PredictWind Girls Champs 2026

Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Organising Authority is Kohimarama Yacht Club (Inc.) Regatta Address: 80 Tamaki Drive, Kohimarama, Auckland.

Notice of Race

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.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. In March, the Kohimarama Yacht Club will host the PredictWind Girls Champs 2026 (PWGC).

1.2. Optimist (Green, White, Open), P Class, Starling (Development, Open), ILCA 6, ILCA 4, 420, 29er, iQFoiL, Open Skiff, RS Feva, and Waszp are invited.

1.3. There will be security for patrol boats and yachts parked on Kohi Beach for the Friday & Saturday nights (7pm-7am).

2. RULES

2.1. For classes other than the Optimist Green Fleet, the event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

2.3. Racing Rule 61.1(a) is changed to state that "A competitor intending to protest is required to inform the race committee at the finish line of their intention to protest immediately after finishing before approaching coach or support boats" The change will appear in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2.4. Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2.5. Appendix P shall apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.

2.6. For Optimist Green Fleet; the regatta will be governed by NZIODA Green Fleet Rules for racing, version 2010-01 – May 2010.

2.7. For iQFoil, Appendix B will Apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The event is open to all boats of the Optimist, P Class, Open Skiff, Starling, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, RS Feva, 29er, 420, iQFoiL, and Waszp complying with their class rules, provided 4 or more of any class enters by the closing date set in NOR 3.6 below.

3.2. Age Limits: For the Optimist, P Class, and O'Pen Skiff, competitors shall comply with their Youth Class Rules.

3.3. PWGC is open to female sailors only.

3.4. There will be a separate Optimist Green Fleet on **Course A** which is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors. Optimist White fleet is for sailors progressing out of Green fleet, and weather permitting, will be sailed on Course B.

3.5. There will be a separate Starling Development fleet for less experienced Starling sailors on **Course A**.

3.6. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at https://kyc.org.nz/PWGC2026

The entry fee is:

Single Handed – first family sailor	**$115.00**
Single Handed – per additional family sailor	**$90.00**
Double Handed team	**$190.00**

3.7. Entries must be received by 24:00 Hrs Tuesday 17 March 2026. Late entries accompanied by an additional late entry fee of $50 may be accepted at the race committee's discretion until 24:00 Hrs on Thursday 19th March 2026. No entries will be accepted after 24:00 Hrs on 19th March.

3.8. To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club affiliated to the competitor's national authority.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing

	Registration	Briefing	Target Warning Signal	Target # of races
Saturday 21 March	08:30 to 09:30	9:30am ALL FLEETS (Course A & B) upstairs in club	11:25 Course B	4 for all fleets on Course B
		Support Boat Briefing follows main briefing upstairs in club		
		Course A (Opti Green & Starling Dev) Briefing follows the Support Boat Briefing upstairs in club	11:25 Course A	3 for Opti Green, 4 for Starling Dev
Sunday 22 March			10:55 Course B	4 for all fleets on Course B
		9:15am Course A (Opti Green & Starling Dev) Briefing upstairs in club	10:55 Course A	3 for Opti Green, 4 for Starling Dev

4.2 The series will consist of not more than:

6 races - Optimist Green

8 races – all other classes

4.3 On Sunday 22th March no races will start after 16:00 Hrs.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website https://kyc.org.nz/PWGC2026/ by Thursday 19th March 20:00 hrs and on the notice board at Kohimarama Yacht Club.

6. VENUE

6.1. The regatta will be based at Kohimarama Yacht Club.

6.2. Racing will take place off the Eastern Bays between Orakei Wharf and St Heliers Beach, Waitemata Harbour, Auckland.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. The courses will be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions and notified at the briefing.

7.2. At the discretion of the Race Committee the courses may be altered to suit the circumstances.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. All boats must comply with their class rules at all times during the regatta.

9. SCORING

9.1. One race will constitute a series

9.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3. When 5 or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.

10. SAFETY

10.1. Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.

10.2. Wetsuits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

11. LAUNCHING, STORAGE AND ZONES

11.1. All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from Kohimarama Beach in the vicinity of the KYC, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority.

11.2. D Flags and course flags will be used to manage the staggered launching of class fleets.

11.3. Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number and class. [DP]

11.4. Overnight security will be provided at the KYC clubhouse and support boat launch ramp, Friday 20 March & Saturday 21th March. Although all care will be taken, all boats are left overnight at the owners risk.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. All support boats are required to register via the online form on the website https://kyc.org.nz/PWGC2026/

12.2. All support and coach boats are asked to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

12.3. Registered Support Boats may launch from the boat ramp on Kohimarama Beach. Tractor assistance will be available for registered boats.

12.4. 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. [DP]

12.5. All Support Boats must attend the Support Boat briefing that follows the main briefing at 9:30am on the first day of the regatta.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1. 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. [DP]

14. PRIZES

14.1. PWGC trophies and / or prizes will be awarded. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

15.1. By entering the Regatta 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 competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race – "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2. Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitorand 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 omissions.

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.

16.3. 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.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1. 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.

18. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

18.1. 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, this includes your person and your property (boats).

19. DISPOSAL OF TRASH IN THE SEA

19.1. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. [DP]

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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