



2023 New Zealand O'pen Skiff National Championships

9th - 12th February 2023

The Organising Authority is the Bay of Islands Yacht Club

1 Tau Henare Drive, Waitangi

www.boiyc.org

NOTICE OF RACE

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. This includes the [Class Rules of the OBCA](#).

1.2 Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions 2021-2024 shall apply.

1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply. In addition all competitors shall wear safety helmets whilst on the water.

1.4 The "O'pen Skiff Class on the Water Umpiring Rules" (as approved by World Sailing), allowing umpiring on the water for races may apply. The Sailing Instructions will state if they apply.

1.5 If the Race Committee believes that the average wind speed is clearly over 8 knots across the course, they may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted except on a windward leg. This changes rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c).

1.6 The 4.5 sqm sail will be used in the Gold and Silver Fleets.

1.7 Competitors in all fleets (Gold, Silver, Bronze) that are obviously struggling may receive coaching assistance from the official coach boat(s) and any such communication shall not be considered outside help. This changes rule 41.

1.8 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
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3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the O'pen Skiff class.

3.2 Each competitor shall be:

- (a) a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's National authority;
- (b) a member of the New Zealand O'pen Skiff Association.

3.3 The divisions are as follows:

- Gold Fleet
- Silver Fleet
- Development Fleet

3.4 Eligible competitors may enter online [HERE](#). Credit/Debit Card payment is required.

3.4 The closing date for entries is 1700hrs on Tuesday 7th February 2023. Late entries may be accepted by the Organising Authority up to 12noon on Friday the 10th February 2023.

3.5 Charter boats may be available via the NZOBA. To register your interest in a Charter boat please email the via NZOBA [here](#).

3.6 Non-charter boats must use their designated O'pen Skiff Sail Number at the time of online registration.

4 FEES

4.1 The entry fees are as follows, and must be paid online at the time of Entry:

- a) Gold and Silver Fleet: \$140.00 per boat
- b) Subsequent siblings: \$110.00 per boat
- c) Development Fleet: \$100.00 per boat

The late entry fee is an additional \$50.00 per boat.

4.2 The Charter fee shall be \$150.00 per boat.

4.3 Competitors are also liable for any online transaction fees imposed by the Class Association.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 On-Site Registration & Charter Boat Allocation and Collection Thursday 9 and Friday 10 February 2023.

5.2 Schedule & Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Event
Thurs 9 February	0900 – 1200	Charter Boat Allocation
	1200 - 1500	Registration & Equipment Inspection
	1530 – 1830	Optional Coaching Clinic
Friday 10 February	0800 - 1000	Charter Boat Allocation Registration & Equipment Inspection
	1000	Welcome & Briefing
	1125	First Warning Signal – 4 races scheduled
Saturday 11 February	0930	Daily Briefing
	1055	First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled
	TBC	Joint Fleet Fun Racing Event
Sunday 12 February	0900	Daily Briefing
	1025	First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled
	ASAP after racing	Prize Giving

5.3 The programme of events for the Development Division will be advised each day at the morning briefing. Please refer to Attachment 3.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours

6 MEASUREMENT

A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times while racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the BOIYC website after 1200hrs on Friday the 3rd February 2023. Printed copies will NOT be available.

8 VENUE

8.1 The races will be held in the Bay of Islands off Bay of Islands Yacht Club.

8.2 All boats must keep clear of Ferry lanes between Te Point, Tapeka Point and Veronica Channel. Details about locations will be provided at the Friday Briefing.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

9.1 For the Gold and Silver Fleets a variety of courses will be used including Windward/Leeward, Triangular, Reaching, or special courses.

9.2 For the Development Fleet, the daily briefing will detail the types of events scheduled.

9.3 Special Courses will be used for Joint Fleet Events.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 Umpires may impose one or more penalties for an incident as described in Addendum Q.

11 SCORING

11.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Gold and Silver Fleets.

11.2

- a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support boats shall be deemed to be "Event Support Boats" and shall have an operative VHF radio and follow all instructions of the Race Officer. In addition, all support boats will comply with local safety regulations and bylaws.

12.2 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord)

attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

12.3 All support vessels must familiarize themselves with the local bylaws. In particular the new Te Pewhairangi Marine Mammal Sanctuary regulations. See link below. Te Pēwhairangi (Bay of Islands) Marine Mammal Sanctuary

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/northland/places/bay-of-islands-mms/?tab-id=Boating>

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Sportsmanship Award:

Awarded in recognition of qualities such as Sportsmanship, Perseverance, Assistance to Others, Positive Attitude.

Gold Fleet: 1st Place: NZ O'pen Skiff National Champion 1st Female: NZ O'pen Skiff Female National Champion

Medals and Trophies will also be awarded to the following divisions:

Gold Fleet

Overall: 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

U12 (as at 1 st day or regatta): 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

U15 (as at 1st day of regatta): 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

U17 (as at 1 st day or regatta): 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

Female: 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

U12 (as at 1 st day or regatta): 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

U15 (as at 1st day of regatta): 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

U17 (as at 1 st day or regatta): 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

Green Fleet - Prizes may be awarded for 'encouragement' and 'taking part' as well as placing for positions.

Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

13.2 Participation Medals will be awarded to all sailors

13.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZ\$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12.0 Accommodation & Food

12.1 The preferred venue for accommodation is the Copthorne Hotel. Copthorne Hotel is located right next to the club.

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/bay-of-islands/copthorne-hotel-and-resort-bay-of-islands>

12.2 Food and the bar will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Dinner on Friday will be a BBQ and a meal will be available on Saturday (to be advised). Tickets can be purchased from the Clubhouse at registration or through a link in the Sailing Instructions.

12.3 Breakfast Bacon Butties (\$5), coffee/tea and homebaking will be available for sale On Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

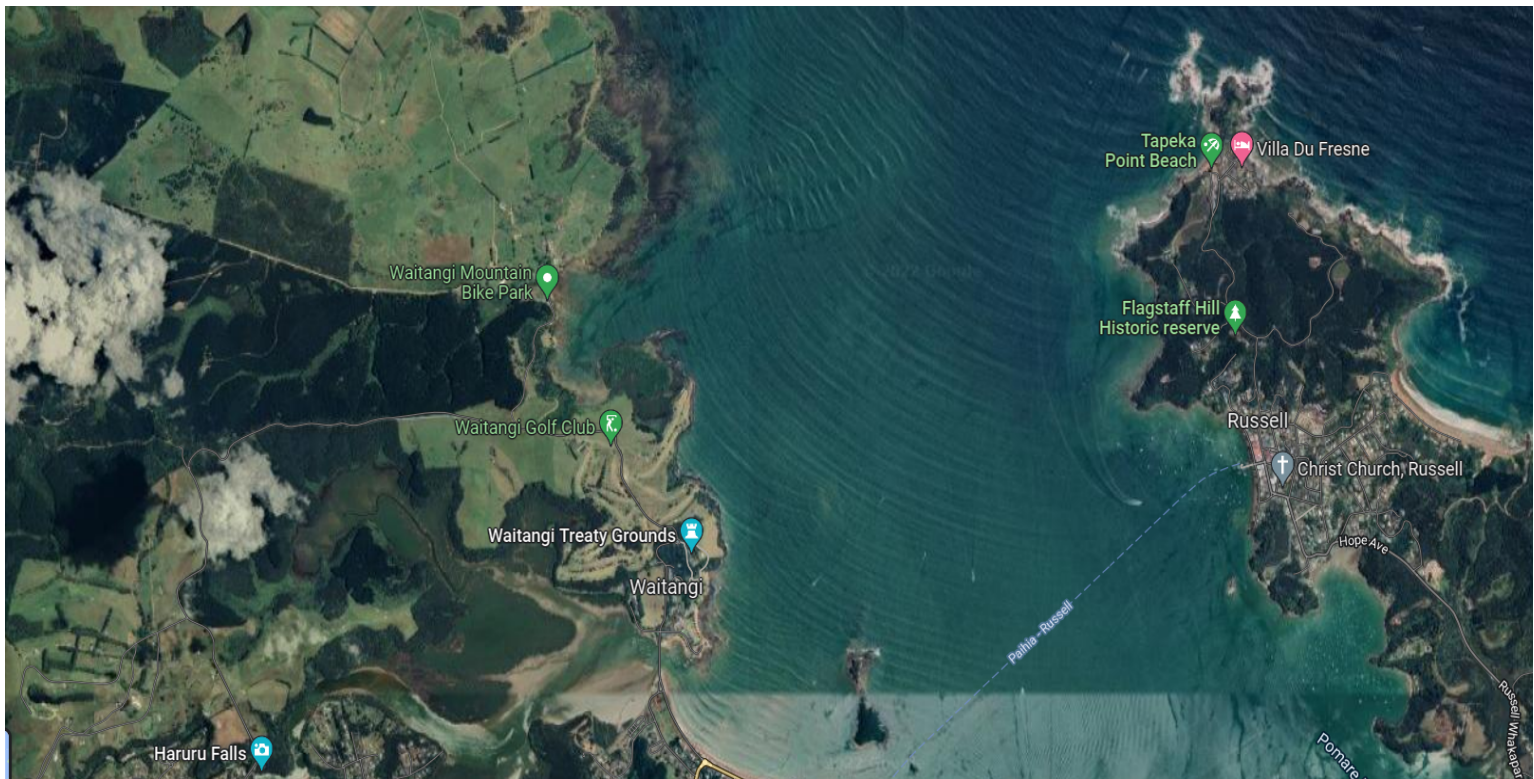
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Primary Racing Area



Attachment 3 Development Fleet:

DEVELOPMENT FLEET GUIDELINES

Development Division, the emphasis is on fun and to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at O'pen Skiff events without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive Fleets.

- Sailing will be a mixture of adventure sailing, racing, freestyle and any other form of sailing that the organisers deem fit.
- Sailors will benefit from a high level of coaching throughout the event. • Sailors entering the Development Division should be of a beginning level of sailing
- Development Division racing is intended to be run dependent on weather forecasts and prevailing winds. Should the conditions be such that racing is an option, this will be conducted on a separate course.
- The Development Division will consist of a variety of activities, led by appropriately qualified activity leader/coach. These activities may include shore and on-water based skills, coaching and on-water games.