



TOYOTA
OPTIMIST
& STARLING
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Toyota Optimist National Championship 2022

and Selection trials

Thursday 14th April to Tuesday 19th April 2022

Napier, Hawkes Bay

The Organising Authority is
Napier Sailing Club



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. For the Optimist Open and White Fleets:

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24.

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. ADVERTISING

2.1. 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*.

3. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

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

3.1. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes (25 minutes for the White Fleet) 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*.

4. COVID VACCINATION MANDATE

4.1. The running and organisation of this event will be subject to the Coronavirus requirements at the time.

4.2. In accordance with the Governments traffic light system there will be a requirement for all sailors, officials, supporters and volunteers over 12 years of age to be double vaccinated when attending this regatta.

- 4.3. If it becomes necessary to cancel the event, payments made to Napier Sailing Club by competitors in relation to the event will be refunded.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. For the Optimist Open and White Fleets:

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.

(<https://optimist.org.nz/nz-optimist-sailing-team/>) for further detail

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 competitors born in the year 2007 or later.

5.2. Entries will be accepted until the normal closing date of Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 2100.

5.3. Entries should be made using the entry form on the website

<https://www.napiersailingclub.org.nz/optimist-registration>

One sailor in Optimist Open & White Fleet.	\$200
Each additional sibling from the same family entered in Open, White or Green fleets	\$20 discount for each additional sailor
Late Entry fee	NA

5.4. Late entries will not be accepted.

6. 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 and the sail shall be accompanied by a Sail Measurement Certificate. These documents shall be available for inspection at registration and during the regatta.
- 6.3. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1.

Event	Day	Time	Note
Safety Inspection	Thursday	1500-1900	
Equipment Inspection and Registration	Friday	1000-1400 1600-1800 1900-2000	
Regatta Welcome and Opening Ceremony	Friday	1800	

Event	Day	Time	Note
Sailors Briefing	Saturday	0930	
Support Boat Briefing	Saturday	Following the Sailors Briefing	
Racing	Saturday	1100	3 races – Qualifying Series
	Sunday	1030	3 races – Qualifying Series
	Monday	1030	3 races – Final Series
	Tuesday	1030	3 races – Final Series

7.2. 12 races are scheduled for the regatta for the Optimist Open Fleet, if the fleet is split it will comprise a 6 race Qualifying Series and 6 race Final Series.
Up to 12 races are scheduled for the Optimist White Fleet.

7.3. For any fleet, 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. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website
<http://www.napiersailingclub.org.nz/opti-star-nat-2022> from Wednesday 30th March 2022.

8.2. Sailing instructions will not be distributed at the regatta.

9. RACING AREA

9.1. The regatta will be based at Napier Sailing Club, Ahuriri, Napier.

9.2. The racing area will be in waters outside the harbour off Westshore and Hardinge Road.

10. COURSES TO BE SAILED

10.1. 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.

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

11. FORMAT

11.1. For the Optimist Open Fleet if entries exceed 99 the fleet 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.

11.2. The Optimist White Fleet will race as a single fleet.

12. LAUNCHING

12.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved in the vicinity of Napier Sailing Club.

13. SCORING

13.1. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

13.3. For the Optimist Open and Optimist White 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. WHISTLE SYSTEM

14.1. 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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. There maybe draws for Spot Prizes throughout the Event.
- 15.2. The trophies will be awarded as per NZIODA Guidelines

16. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 16.1. 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.

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

- 17.1. Team and individual support boats will be allowed but must pre-register.
- 17.2. Team and individual support boats and their call sign must be registered with the race committee during Registration.
- 17.3. Support boats movements will be subject to restrictions that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 17.4. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the first day of the regatta.

18. CHARTER BOATS

- 18.1. 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**, Auckland.

Phone: 09 4889933, Email: wooldridge.mail@gmail.com, Web: www.optimistcrazy.com

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 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:

- 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. SUSTAINABILITY

The **Toyota Optimist National Championship 2022** is a Clean Regatta registered with Sailors for the Sea.org and we appreciate your support in helping us achieve Clean Regatta status.

Single-Use Plastic Free - please bring your own reusables: water bottle, coffee cup and lunch box/bag for yourself and your support team members

Choose electronic viewing over printing out NOR or Sailing instructions

Aim to leave the Marine Environment and Shoreline better than you found it.

Try to minimise your environmental impact when travelling to the event.
Consider carpooling or a community minibus loan for club members and consider offsetting carbon emissions generated at <https://www.toitu.co.nz/calculators>

Please see our Sustainability Policy on the club's website for further Detail;
<https://www.napiersailingclub.org.nz/s/NSC-Policies-2022.pdf>

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

Web site:	http://www.napiersailingclub.org.nz/opti-star-nat-2022
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