleets will race as a single fleet.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration: Friday 29th January 1600-2000 and Saturday 30th January 0700-0900.

- 7.2 Welcome and briefing: Saturday 30th January 0900.

- 7.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Fleet	Number of races per day	Time of first warning signal
Saturday 30 th January	Optimist Open & White, Starling	3	1030
	Optimist Green, Starling Development	3	1100
Sunday 31 st January	Optimist Open & White, Starling	3	1000
	Optimist Green, Starling Development	3	1030
Monday 1 st February	Optimist Open & White, Starling	3	1000
	Optimist Green, Starling Development	3	1030

- 7.4 At the discretion of the Organising Authority (and the NZIODA Technical Delegate for Optimist Fleets) one extra race per day may be sailed on any Race Day, provided that the total number of races in the regatta does not exceed the scheduled number of races for that class.

- 7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat must comply with their class rules at all times during the regatta.

- 8.2 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time throughout the regatta.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 0900 on Monday 25th January at www.murraysbay.org. Printed copies of the sailing instructions will not be made available to competitors.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The regatta venue will be Murrays Bay Sailing Club, 511 Beach Road, Murrays Bay, Auckland.

10.2 The racing area will be the waters off Murrays Bay.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid, windward-leeward, and/or triangular. The Optimist White Fleet will sail a shorter course than the Optimist Open Fleet.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the sailing instructions.

12.2 For the Optimist Open Fleet, 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.

13 SCORING

13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 All support boats shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support. [DP]

14.2 All support and coach boats are requested to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required. [DP]

14.3 No support boats may launch from Murrays Bay. Storage will be available on the Mairangi Bay reserve (except if wet weather makes the ground unsuitable).

15 LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

15.1 All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from Murrays Bay beach, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority. [DP]

15.2 Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number and class. [DP]

15.3 At Murrays Bay beach trolleys must be stacked neatly to the north of the public launching ramp. [DP]

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- First in the overall results in the Optimist Open.
- First placed boy and first placed girl in the overall results in the Starling Fleet.
- The three highest placed boys and girls in the overall results in each fleet.

- The highest placed boy and girl in the overall results for each age group in the Optimist Open, White and Green Fleets.
- 17.2** Separate results will be kept for races on Monday 1st February for the 2021 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta for which prizes and trophies will be presented at the Official Prizegiving on Tuesday 16th February at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.
- 18 INSURANCE**
- 18.1** Yachting New Zealand recommends that each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 19.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, *Decision to Race*. The Organising 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 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**
- 20.1** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 21 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA**
- 21.1** All those who take part in this event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).
- 22 FURTHER INFORMATION**
- 22.1** For further information please contact membershipmbc@gmail.com or visit www.murraysbay.org.