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**OPTIMIST/STARLING  
AUCKLAND CHAMPS**  
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## **BARFOOT & THOMPSON AUCKLAND CHAMPS 2023 Optimist Open & Optimist White & Starling SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **2023 Optimist & Starling Auckland Championship**

**Incorporating the Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta.**

**Saturday 28th January to Monday 30th January 2022 at Kohimarama Yacht Club**

**The Organising Authority is Kohimarama Yacht Club**

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

DP Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Scoring abbreviation is DPI.

NP Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule RRS. 60.1(a), Right to Protest; Right to

Request Redress or Rule 69 Action.

### **1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

1.2. [DP] The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, will apply.

1.3. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42.

1.4. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

1.5. RRS Appendix G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.

### **2. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

2.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6, Taking Evidence and Finding Facts.

2.2. The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the organising authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, except when so required by the organising authority.



### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located inside the Kohimarama Yacht Club building and on the team app. Go to Team App and join AKL OPTIMIST & STARLING 2023 to access.

### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours or the end of protest time whichever is earlier on the day before it will take effect.

### **5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

5.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of the club house.

6.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal, AP.

6.3. [NP][DP] Flag D with a sound signal means: 'the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed.' Launching will be managed by D Flag with Course area letter flag. Boats shall not go afloat until their class flag signal is made. Class fleet will have a staggered launching.

### **7. REGISTRATION**

7.1. Registration will be from 0800 to 0930 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Kohimarama Yacht Club.

### **8. BRIEFINGS**

8.1. Sailors briefing will be 0930 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Kohimarama Yacht Club.

8.2 A support boat briefing will follow sailors briefing.

### **9. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

9.1. 9 races are scheduled for the Starling, Optimist Open and White fleet.



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9.2. Day Time of first Warning Number of races

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 1200 hours Up to 5

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1030 hours Up to 5

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1030 hours Up to 5

9.3. No more than five races will be sailed on any day.

9.4. The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable but not sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race for that fleet.

9.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed, with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **10. CLASS FLAGS**

10.1. Optimist Open flag will be a red flag with the class insignia in white.

10.1. Optimist White fleet will start and race with open fleet and will use the same class flag / course.

10.2. The Starling fleet flag will be a white flag with the Starling insignia on it.

## **11. THE COURSES**

11.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Course Area A will be for Optimist Green and starling development.

Course area B will be for Optimist Open and Starling.

## **12. MARKS**

12.1. The marks are described in Attachment A .

## **13. THE START**

13.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end, and an orange spherical buoy with staff at the port end. Alternatively,



an anchored Race Committee vessel may be used at the port end instead of a buoy. In this case the port end of the line will be defined by a staff on the Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag.

13.3. [NP][DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13.4. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

This changes RRS A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee.

13.5. RRS 30.4, Black Flag Rule, is supplemented as follows:

(a) Sail numbers will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.

(b) When the race committee decides that its application of RRS 30.4 might entitle a boat to redress under RRS 62.1(a), Redress, it may decide not to display her sail number and not disqualify her. This changes RRSs 30.4, Black Flag Rule, 60.2, Right to Protest, and 63.1, Requirements for a hearing.

(c) For the purposes of RRS 30.4 a race is 'restarted or resailed even if the race is resailed on a later Date.

#### **14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

14.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard.

#### **15. THE FINISH**

15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of an orange spherical buoy.

15.2. [NP][DP] Boats that have finished shall return directly to the starting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

#### **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply with the following changes:



16.1. RRS P2.1, First Penalty, is retitled “All Penalties” and amended to “When a boat is penalised under

RRS P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under RRS 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties.

If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. If a penalty is signalled after a boat has crossed the finish line, the boat will be given a scoring penalty of 10% of her fleet size without a hearing although her score will not be worse than the score for a DSQ.”

16.2. RRSs P2.2, Second Penalty, and P2.3, Third and Subsequent Penalties, are deleted.

16.3. RRS P4, Redress Limitation, is replaced with “An action by the Protest Committee or its designated observer under RRS P1, Signalling a Penalty, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat

unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule. The Protest Committee may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action by a member of the Protest Committee or its designated observer under Rule P1”. This changes RRS 60`1(b), Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action.

## **17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

17.1. The time limits and target times in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

Time limit First Finisher 60 min

Time limit Mark 1 25 min

Target Time 40 minutes.

