

Napier Port Optimist North Island Championships 2023 & Starling Traveller Series

Friday 3rd November to Sunday 5th November 2023
Napier, Hawke's Bay

The Organising Authority is Napier Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

Napier Sailing Club will host the Optimist Open, White and Green Fleet North Island Championships in conjunction with a Starling Open and Development Fleet Regatta.

2. RULES

2.1. For the Optimist Open and Starling Fleet:

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

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.

The NZIODA White Fleet guidelines will apply to the White Fleet.
<https://www.optimist.org.nz/?q=node/228>

2.2. 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://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.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising and/or sailors to wear regatta bibs in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

4. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

The Racing Rules are changed in accordance with RRS 86, Changes to the Racing Rules, as follows:

4.1. 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. 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 Championship 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 a podium finish in an 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 may refuse an entry from a sailor who they believe should be entered in the "Open" fleet racing

5.2. For the Optimist Open Fleet:

Each boat and her equipment shall have a valid measuring certificate which must be presented at registration on request and in addition, measurement checks may be made to check compliance with class rules and the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations.

5.3. For All Optimist Fleets

To be eligible to compete each competitor shall be: A member of NZIODA or of the national optimist association in their country of residence, and A financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand or of a club recognised by their national authority in their country of residence.

The regatta is open to Optimist competitors born in the year 2009 or later.

5.4. All Fleets

All sailors shall be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to YNZ

Normal entries close at 1700 on Sunday 29th October. Entries should be made using the entry form on the website www.napiersailingclub.org.nz

Optimist Open & White Fleet.	\$100
Optimist Green Fleet	\$80
Starling Fleet	\$100
Starling Development Fleet	\$80

Late Entry fee \$50 per sailor

5.5. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion. No entries will be accepted after 1900 hours on Thursday 2nd November.

5.6. The Safety Card checklist must be presented at registration. This can be downloaded and printed here: www.napiersailingclub.org.nz/opt-ni No printed copies will be available at registration.

5.7. All boats shall carry at a minimum valid third-party insurance.

6. OPTIMIST OPEN FLEET MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

6.1. Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta.

6.2. Each boat shall have a valid Registration Book if her sail number is greater than 4500 and the sail shall be accompanied by a Sail Measurement Certificate. These documents shall be available for inspection at registration and during the regatta. All boat, irrespective of her sail number however must still be legal.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	1600 - 1900 hrs	Registration
Saturday	0800 - 0900 hrs	Registration
	0930 hrs	Welcome & Sailors Briefing
	0945 hrs	Support Boat Briefing

Saturday	1100 hrs	Time Of First Warning	Open, White, Starling Fleet	Up to 4 Race per day
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	1130 hrs	Time Of First Warning	Green, Starling Development Fleet	Up to 3 races per day
Sunday	1030 hrs	Time Of First Warning	Open, White, Starling Fleet	Up to 4 Race per day
	1100 hrs	Time Of First Warning	Green, Starling Development Fleet	Up to 3 races per day

7.2. 6 races are scheduled for the regatta for All fleets

7.3. For any fleet, no more than four races will be sailed on any day.

7.4. Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing is complete.

7.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.

7.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET SAILORS RACE DAY BRIEFING

8.1. 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.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website www.napiersailingclub.org.nz from the Friday 27th October. Sailing instructions will not be distributed at the regatta. Sailing Instructions, along with any other regatta notices and information will also be published on the Stack Team App.

10. RACING AREA

10.1. The regatta will be based at Napier sailing Club.

10.2. The racing area will be in waters of Ahuriri, Napier.

11. COURSES TO BE SAILED

11.1. For the Optimist Open and White Fleets:

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.

The White fleet will sail the same course with a shorter run and second beat.

11.2. For the Starling Open Fleet:

The course will be on the Optimist Open course.

11.3. The Optimist Green and Starling Development fleets will sail a triangular course.

12. FORMAT

12.1. 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.

12.2. The Optimist White, Optimist Green, Starling Development and the Starling fleets will race as a single fleet.

13. LAUNCHING

13.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the Ramp at Napier Sailing Club

14. SCORING

14.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.

14.3. For the Optimist Open, Optimist White and Starling Fleets:

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.

14.4. For the Optimist Green and Starling Development Fleets:

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

15. WHISTLE SYSTEM

15.1. 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.

16. PRIZES

16.1. Spot Prizes may be presented to those in attendance at the regatta.

16.2. Optimist Open Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st.

16.3. Optimist White Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st.

16.4. Optimist Green Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st.

16.5. Starling Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st.

16.6. Starling Development Fleet: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, Girls 1st.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

17.1. 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof. Such photography may be from a drone.

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

18.1. There will be Coaches and Team Leaders meetings. The objective of the meetings is to receive feedback from the Coaches and Team Leaders on the regatta organisation, exchange viewpoints and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general.

18.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed.

18.3. Team and individual support boats and their call sign must be registered with the race committee during Registration.

18.4. Support boats movements will be subject to restrictions that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

18.5. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the first day of the regatta.

18.6. All support boats shall launch at a Napier Sailing Club.

19. CLEAN REGATTA

19.1. We have registered the event as a “Clean Regatta” which means we are encouraging all participants to reduce their impact on the environment. This means:

-No bottled water will be for sale at this event. Please make sure sailors are equipped with reusable bottles that they can fill up at our water-fill stations. Mums and Dads, please don't forget your reusable coffee cups too.

20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1. 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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

Web site:

www.napiersailingclub.org.nz

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