



26th NZIODA Toyota Optimist National Championship

Friday 2nd April to Tuesday 6th April 2021 – Maraetai, Auckland

The Organising Authority is the Maraetai Sailing Club
in collaboration with the New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.6. The NZIODA White Fleet guidelines will apply to the White Fleet.
- 1.7. Racing Rules are changed as follows:

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may apply to be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score". This changes RRSs 35, *Time Limit and Scores*, and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.



2. ADVERTISING & BOW NUMBERS

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Sailors may be required to wear bibs supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements, have a valid measurement certificates and have passed the regatta registration and the equipment inspection process.
- 3.2. To be eligible to enter 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. 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, such cases shall be approved by the NZIODA committee in consultation with the IODA executive.

Attention is drawn to the World Sailing regulations 19, *Eligibility*. 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 22nd February 2021. 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.

- 3.4. Sailors who meet the NZIODA Green Fleet criteria and have not sailed in an open/white fleet regatta comprising more than 40 yachts are invited to participate in a separate friendly 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.
- 3.5. The regatta is open to all competitors born in the year 2006 or later. Total entrants in the Open Championship are limited to 280 boats. Earlier entries will be given preference. Additional entries may be accepted at the discretion of NZIODA.
- 3.6. 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.
- 3.7. Entries will be accepted until the normal closing date of Tuesday 23rd March at 2100.

One Competitor in Open Fleet or White Fleet	\$195
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One Competitor in the Green Fleet	\$125
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Each additional sibling

\$25 discount for each additional sailor

Late Entry Fee

\$150

3.8. Entries should be made online at <https://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz/>

3.9. Late entries accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$150 may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion until 1500 hours on Monday 29th March however no event pack can be guaranteed.

3.10. Each boat shall present a valid Registration Book at registration unless exempt by NZIODA's guidelines regarding boats older than 10 years old.

3.11. In addition, equipment inspection will be made to check compliance with Class Rules and the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations.

3.12. Equipment inspection requirements are:

- All boats and equipment to be used in the contest must have been measured and have a measurement certificate.
- Equipment to be used in the contest must be nominated on the entry form (only one of each item).

Hull World Sailing 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 or sticker fixed near the tack of the sail. If you do not have a sail button/sticker, 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 the 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 measurement will take place at the regatta.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1.

Event	Day	Time or time of first warning signal	Open Fleet Races	White Fleet Races
Safety Inspection Equipment Inspection and Registration	Wednesday	1500 to 1900		
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Regatta Welcome & Opening Ceremony	Friday	0930		
Patrol and Official Vessels Briefing	Friday	1045		



Event	Day	Time or time of first warning signal	Open Fleet Races	White Fleet Races
Sailors Briefing – Open Fleet	Friday	1100		
Sailors Briefing – White Fleet	Saturday			1000
Racing	Friday	1230	3 races - Qualifying Series	
	Saturday	1200	3 races - Qualifying Series	2 races
	Sunday	1200	2 races - Final Series	2 races
	Monday	1200	2 races - Final Series	2 races
	Tuesday	1100	2 races – Final Series	2 races

- 4.2. Slots for equipment measurement will be made available. Times will be published separately.
- 4.3. No practice race is scheduled.
- 4.4. For the Open Fleet 12 races are scheduled for the championship comprising a 6 race Qualifying Series and 6 race Final Series
- 4.5. For the White fleet 8 races are scheduled.
- 4.6. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 4.7. Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing is complete.
- 4.8. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 4.9. Daylight saving: Please note summer daylight saving ends at 3am on Sunday 4th April.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website <https://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz/> and on “TeamApp”, from the Thursday 18th March. Sailing instructions will not be available at the regatta but will be displayed on the Official Noticeboard.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The regatta will be based at Maraetai Sailing Club, 188 Maraetai Dr, Maraetai, Auckland 2018.
- 6.2. The racing area will be the waters of the Tamaki Strait in the vicinity of Maraetai Beach.



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. If IODA decides to change the course for the 2020 or 2021 World Championship the course used at this regatta may be changed to the new IODA course.
- 7.2. The Open fleet and the White fleet will sail on the same course, which separate starts.
- 7.3. The White fleet course will have a shorter run and second beat.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The Open fleet may be divided into flights and will sail a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series.
- 8.2. The white fleet will race as a single fleet.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Five races are required to constitute a championship.
- 9.2. For the purpose of determining Final Series fleets one race score will be excluded from the Qualifying Series
- 9.3. For the purpose of calculating overall places
 - a) When fewer than four races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When four or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4. The Qualifying Series races and Final Series races will count for total points in the championship.
- 9.5. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Spot Prizes may be presented to those in attendance. Check the event App for details.
- 10.2. 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	Dawson Sportsmanship Trophy
Sailor finishing in median position	Eaglestone Trophy



National Club's Cup

Placemakers Trophy

10.3. White Fleet prizes will also be awarded

11. CHARTER BOATS

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

The suggested suppliers for this regatta are:

Sail One, 29 Leighton St, Grey Lynn 1021, Auckland.

Phone: 0800 724 5663, Email: sailone@sailone.co.nz, Web: www.sailone.co.nz

Neil Wooldridge at OptimistCrazy (Now known as WetnWindy), Auckland

Phone: 09-488 9933, Email: neil@wetnwindy.com Web: www.wetnwindy.com

12. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

12.1. 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.

13. TEAM SUPPORT VESSELS AND COACHES MEETING AND TEAM LEADERS MEETING

13.1. There will be Coaches and Team Leaders meetings each morning. 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 the race committee's intentions for the day and regatta organisation in general.

13.2. Support vessel and rescue vessel crew representatives shall attend a briefing as per the program.

13.3. Support vessels and rescue vessels must be registered with the organising authority using the during Registration.

14. INSURANCE

14.1. Yachting New Zealand recommends that, for national championships, each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Rule 3, *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:

- 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;
- 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 vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

Web site: <https://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz/>

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