

NOTICE OF RACE



WAIKATO CHAMPS **Mercury Bay** **15th and 16th of February 2020**

The organising authority is : The Mercury Bay Boating Club, Whitianga

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the YNZ Publication “*The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*”. (RRS). YNZ Safety Regulations shall apply

Any changes to the Rules will be published in the Regatta Sailing Instructions posted on the Notice Board, in accordance with Rule 86.

For protests where only a rule of Part 2, or Rule 31.1 is alleged to have been broken, an Arbitration Hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. (See YNZ Regulation 4.5.5)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to centreboard boats up to 4.7 meters long, including the Hobie/Prindle Class. Optimist Green Fleet will be coached while sailing.

Entrants must be a member of a club or class affiliated to YNZ.

For a boat class to form a fleet at least 3 boats of that class must enter. Classes with fewer boats will be combined in an Open Fleet with suitable boat-based handicaps, and race-scoring based upon corrected time.

Entry Fees

Two-man Centerboard / Hobie class	\$40.
One-man senior	\$30.
Monohull Junior/Intermediate	\$20.
Optimist Open and Green fleet	\$20

A selection of boats for hire will be available through Waikato Thames Yachting Association. For availability and rates, please contact Kirsten Moratz: waikatocoach@gmail.com

Entries will be accepted at registration on the first morning of the Regatta. Late entries may be accepted at any time at the discretion of the Race Officer. Optional lunch and BBQ orders must be completed via the pre-registration links.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration:	Saturday 15 February	9.00am
Safety Boat Briefing:	Saturday 15 February	9.30am
Sailor Briefing:	Saturday 15 February	10.00am
First Warning Signal	Saturday 15 February	10.45am

Briefing:	Sunday 16 February	9.00am
First Warning Signal	Sunday 16 February	10.00am

Back-to-back races may be scheduled each day, with a lunch break. A maximum of 4 races on Saturday, and 3 on Sunday. No warning signal after 2pm on Sunday. The number of races sailed by Green Fleet and Intermediate sailors will be appropriate to the conditions as well as for the age and ability of the competitors.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board with copies available at the Registration Desk at the Regatta.

5. RACING AREA

The races will be held on the waters of Mercury Bay.

6. COURSES TO BE SAILED

Standard courses will be used with the exception of the Hobie class. These will be explained at Briefing. The courses will suit the age and ability of competitors.

7. SCORING

The "Low Points" scoring of Appendix A.4 will apply. Three races must be completed to constitute a series. Worst performance will be dropped after more than four races are sailed.

8 . PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top place-getters in each class, as soon as possible after the last race. For a class of only 3 boats there will be only one prize. For larger fleets, prizes will be awarded according to the size of the fleet and the availability of prizes, at the Race Committee's discretion.

9. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS are not permitted. Additional regatta support/safety boats will be permitted and encouraged.

10. SOCIAL FUNCTION

M.B.B.C will host a BBQ on Saturday Evening. There will be a small charge to cover costs payable in advance via the registration link. Items for a light lunch can also be ordered in advance and paid for with the registration fee. No lunch orders will be accepted on the day.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk; see Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, or during, or after the regatta.

12. INSURANCE

The Organising Authority recommends that each boat be insured with valid 3rd party liability insurance.

13. For any questions and further contact please email committee.mbbc@gmail.com

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