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OPTIMIST/STARLING 20 AUCKLAND CHAMPS 26

2026 Optimist & Starling Auckland Championship Incorporating the 2026 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta

24 - 26 January 2026

Organising Authority: Kohimarama Yacht Club Auckland , New Zealand

NOTICE OF RACE

NB: The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the Notice of Race 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 For all classes except Optimist green fleet the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28'.

For the Green Fleet, the NZIODA Optimist Green Fleet Rules for Racing will apply.

<https://optimist.org.nz/green-fleet/>

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.

<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>

1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

1.4 Appendix G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.



- 1.5 RRS 40.1 Personal Floatation Devices shall apply at all times for all classes.
- 1.6 Under RRS 86, Changes to The Racing Rules the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
- RRS A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 4minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
 - RRS A4 and A5 will be changed to state that boats still racing but failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish,
 - A boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), Informing the Protestee, immediately after finishing inform the race committee on the finish vessel of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61, ProtestRequirements.
 - The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
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2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 8pm Sat 17th January 2026, <https://kyc.org.nz>. Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions will not be made available to competitors.
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3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located on the lower level of Kohimarama Yacht Club.
- 3.2 The online notice board is located on the Stack Team App- "Auckland Champs 2026"
- 3.3 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. [DP]
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4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to...

- Optimist class yachts, competing in the Open, White and Green Fleets.
 - For Optimist fleet entry guidelines refer to Addendum A of this document.
 - The regatta is open to Optimist competitors born in the year 2010 or later.
- Starling class yachts, competing in development and open fleets.

4.4 Competitors must be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand AND be a member of their class association. <https://optimist.org.nz/sailor-registration/>

<https://www.starling.org.nz/>

4.5 Eligible boats may enter by going to <https://kyc.org.nz> and completing the online entry form and paying the correct entry fee by midnight Tuesday 20th January 2026.

4.6 Late entries may be accepted up until 12:00 pm on Thursday 22nd January 2026, at the discretion of the Organising Authority. No further entries will be taken after this time.

4.8 Sailors wishing to charter an Optimist for the regatta should contact NZIODA for recommendations <https://optimist.org.nz/>

5. FEES

5.0 Required fees NZD (incl. GST) for regatta entry are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee
Starling Open, Starling Development Optimist Open Optimist White	\$185
Optimist Green Fleet	\$150
Additional Late Entry Fee	\$50

5.2 Where more than one sailor from the same family enters the regatta, the second and subsequent sailor will receive a \$20 discount.

5.3 There will be no refunds if entered competitors withdraw their entry after the entry closing date - 24:00 hrs Tuesday 20th January 2026

5.4 Included in the entry fee is the \$20 entry fee for the 2025 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

7. TRAVELLER SERIES

7.1 This event is part of the 2025 /26 NZIODA North Island Optimist Traveller Series. Results from this event will be counted toward this series for the Open fleet only. For more information regarding this series please go to <https://optimist.org.nz/>

7.2 This event is part of the 2025 /26 Starling Traveller series For more information regarding this series please go to <https://www.starling.org.nz/super-series-traveller/Traveller-Series>

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration: 8:00 - 9.30am Saturday 24th January

8.2 Regatta welcome and sailors' briefing: 10.00 am Saturday 24th January. Support boat briefing to follow sailors' briefing.

8.3 Green Fleet daily briefings :10.30am Sat 24th January, 10.00am Sun 25th Jan, 10.00am Mon 26th Jan.



8.4 Dates of racing:

Date	Fleet	Scheduled races per day	Time of first warning signal
Saturday 24th January	Starling Open, Optimist Open & White	Up to 3	11.55
Saturday 24th January	Starling Development	Up to 3	12.25
Sunday 25th January	Starling Open, Optimist Open & White	Up to 3	10.55
Sunday 25th January	Starling Development	Up to 3	11.25
Monday 26th January	Starling Open, Optimist Open & White	Up to 3	10.55
Monday 26th January	Starling Development	Up to 3	11.25
Sat 24th-Mon 26th January	Optimist Green	Communicated at Sailors' Daily Briefing	Communicated at Sailors' Daily Briefing

8.5 9 races are scheduled for Open and White fleets. A variety of racing is scheduled for the Green fleet which will be communicated each day at the sailors' briefing.

8.6 The target time for races for the Starling and Optimist Open fleets will be 40 minutes. The target time for races for White fleet will be 30 minutes. The target time for the Green and Starling Development fleets will be between 10 and 25 minutes depending on race format.

8.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs.

8.8 Prize giving will follow as soon as possible after racing is complete on the final day for Starling and Optimist Open and White fleets and as soon as possible after racing each day for the Optimist Green fleet.

9. MEASUREMENT and SAFETY

9.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat must comply with their class rules at all times during the regatta.

9.2 Competitors shall use one hull, one set of foils, one mast, one boom and one set of sails for the entire event.

9.3 Sail numbers shall be applied as per the class rules. Country code (NZL) is not required for this event.

10.4 In addition, spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time throughout the event.

10.5 Competitors in the Optimist fleet should refer to the NZIODA safety checklist prior to attending the regatta.

[Boat Safety Checklist - NZIODA](#)

10. VENUE

10.1 The regatta will be sailed from Kohimarama beach. Refer to Addendum B for approximate course location.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed for Starling Open and Optimist Open will be trapezoid and or windward leeward. The Optimist White Fleet will sail a shorter course than the Optimist Open Fleet, and may comprise trapezoid, windward leeward or triangular courses.

