



Letter to Competitors

2021 NZIODA OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 2nd April – Tuesday 6th April 2021

Dear competitors and support people,

Thank you for entering the 2021 Optimist National Championships. We're looking forward to welcoming you to Maraetai Sailing Club! To ensure a great regatta and to make the information you need easily accessible we're pleased to provide you with some additional information.

There are a few things for you to do to ensure the regatta is successful for everyone so read on...

To find relevant information

We recommend downloading the regatta app for easy access to all regatta information:

Regatta app instructions:

Download 'TeamApp' from the Apple or Google Play Store and select 'find your Team/Club' search for 'Optimist Nationals 2021'. 'Request to join this team's app' is at the very top of the page. Request to join, follow the prompts to get access.

Once in the app you will be able to follow the results, access the official noticeboard and event updates.

Turn your notifications on so that you receive alerts when new information is published.

Regatta website <https://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz/events/optimist-national-champs-2021/>

Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/maraetaisailingclub/>

Contact us admin@maraetaisailingclub.org.nz

Where to find the official notices

Notices to competitors will be placed on the official notice board and within TeamApp, please ensure you have this downloaded, following the instructions above. If you have questions, please email

admin@maraetaisailingclub.org.nz

Familiarise yourself with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

The NOR and Supplementary Sailing Instructions have been posted on the MSC website, on the official event app. We recommend all sailors and support people read these thoroughly.

We have a COVID-19 management plan

Please use the contact tracing app while at the event. Scan in upon arrival each day using one of the QR codes around the club, turn on your Bluetooth for contact tracing purposes. There are manual sign-in forms available in the clubhouse if you do not have the app on your phone (although we do recommend you download it).

At a minimum please:

- Ensure that you record your attendance at this event
- Consider 2m physical distancing and wearing of a mask or face covering if you prefer
- DO NOT attend if you are feeling unwell or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Practice good hygiene and ensure your sailors practice good hygiene, use soap to wash your hands thoroughly and there will be hand sanitiser around the club for your use as well
- Alert race officials if you become unwell during or soon after the event so we can implement our Covid-19 response plan.

We will continue to monitor any Covid-19 updates and make the necessary adjustments to our regatta plans if necessary.

Note registration times

The registration desk will be situated in the main clubhouse and open as follows:

- Wednesday 31st March 1500 – 1900
- Thursday 1st April 1000 – 1900
- Friday 2nd April 12.00 – 1400 (White Fleet Only)

Entries can be made via the following website

<https://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz/events/optimist-national-champs-2021/>

All entries will be close at 2100 hrs on Monday 29th March.

An entry list is published on the MSC website & Event App – please check to make sure your details including name(s), class, sail number etc are all correct. If any equipment needs to be changed post entry, please notify the Club on admin@maraetaisailingclub.org.nz. Notifications must be made prior to registering at the event.

Sailing Boat Storage

Overnight security will be in place in the Boat Park (Maraetai Park) from Thursday 1st April. Clubs &/or individual sailors wishing to train at Maraetai in the build up to the Regatta can leave their boats on the hard stand outside the MSC Sheds in the main Boat Club area.

We do ask that all Opti's are taken over to Maraetai Park by 1000 on Thursday 1st April. Club Rib's can also be left over night in this area during the build-up but please contact Jason Higgott (021) 865 492 in advance.

Parking

There is parking available:

- Public Carpark outside Boat club gates
- Along Maraetai Drive
- On the corner of Maraetai Drive and Rewa Road (next to Coastguard)



Please refer to the TeamApp for a more comprehensive Site Layout Map – under the “Documents” Tab

Storage of Opti Road Trailers

Trailers can be stored during the Regatta in the compound on Dr Adah Platts-Mills Reserve off Maraetai Drive (Adjacent to the Coastguard Building). This storage compound will be available from 1200 on Wednesday 31st March.

Official Boats, Club & Support Rib's & Boats

Upon arrival at Maraetai please drive into the Main Boat Club grounds. Please advise event staff if you are delivering an official boat or un-manned club loaned boat as these will be parked separately. You will be directed to where to leave the boat. The Parking Team will have the Support Boat Safety Packs including boat tags with them. Boats that have been pre-registered will have also been pre-allocated a mooring line to tie on to each night.

Boats will be launched for you and either taken out to the Mooring lines or temporarily stored inside the breakwater on the first race morning. Rib & Boat trailers will be stored in a compound over on Maraetai Park. Once launched, boats can be retrieved but it is a bit of a mission.

