



The 2017 Interislander Optimist Challenge

an Optimist Ranking Regatta

and



The Port of Marlborough Starling Championship

Friday 17th February to Sunday 19th February 2017

Picton, Marlborough

The Organising Authority is
The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA)
in association with Queen Charlotte Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club will host the Interislander Optimist Challenge and the Port Marlborough Starling Championships on the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound beyond Mabel Island subject to weather conditions.

Racing for the Optimist Green Fleet will be conducted on the waters of Picton Harbour.

The Interislander Optimist Challenge is an NZIODA ranking regatta.

The Interislander Optimist Challenge is a three-day regatta. The Optimist Green Fleet and the Starling Fleet will sail a two-day regatta.

Friday is an optional training day for the Optimist Green Fleet.

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 2013-2016.

The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.

Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.

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://sites.google.com/site/nzcentreboardstandardsis/>

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 in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

4. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

The Racing Rules will be changed in the Sailing Instructions 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 Rainbow Fleet:

The 'Optimist Rainbow Fleet' is open to 1st year sailors and they must be sailing a plastic "Plastimist" optimist. The emphasis is on fun

5.2. 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 Ranking 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 three or more podium finishes a sailor shall advance to the open fleet.

5.3. For the Optimist Open Fleet:

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.

5.4. 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 all competitors born in the year 2002 or later.

5.5. All Fleets

Normal entries close at 1700 on Sunday 12th February.

Entries should be made using the entry form on the website www.QCYC.org.nz

One sailor in Optimist Open Fleet	\$110
One sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet	\$70
One sailor in the Starling Fleet	\$110
Each additional sailor from the same family	\$20 discount for each additional sailor
Late Entry fee	\$50 per sailor
Rainbow Fleet	\$30 (No Discounts)

- 5.6. All sailors registering before 1700 on Sunday 12th February will receive a Regatta Tee Shirt of the size that was requested on the on line regatta entry form. Late entries may not get a regatta Tee Shirt

- 5.7. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion.
No entries for the Optimist Open fleet will be accepted after 1900 hours on Thursday 16th February.
No entries for the Optimist Green, Optimist Rainbow and Starling fleets will be accepted after 0830 hours on Saturday 18th February.

6. OPTIMIST OPEN FLEET MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta.
- 6.3. Each boat shall have a valid Registration Book and the sail shall be accompanied by a Sail Measurement Certificate.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1.

Day	Time (of First Warning Signal)	Optimist Open Fleet	Starling Fleet	Optimist Green & Rainbow Fleets
Thursday	1600-1900	Registration	Registration	Registration
Friday	0800-0830	Registration	Registration	Registration
	0900 hours	Sailors Welcome and Briefing	Sailors Welcome and Briefing	

Day	Time (of First Warning Signal)	Optimist Open Fleet	Starling Fleet	Optimist Green & Rainbow Fleets
	0915 hours	Support Boats briefing	Support Boats briefing	
	0930 hours	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing	
	1100 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	3 races	Friday is an optional training day for the Optimist Green & Rainbow Fleet
Saturday	0730-0900			Registration
	0930 Hours			Sailors Welcome and Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing
	1030 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races
Sunday	1030 hours	3 races – Final Series	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races

- 7.2. 9 races are scheduled for the regatta for the Optimist Open fleet.
6 races are scheduled for the Optimist Green and Rainbow fleets.
9 Races are scheduled for the Starling fleet.
- 7.3. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 7.4. Prize giving 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 AND RAINBOW 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.QCYC.org.nz from the Monday 13th February and at registration.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The regatta will be based at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club, Shelly Beach, Picton.
- 10.2. The racing area for the Open Optimist and Starling Fleets will be the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound subject to weather conditions. The Optimist Green Fleet will race on the waters of Picton Harbour.

11. COURSES TO BE SAILED

11.1. For the Optimist Open Fleet:

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.

11.2. For the Optimist Green and Rainbow Fleets:

The course will be a triangular course with the same start and finish line on the upwind leg.

11.3. For the Starling Fleet:

The course will on the Optimist Open course with an additional windward/leeward legs on the inner windward leg.

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 Green 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 in the vicinity of Queen Charlotte Yacht Club at Shelley Beach

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 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 Fleet and Rainbow 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 will be presented to those in attendance at a daily prize giving.

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

16.3. Optimist Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd (if applicable).

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

16.5. Optimist Rainbow Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

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

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.

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 on the regatta organisation, exchange view points 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 at QCYC.

- 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.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

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