11.2 Optimist Green Fleet will sail on a separate course to the Open and White Fleets. Their courses may be a variety of the following: destination sails, windward-leeward, novelty races, relays, obstacle courses, triangular courses, etc



11.3 Starling Development fleet will sail either windward -leeward or triangular courses.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 For the Optimist White, Optimist Green and Starling Development fleets RRS

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

13. SCORING

Auckland Champs Starling Open and Development, Optimist Open and White Fleets:

13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Auckland Champs Optimist Green Fleet:

13.3 Will not have an overall series score counted.

Auckland Anniversary Regatta

13.4 Results for Auckland Anniversary Regatta on Monday 26th January will be scored separately. One race will constitute a series and no scores will be discarded.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

14.1 All support vessels are required to register via the online form on the website <https://kyc.org.nz>

14.2 A representative from each support vessel shall attend the daily support vessel briefings.

14.3 All support and coach vessels are asked to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required. The VHF channel to be used will be communicated at the support vessel briefing.

14.4 Support vessels are encouraged to launch from the landing at Okahu Bay. There will be limited capacity to launch support vessels from Kohimarama Beach (1 tractor). If the weather is favourable 3 strings of the club RHIB mooring system will be available, limited to 15 RHIBS. An additional 2 strings will be reserved for race committee boats. All boats using the mooring system do so at their owners' risk. Kohimarama Yacht Club offers no guarantee in regards to the strength or security of the mooring system and accepts no responsibility for loss or damage arising from its use.

14.5 All support person vessels shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver AT ALL TIMES while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority. [DP]

15. LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

15.1 All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from Kohimarama beach, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority. [DP]

15.2 Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number [DP]

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes for Starling, Optimist Open and White fleets will be awarded at the conclusion of the regatta. Prizes for the Optimist Green fleet will be awarded at the end of each race day.

17. INSURANCE

17.1 Yachting New Zealand recommends each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY



18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3, Decision to Race, states as follows:- “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 vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

18.2 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.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

19.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20. USE OF DRONE



20.1 All those who take part in this event as competitors, as well as support crew or spectators, agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event for promotion or media purposes. This includes your person and your property (boats).

20.2 No drones are permitted to be used within the vicinity of racing without prior agreement from the Race Committee. [DP]

21. SUSTAINABILITY

21.1 A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. RRS 55 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]

21.2 The 2026 Optimist And Starling Auckland Championship is a Clean Regatta and we request that competitors, supporters and officials support this initiative:

- a) Bring your own reusables: water bottle, coffee cup, lunch box/bag for yourself and your support team and avoid single-use plastics.
 - b) Carefully choose the correct waste stream at the regatta venue - landfill, compost, recycling
 - c) Choose electronic viewing over printing out NOR or Sailing instructions
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22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information please contact:

Andy Stone - andystone485@gmail.com [Kohimarama Yacht Club](#)

23. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23.1 The Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the regatta website at [Kohimarama Yacht Club](#)

ADDENDUM A

NZIODA Optimist Fleet Guidelines



1.1 **Green Fleet:**

The Green Fleet is open to less experienced Optimist sailors. The emphasis is on fun and the objective is to offer less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the same venue as an Optimist Open and White regatta without their feeling the need, or burden, to sail in these more competitive fleets. <https://optimist.org.nz/green-fleet/>

In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class Rule 2.4.1) however if plywood hulls are to be used sailors will need to gain dispensation from the Race Committee. All boats in this fleet will need to adhere to the same safety standards of the White and Open fleets as outlined by NZIODA. [Boat Safety Checklist - NZIODA](#)

In Green Fleet :

- Any sailors can be involved; there are no restrictions for age or experience.
- Success will be awarded per race OR per day, NOT for an overall series.
- Sailors will experience a range of sailing experiences that include destination sails, novelty races, long course races as well as more traditional race courses.

1.2 **White Fleet:**

The White Fleet provides an introduction to a racing series without the high physical and mental demands that are experienced in the Open Fleet. It provides an opportunity for sailors to compete in more traditional racing on a similar course to the Open fleet. This is a more competitive fleet than the Green fleet and a great transition between Green and Open fleets. <https://optimist.org.nz/white-and-open-fleet/>

In the White Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class Rule 2.4.1) however if plywood hulls are to be used sailors will need to gain dispensation from the Race Committee. All boats in this fleet will need to adhere to the same safety standards of the Green and Open fleets as outlined by NZIODA. [Boat Safety Checklist - NZIODA](#)

In White Fleet:

- Races will likely be shorter in length than Open Fleet races
- Less races MAY be sailed each day than the Open Fleet
- Races are sailed on the same body of water as Open Fleet races
- Sailors are awarded prizes / trophies for their overall series result

- Sailors are unable to compete in this fleet if they have received a podium place in White Fleet at a previous Toyota Optimist National Championship

1.3 Open Fleet:

Open Fleet is the most competitive fleet in the class where sailors can compete at a high level for the overall prize of being the Optimist National champion for each gender.

In Open fleet:

- Sailors are awarded prizes / trophies for their overall series result
- NZIODA will select IODA and Development team members from this fleet based on their ranking at the Nationals.

Each boat sailing in Open Fleet from sail number NZL 4608 onwards shall have a valid Registration Book.

Open fleet competitors shall use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. These shall all have valid measuring certificates. These documents shall be available for inspection at registration and during the regatta.

[Measurement - NZIODA](#)

All boats in this fleet will need to adhere to the same safety standards of the White and Green fleets as outlined by NZIODA. [Boat Safety Checklist - NZIODA](#)

ADDENDUM B



Location of Race Venue

The regatta venue will be Kohimarama Yacht Club , 80 Tamaki Drive, Kohimarama.