We will have capacity to launch and retrieve larger trailer boats each morning and night. These can be stored overnight in the Breakwater Parking area.

Mooring System

KYC have once again loaned us their Mooring System. As weather through Easter can be a little less predictable than experienced for recent Auckland Champs, we will be strictly managing the number of boats on each string. Your mooring location (either on the strings) or inside the breakwater will be clearly identified in the support pack you will be given following registration of your support boat. Pre-registering boats online will more likely guarantee a mooring spot.

We will have overflow Marina berths available at Pine Harbour Marina if we are unable to accommodate all boats close to the Club. Pine Harbour Marina is a 20-minute trip further up the coast.

Nb. Boats trying to tie onto mooring strings &/or in places not pre allocated will be removed and anchored in the Bay.

On the last day of racing, it is a big task to systematically bring all boat trailers back from Maraetai Park and then retrieve boats. We will be calling boats into the Breakwater when we have the matching trailer ready for retrieval. We do not want boats trying to jump the queue and enter the breakwater until they are called up. This only causes frustration for everyone and slows up the process.

Daily Washdown

Washdown facilities will be set up each day on the Public Ramp/Helipad area. This is a busy public ramp so please follow the instructions of the MSC crew so that the queues are not blocking other ramp users.

In an emergency, we need to be prepared to vacate the Helipad quickly.

Bring your NZIODA tag – we're using electronic sign on / off

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- If you have not yet been provided with a QR code tag you will be issued with one at registration
- There is a \$10 charge for issuing of a new QR code tag if you forget your existing tag

There are no credit card facilities

Please note that we will have Eftpos available for cash transactions only, we do not accept credit card or provide 'cash out' facilities. We accept cash payments as well.

Register your support boat

All support boats must register using the registration form on the MSC website:

<https://forms.gle/JBr9H1kwFfyXJNqK8>

All support and coach boats are requested to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required. Please complete a radio check with MSC tower to confirm your presence on the water; channels are:

- Opti Green (Course A – channel 17)
- Opti Open and White (Course B – channel 77)

All support vessels shall always have a kill-cord attached to the driver while the engine is running.

Results and prizegiving

Results will be posted within 'results' in the regatta app.

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

For your safety

First aid: Our first aid station is located at the main race office in the boat club building. Cecelia Chote (Ph 021 914 765) will be present in the first aid area each day and is our health and safety contact during the regatta.

Be efficient when you drop off your boat

The best place to drop off boats and equipment upon arrival is the side of the helipad adjacent to Maraetai Park. Please minimise the time you remain parked in this area and then move your vehicle in to a public carpark or side of the road.

Stow your beach trailer appropriately

Parents, after sailors are launched, please help to keep the beach tidy by tightly grouping all trailers immediately to the East of the public boat ramp – that's to the right when facing the sea. All beach trailers should be clearly identified with the sail number – thank you for your assistance with this as we do share our beach with swimmers, especially over the Easter weekend.

Boat Park Etiquette

There is lots of space over on Maraetai Park to store your boat and rig up. Please respect the clear zones which are marked on the ground and in particular the set back from the main coastal walkway. This is a busy area, and we need to share and not impose on other users.

Rig Racks Marquee

Please feel free to utilise the rig racks in the Marquee on Maraetai Park.

You're welcome to enjoy our clubhouse

You're welcome to enjoy the Clubhouse during this regatta. Our catering zone will be adjacent to the sailing Club sheds will be open for refreshments and we'll have a barista on site – so bring your keep cup. Sailors change rooms are available in the Public toilets in Maraetai park and the portable showers can also be used. Please keep showers to a minimum – as we're on tank water!

Make a note of the courses and radio channels

The classes on each course and VHF Channel assigned to each course are as follows:

Course	Classes	VHF Channel
A	Optimist Green	17
B	Optimist Open, Optimist White	77

Stay hydrated!

It's hot out there - please remember to bring a refillable and reusable water bottle and stay hydrated. A water refill station will be positioned near the food area.

Enjoy some refreshments

Our awesome catering team will be available for refreshments as per the published programme. See the TeamApp. Hot and cold drinks are available throughout the day and our Clubhouse Bar will open from 1400 each day.

