

STARLING MATCH RACING OTAGO-SOUTHLAND QUALIFIER

WANAKA YACHT CLUB

28-29 December 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

This is the qualifying event for the annual Starling Match Racing Champs which will be held in Auckland on Waitangi weekend in 2025

Only sailors from Otago & Southland clubs can qualify.

Any other sailors, of any age, are welcomed.

We aim to make the event fun and competitive.

The Organising Authority is Wanaka Yacht Club

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RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

See SI's. The Starling Class Rules shall **not** apply. **Boats are supplied.**

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

To be eligible to win, each competitor shall be a financial member of a club in the Otago Southland region . To be eligible to enter, all are welcome.

Winners are subject to under 19 age on 6 Feb 2025 criteria set at the national champs.

ENTRY

Turn up on the day and pay an entry fee of \$50 to 38-9010-0755010-001

ref "Starling M R" and your initial and Surname.

BOATS

WYC has 6 older "sailone" GRP Starlings in average condition, which will be **supplied for the event**. While they are not as modern as some may be used to, they are **fairly evenly matched**. WYC will endeavor to create a system where sailors sail a variety of different hulls for fairness. No privately owned boats can be entered. However, for fun, we may also do the odd random fleet race. For these any boat may enter.

EVENT SCHEDULE.

Briefing each day at 09:00, racing as soon as possible thereafter. Once you're ready, we sail. If you're not ready by 10:00 you will miss out, but please just be ready asap and we can sail heaps and heaps. Target completion each day is 3pm.

However, on day 1 we could continue as late as 6pm if conditions are good and the following days' forecast is poor. We will hold as many round robins as possible with a minimum of 1. There will be a "best of 3" final series between the top two contenders, irrespective of eligibility. The event will be held close to the Yacht Club, with frequent break opportunities. **There is no low end wind limit** - that will be at the discretion of the organizer.

Should there be a small entry list and the organizer feels we have reached a natural limit of races with nothing more to be gained, we reserve the right to make the event one day only and

innovate other competitive sailing initiatives for the remaining time. Should there be a large entry list the organizer may cut the field so that on day 2 only the top 6 sailors or so remain.

It's all about wriggle-room to make the absolute most of the opportunity and have a quality event in a venue notorious for fickle conditions. The organizing authority may change the format, or terminate or eliminate any round when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the target programme.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be published on the events page of wanakayachtclub.co.nz

COURSE

The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. The number of laps may be varied. The entry box /area will be made to simulate the Auckland champs if possible. In round robins we **may** introduce a small reaching leg at the upwind mark to allow more than one race to be on the course at the same time with staggered starts.

PRIZES

The winner gains entry to the Auckland Nationals. They shall be the highest ranking eligible individual (age/region etc).

If the winner is unavailable or not eligible for Auckland, the region's representative will be the next highest ranking eligible sailor. In the event of a tie for "highest ranking eligible sailor" then a single race shall determine the winner. If weather precludes that, then a future date will be set for this purpose.

RISK STATEMENT and DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Life jackets must be worn. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough lake, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The organizing 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.