2025 Toyota Optimist Nationals Green Fleet

12th – 16th April 2025

8-10 Tamaki Drive, Orakei, Auckland 1071, New Zealand

The Organising Authority is

Royal Akarana Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the NZIODA Green Fleet Rules for Racing.

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

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the in the Joyce Fisher Room and on www.rayc.co.nz

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the club room.

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

4.3. Flag D together with the Green Optimist Flag and with a sound signal means: 'the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed.' Boats shall not go afloat until this signal is made.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. Registration, safety and equipment inspection: Saturday 12th April 1000 - 1500

6. BRIEFINGS

6.1. A sailors' briefing will be held each day at 11.00, with Wed 16th being at 10.15. All sailors should attend as it will contain information regarding the format of the day's racing.

6.2. Support Vessel Briefing for the Green Fleet will follow immediately after the sailors' briefing.

6.3. Briefings will be held in the Joyce Fisher Room or the Shed.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1. The schedule of races is as follows:

Day	Time of First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Sun 13th April	1230	Communicated at Sailors' Daily Briefing
Mon 14th April	1230	Communicated at Sailors' Daily Briefing
Tues 15th April	1230	Communicated at Sailors' Daily Briefing
Wed 16th April	1130	Communicated at Sailors' Daily Briefing

7.2. The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable but not sooner than 10 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.

7.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed, with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before the warning signal is made.

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

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1. The class flag will be a green flag with the class insignia.

9. RACING AREAS / COURSES / MARKS

9.1. The racing area, courses and marks will be described at the Sailors Race Day Briefing.

10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

10.1. The target time will be between 10 and 25 minutes depending on the type of race being sailed.

10.2. Mark one and finishing window times will be at the Race Officers discretion.

11. IF A BOAT BREAKS A RULE

11.1. If you think that you or another boat has broken a rule, or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to an Advisor after the race. An Advisor can be approached after racing at the Race Office.

12. SCORING

12.1. A sailor's daily score will be determined by their placings in all of the races sailed that day.

12.2. There will be no overall series scored.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1. All boats intending to race shall sign on at the sign on/off board prior to going afloat for any races.

13.2. Immediately on returning to shore, all boats shall complete the sign off process

13.3. Personal flotation devices shall always be worn while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

13.4. Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or an arm.

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

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

14.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. The person on-board shall be the person named on the entry form.

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

15. EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

15.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Safety Rules.

16. ADVERTISING

16.1. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*. Sponsors' logos are to be carried 150 mm back from the bow, and 50 mm below the gunwale on both sides of the hull.

17. OFFICIAL VESSELS

17.1. The Advisor's boats will fly a yellow flag with a black "A".

18. SUPPORT VESSELS

18.1. 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*, wetsuits and drysuits are not PFDs. For support vessels 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the vessel carry sufficient personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location. Please refer to Addendum A for more information.

18.2. 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.

19. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

19.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Sailors, coaches and support personnel shall not intentionally put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee vessels.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

20.1. All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from the beach/ramp adjacent to the yacht club except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

21.1. 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.

22. **PRIZES**

22.1. Trophies will be awarded in accordance with NZIODA guidelines. https://optimist.org.nz/trophies/

22.2. A daily prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the last race each day.

22.3. Spot Prizes may be presented to those competitors present at prize giving's during the regatta.

23. **RISK STATEMENT**

23.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 4, *Decision to Race*, states:
"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.

ADDENDUM A

Support Vessels Regulations

Note: All support and coach vessel personnel are reminded that this Addendum forms a part of the Sailing Instructions. You are also reminded that breaches of Sailing Instructions by persons on a support boat could impact on the sailing results of sailors associated with your support boat.

For the purpose of this event, any person on a support vessel is defined as a "*Support Person*" as per the definition offered in the RRS.

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.

2. 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,* wetsuits and drysuits are not PFDs. For support vessels 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the vessel carry sufficient personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. The Race Committee may instruct one or more support vessels to maintain station in areas which are at variation to 1 above.

6. When the wind is less than 10 knots support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 50 meters of the area where boats are racing. At other times vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 50 metres from any boat racing.

7. Support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority in accordance with the Notice of Race. www.rayc.co.nz

8. Attention is drawn to the relevant local authority bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other safety requirements, including always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running.

9. [DP] Support boats may be launched via the public boat ramp at Okahu Bay or OBC.

10. A coach and team leaders meeting will be held prior to the scheduled time of the first warning signal on each day of racing at Royal Akarana Yacht Club.

11. All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications (whilst afloat) and be available to assist the race committee if required. The VHF channel to be used will be communicated at the support vessel briefing. Any vessel without a VHF, should not go beyond the start line.

12. Support and coach vessels must display a numbered flag provided by Royal Akarana Yacht Club for easy identification, and record at registration, which boats and club this vessel will be supporting. Vessels should come prepared with a pole or similar to attach the flag to, for easy visibility.

13. Support vessels shall carry the following equipment on board:

- life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers
- first aid kit
- tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)