Marine shop

Unfortunately, Jon Olds, or Oldsie as he's more commonly known is unable to attend this Regatta. The nearest marine supplies shop is Fishing Boating & Outdoors (FBO) 81 Second View Ave Beachlands - Ph 09 536 5157

Care for your environment

We know we don't really need to say this, but please look after our beach and water environment. Put your litter in the bins. Tie drink bottles to your boat. Leave only your footsteps. We encourage sailors to use refillable water bottles and coffee drinkers to bring a keep-cup for their coffee. There will be a water refill station across the main entrance drive from the main boat club building. Single use plastic bottles will not be available for sale.

We're here to help

If you do need to urgently contact regatta management, please text or phone:

Shore Managers	Jason Higgott	021 865 492
	Geoff Rasmussen	027 222 555
Regatta Director	Sean McRae	027 343 3866

Summary schedule

Please always refer to the Notice of Race and separate Sailing Instructions for each fleet. Here is a summary of timings as at the time of printing:

Wednesday 31st March 2021

15:00 - 19:00	Safety inspections, equipment listing check and Registrations
14:00 – 19:00	Clubhouse bar open

Thursday 1st April 2021

10:00 - 19:00	Safety inspections, equipment listing check and Registrations Registration Closes at 1900 sharp
14:00 – 21:00	Clubhouse bar open

Friday 2nd April 2021

08:00 - onwards	Coffee available at Food area
08:00 - 10:30	Bacon and Egg Sammies available at Food Area
09:30	Regatta Welcome and Opening Ceremony Sailors Briefing
10:45	Safety & Support Boat Patrol / Official Boats Briefing
12:00 – 14:00	White Fleet safety inspections, equipment listing check & registration
12:30	First warning Signal (3 races scheduled Qualifying Series Open)
13:00	First warning Signal (3 races scheduled Series Green or adventure sail)
14:00 – 21:00	Clubhouse Bar Open
After Racing	Spot Prizes - Green Fleet (Target 1630hrs) in the event marquee

Saturday 3rd April 2021

08:30 onwards	Coffee available in Food area
08:30 - 11:00	Bacon and Egg Sammies available at Food Area
10:00	Regatta Welcome & Sailors Briefing – White Fleet
12:00	First warning Signal (3 races scheduled Qualifying Series Open Opti / 2 races scheduled White).
12:30	First warning Signal Green fleet or Adventure Sail. (2 races subject to Open/White Opti departures to racing area).
14:00 – 21:00	Clubhouse Bar Open

After Racing	Spot Prizes - Open and White Fleet (Target 1630hrs) in the event marquee
NZIODA AGM	17:00 or 1.5 hours after the last race (whichever is earlier.)

Sunday 4th April 20201

08:30 onwards	Coffee available in Food area
08:30 - 11:00	Bacon and Egg Sammies available at the Food Area
12:00	First warning Signal (2 races scheduled Final Series Open Opti / White).
12:30	First warning Signal Green fleet, or Adventure Sail (2 races subject to Open/White Opti departures to racing area).
14:00 – 21:00	Clubhouse Bar Open
1430 – 17:00	Cruisy music on the Clubroom deck
After Racing	YNZ Briefing / Update – AON Youth Programme, YNZ Race Coach course & junior sailor development
After Racing	Spot Prizes - All Sailors (Target 1630hrs) in the event marquee

Monday 5th April 2021

08:30 onwards	Coffee available in Food area
08:30-11:00	Bacon and Egg Sammies available at the Food Area
12:00	First warning Signal (2 races scheduled Final Series Open Opti / White).
12:30	First warning Signal Green fleet, or Adventure Sail (2 races subject to Open/White Opti departures to racing area).
13:00 – 21:00	Clubhouse Bar Open
After Racing	Spot Prizes - All Sailors (Target 1630hrs) in the event marquee

Tuesday 6th April 2021

08:00 onwards	Coffee available in Food Area
08:00-10:30	Bacon and Egg Sammies available at the Food Area
11:00	First warning Signal (2 races scheduled Final Series Open Opti / White).
11:30	First warning Signal Green fleet, or Adventure Sail (2 races subject to Open/White Opti departures to racing area).
14:00 – 18:00	Clubhouse Bar Open
After Racing	Prizegiving - All Sailors (Target 1600hrs) in the event marquee

Enjoy!

Most of all, have a wonderful time – enjoy the event and our best wishes to all competitors.

Kind Regards,

The team at Maraetai Sailing Club

