

2026 Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series

Saturdays and Sundays (various) 16 May to 12 September 2026

Wakatere Boating Club, Howick Sailing Club, Kohimarama Yacht Club,
Murrays Bay Sailing Club and Royal Akarana Yacht Club.

The Organising Authority is the NZ International Optimist Dinghy Association, in association with Wakatere BC, Howick SC, Kohimarama YC, Murrays Bay SC and Royal Akarana Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR 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 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 Under RRS 86, Changes to The Racing Rules the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 35, RRS Appendix 4 and 5 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,
 - RRS 60 .1 (a) will be changed to state that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches of some specific parts of the Sailing Instructions or Supplementary Sailing Instructions,
 - RRS Appendix 4 and 5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the notice board located in the hosting club's club-rooms.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.[DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist (White and Open fleets), P-Class, Starling, Feva and Open Skiff classes that comply with their Class Rules.
- 3.2 Other fleets and classes may be included at individual events (via Supplementary Sailing Instructions) at the discretion of the hosting club.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and paying the correct fee either online, or in person on race day

3.4 For the event at RAYC, entry is required by 8pm on Friday 12th June on the club's website.

3.5 Each skipper shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.

4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 There are no classification requirements in accordance with RRS 79.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$20.00 per boat per race day for all classes.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Schedules differ between Saturday and Sunday events.

7.2 Event 1: Saturday 16th May

Registration: 1100 – 1200 hours at the Murrays Bay Sailing Club clubrooms.

Briefing: 1220 hours.

Scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1325 hours

7.3 Event 7: Saturday 12th September (IceBreaker Regatta)

Registration: 900 hours at the Murrays Bay Sailing Club clubrooms.

Briefing: TBC

First warning signal: 1155 hours

7.4 Events 2 – 6: Sundays

Registration: 930 – 1000 hours at the respective hosting yacht club clubrooms.

Briefing: 1015 hours each race day at the respective hosting yacht club clubrooms.

First warning signal: 1100 hours

7.5 Dates of racing:

Event	Date	Venue	Number of Races
1	Saturday 16 May	Murrays Bay Sailing Club	3
2	Sunday 14 June	Royal Akarana Yacht Club	3
3	Sunday 28 June	Wakatere Boating Club	3
4	Sunday 26 July	Kohimarama Yacht Club	3
5	Sunday 9 August	Howick Sailing Club	3
6	Sunday 23 August	Kohimarama Yacht Club	3
7	Saturday 12 September	Murrays Bay Sailing Club (Icebreaker Regatta)	4

7.6 Races may be sailed back-to-back.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat must meet its class regulations.

8.2 Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number.

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

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Appendix S shall apply.

Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard at the hosting club no later than 1000 hours on race day, and on the NZIODA website www.optimist.org.nz.

Paper copies will not be issued to competitors.

10 VENUE

10.1 The racing will be held, according to the regatta schedule, off:

- Wakatere Boating Club
- Howick Sailing Club
- Kohimarama Yacht Club
- Royal Akarana Yacht Club
- Murrays Bay Sailing Club

10.2 The approximate location of the racing area will be notified at the briefing.

11 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed shall use laid marks and be windward/leeward, triangle and/or trapezoid courses. Courses will be notified at the briefing.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P may apply.

13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Points Scoring of Appendix A will apply.

13.2 Appendix A9 shall apply to the series.

13.3 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 All support boats must register with the organising club at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support. [DP]

14.2 All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required. [DP]

14.3 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver the engine is running.

15 LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

- 15.1 All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the beach at the hosting yacht club, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority. [DP]
- 15.2 Beach trolleys must be stacked neatly in accordance with the hosting club instructions detailed in the SSI's. [DP]

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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]

17 PRIZES

No prizes will be awarded.

18 INSURANCE

It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, hosting clubs, and any sponsors associated with the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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.

21 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

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).

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

www.optimist.org.nz

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