17.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a), Redress.

17.3. Unless an application is made under SI 18, boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRSs 35, Time Limit and Scores and A4, Low

Point System and A5, Scores determined by the Race Committee.

## **18. STILL RACING SCORE**

18.1. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes may apply to 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. The end of the 20 minute time limit will be indicated by the removal of the appropriate fleet flag with one sound on the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This score will



be calculated to be 3 points more than the last boat to finish in the fleet of that race but not more than DNF.

18.2. Boats requesting SRS must complete a request form prior to the protest time limit. Request forms will be available at the race office

## **19. HEARING REQUESTS**

19.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), Informing the Protestee, inform the Race Committee vessel at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61, Protest Requirements.

19.2. Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

19.3. The protest time limit will be set by the Protest Committee and may be different for each fleet. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRSs 61.3, Protest Time Limit, and 62.2, Redress. Protest time limits will be posted.

19.4. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee designated area. Except on the last day of the regatta no hearing will start after 2100.

19.5. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules, the 'authority responsible' is the Equipment Inspector appointed by the organising authority.

## **20. SCORING**

20.1. In accordance with RRS A4.1, Low Point System, boats will be scored points based on their finishing position in their fleet.

20.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) 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.

20.3. To request the correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the race office.



## **21. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

21.1. All boats intending to race shall complete the sign-on process using the sheets provided in the KYC marquee on Kohi beach.

21.2. Immediately on returning to shore, all boats shall complete the sign-off process using the sheets provided in the KYC marquee on Kohi beach.

21.3. A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she has finished the last race of the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

21.4. Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a), Redress.

21.5. RRSs 27.1, Other Race Committee Actions Before the Starting Signal, and 40, Personal Flotation Devices, are changed to require that personal flotation devices shall always be worn while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed.

## **22.[DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

22.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. The person on board shall be the person named

on the entry form.

22.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission

of the Technical Committee or the Regatta Equipment Inspector. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Regatta Equipment Inspector, Protest Committee or Race Committee and the written permission of the Regatta Equipment Inspector shall be applied for before the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

22.3. Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## **23. [NP][DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**



23.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

#### **24. [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS**

24.1. Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet of a race to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment (but not a General Recall) of all fleets. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail. During any starting sequence,

support vessels in the vicinity of the start line, shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions.

24.3. All occupants of support vessels less than 6 metres long shall always wear an appropriate size personal flotation device (PFD) while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Each PFD shall comply with Maritime Rules Part 91, Navigation Safety Rules, wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs. For support vessels 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the vessel carry enough personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location.

24.4. All support vessels shall always have a kill-cord attached to the driver while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

24.5. When a Race Committee or Protest Committee member indicates a support vessel to move further from the course area, the mentioned vessel shall do so immediately.

24.6. The Protest Committee or the Race Committee may instruct one or more support vessels to maintain station in areas which are at variation to SI 24.1.

24.7. When the wind is less than 10 knots support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing. At other times vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

24.9. Support vessels shall be registered with the organising authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.

24.10. Attention is drawn the relevant local authority bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other safety requirements.





## **25. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

25.1. Competitors are reminded of RRS55 covering Disposal of Trash: A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat.

## **26.[DP] LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVAL RESTRICTIONS**

26.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from Kohimarama Beach between the concrete boat ramp and Kohimarama Yacht Club.

## **27. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**

27.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **28. PRIZES**

28.1. Trophies will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

28.2. Spot Prizes may be presented.



Attachment A - Course Illustration

### IW - Starling

Course: Inner Trapezoid with beat to finish

Signal Mark Rounding Order

1W1 Start - 1A - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

1W2 Start - 1A - 4s/4p - 1A - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

1W3 Start - 1A - 4s/4p - 1A - 4s/4p - 1A - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

1W4 Start - 1A - 4s/4p - 1A - 4s/4p - 1A - 4s/4p - 1A - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

### OW - Optimist

Course: Outer Trapezoid with beat to finish

Signal Mark Rounding Order

OW2 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

OW3 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

OW4 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

Mark	Description
	Orange Triangle
	Orange Triangle
	Orange Triangle
	Yellow Triangle
	Race committee vessel
	Race committee vessel or buoy with staff
	Race committee vessel
	Finishing mark port end



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