



Notice of Race

January 27-29, 2024

Incorporating the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta and NZIODA Optimist Ranking Regatta

The Organising Authority is Royal Akarana Yacht Club
8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Orakei, Auckland

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).

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 the Optimist Green Fleet, the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. For the Optimist Green Fleet, the NZIODA Optimist Green Fleet Rules for Racing will apply.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.
- 1.3 Under RRS 86, Changes to The Racing Rules, the following racing rules are changed:
 - RRS A4, Low Point System, and A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee, will be changed to state that a boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
 - For the Optimist class, RRS 35, Time Limits and Scores, A4, Low Point System, and A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee, will be changed to state that boats still racing but failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes may be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score". This score will be three (3) points more than the last boat to finish in the fleet of that race but not more than DNF.
 - 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 boat 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 rule 61, Protest Requirements.

The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Optimist and Starling classes.

- 3.1.1 For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The Optimist Green Fleet is open to less experienced Optimist sailors and the emphasis is on fun. Please see optimist.org.nz/green-fleet/ for the criteria.

- 3.1.2 For the Optimist Open and White Fleets:

Entry is open to all boats of the Optimist class that have all valid measurement certificates and have passed the regatta registration.

The White Fleet is intended to provide a full race experience for developing sailors without the physical and mental demands of Open Fleet. The White Fleet is where our junior sailors enjoy sailing, but not necessarily in a stressful and competitive environment. Races for White Fleet sailors are shorter than they are for Open Fleet and fewer races may be sailed each day. Races are sailed on the same water as the Open Fleet.

- 3.1.3 For the Starling Development Fleet:

The Development Fleet is to encourage less experienced and less confident Starling sailors to sail and participate at major Starling regattas. To be eligible to race in the Development Fleet a competitor shall not have previously raced in Open Fleet except at regattas where no Development Fleet was offered.

- 3.1.4 For the Starling Fleet:

Entry is open to all boats of the Starling class that comply with the Starling Class constitution and class rules.



- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by going to <https://rayc.co.nz/event/paulneshausenaklchamps/> and completing an online entry form and paying the correct entry fee by 9am on Monday, January 22, 2024.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted up until 7pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the discretion of the Organising Authority. An additional late entry fee of \$80 per boat shall apply.
- 3.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a current financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority and for the Optimist Fleet of NZIODA (or of the national Optimist association in their country of residence) or Starling fleet of the Starling Class Association of NZ Inc.
- 3.5 All competitors are automatically entered into the 2024 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta on Monday, January 29. Further details can be found on the regatta website www.regatta.org.nz.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Required fees (incl. GST) are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee
Optimist Open or White Fleet	\$165
Optimist Green Fleet	\$135
Starling	\$165
Starling Development Fleet	\$135

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

Included in the entry fee is the \$20 entry fee for the 2024 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta, and \$10 NZIODA Association fee, for ranking regattas per sailor.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 At the discretion of the organising authority, the Optimist Open and Starling fleets may be split in which case the regatta will consist of a qualifying series followed by a final's series. The Optimist White fleet will race as a single fleet.



6.2 The Optimist Green fleet and Starling Development fleet will race separately on a different race course.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration: Friday, January 26, 1600 - 1800, and Saturday, January 27, 0800 - 0930.

7.2 Welcome and briefing: Saturday, January 27, 0930

7.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Fleet	Number of races per day	Time of first warning signal
Saturday, January 27	Optimist Open & White, Starling	3	1200
	Optimist Green, Starling Development	3	1230
Sunday, January 28	Optimist Open & White, Starling	3	1100
	Optimist Green, Starling Development	3	1130
Monday, January 29	Optimist Open & White, Starling	3	1030
	Optimist Green, Starling Development	3	1100

7.4 The series will consist of not more than nine races. An extra race each day may be added at the discretion of race officials to try to complete the scheduled number of races.

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat must comply with their class rules at all times during the regatta.



- 8.2 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time throughout the regatta.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions which will be available at <https://rayc.co.nz/event/paulneshausenaklchamps/> and on the regatta app (Stack Teams App: '2024 Akld Champs'). Please download the app to receive the latest communications.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The regatta venue will be Royal Akarana Yacht Club, 8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Orakei, Auckland.
- 10.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Waitemata Harbour.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid, windward-leeward, and/or triangular. The Optimist White fleet will sail a shorter course than the Optimist Open fleet.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as amended by the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 For the Optimist Open fleet, to encourage boats to take penalties afloat, protest committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 a) When fewer than four 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.

14 SUPPORT BOATS



- 14.1 [DP] All support boats are required to register via the online form on the website <https://rayc.co.nz/event/paulneshausenaklchamps/>
- 14.2 All support and coach boats are asked to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
- 14.3 Support boat launching will be available from the public ramp at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club and should have clearly labelled trailers to help with retrieval and safety.
- 14.4 [NP] [DP] 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.

15 LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

- 15.1 [NP] [DP] All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the Royal Akarana Yacht Club, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority.
- 15.2 [NP] [DP] Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number.
- 15.3 [NP] [DP] Beach trolleys must be stored in the prescribed areas. Please refer to the site map, which will be posted on the Stack Teams App.
- 15.4 Overnight security will be provided on The Landing, over Friday 26th, Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th January.

16 COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The official notice board will be posted on the Stack Teams App.
- 16.2 [DP] 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.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

In each fleet:

1st Overall

Female: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Male: 1st, 2nd, 3rd



17.2 Separate results will be kept for races on Monday, January 29 for the 2024 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta for which prizes and trophies will be presented at the official prizegiving at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (date TBC).

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Yachting New Zealand recommends that 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.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 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 seas, 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 cause.**

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

20.1 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.

22 SUSTAINABILITY

22.1 The event will be run as a Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta, and Auckland Council Zero Waste event. We request that competitors, supporters and officials support this initiative.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information please contact:
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