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The Bayleys Taupo NZIODA Optimist North Island Championships 2021 & Starling Traveller Series

Friday 5th November to Sunday 7th November 2021

Lake Taupo

The Organising Authority is
Lake Taupo Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

Lake Taupo Yacht Club will host the Optimist Open and Optimist Green Fleet North Island Championships and a Starling Regatta.

The Optimist North Island Championship is a three-day regatta. The Optimist Green Fleet and Starling Traveller Series is a two-day regatta.

Friday is an optional training /fun day for Starlings and the Optimist Green Fleet.

2. RULES

2.1. For the Optimist Open and Starling Fleet:

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.

RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.

RRS Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.

The NZIODA White Fleet guidelines will apply to the White Fleet.

<https://www.optimist.org.nz/?q=node/228>

The Starling Class Rules will apply. (This covers the Oscar and Romeo flags)

2.2. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The regatta will be governed by the NZIODA Green Fleet Rules for Racing, version 2010-01 – May 2010 and are available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yas27ajr>



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

International Optimist Class Rules will apply.

Racing Rules of Sailing Part 1, *Fundamental Rules*, will apply.

The Race Signals in the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used.

Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A, *Scoring*, will apply.

Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix G, *Identification on Sails*, will apply.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising and/or sailors to wear regatta bibs in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*.

4. CHANGES TO RACING RULES

The Racing Rules are changed in accordance with RRS 86, *Changes to the Racing Rules*, as follows:

- 4.1. For the Optimist and Starling Development classes only: Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may apply be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score". This changes RRSs 35, *Time Limit and Scores*, and A4, *Low Point System* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. For the Optimist Green Fleet:

The 'Optimist Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors. The emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger siblings and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate without their feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive Open fleet. In the Optimist Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (alters International Optimist Class Rule 2.4.1) but all hulls shall carry valid World Sailing plaques.

The objective of this regatta is to offer less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail in a Green Fleet regatta at the same venue as an Optimist Open Championship Regatta.

It is unlikely that Optimist Green Fleet sailors will have sailed in an Optimist Open Fleet regatta of more than 40 boats.

It is expected that Optimist Green Fleet Sailors will:

- be 12 years and under;
- have sailed for less than 2 seasons;
- have not previously raced outside of green fleet except at regattas where no green fleet racing was offered.
- on achieving a podium finish in an NZIODA ranking regatta green fleet or the Sir Peter Blake Torbay regatta, or three or more podium finishes in other green fleet regattas the sailor shall advance to the open fleet.
- Regatta officials may refuse an entry from a sailor who they believe should be entered in the "Open" fleet racing

- 5.2. For the Optimist Open Fleet:

Each boat and her equipment shall have a valid measuring certificate which must be presented at registration on request and in addition, measurement checks may be made to check compliance with class rules and the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations.

- 5.3. For All Optimist and Starling Fleets

To be eligible to compete each Optimist competitor shall be:

A member of NZIODA or of the national optimist association in their country of residence and each Starling sailor should be a member of the Starling Class Association. All sailors shall be a financial



member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand or of a club recognised by their national authority in their country of residence.

The regatta is open to Optimist competitors born in the year 2007 or later.

5.4. All Fleets

Normal entries close at 1700 on Sunday 31st October.

Entries should be made using the entry form on the website www.ltyc.org.nz

One sailor in Optimist Open & White Fleet.	\$120
One sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet	\$70
One sailor in the Starling Fleet	\$110
One sailor in the Starling Development Fleet	\$70
Each additional sailor from the same family	\$20 discount for each additional sailor

5.5. All sailors registering before 1700 on Sunday 31st October will receive a Bucket Hat. Late entries may not receive a Bucket Hat.

5.6. Late entries, accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50 may be accepted at the Race Committees discretion.

No entries for the Optimist Open or White fleet will be accepted after 1900 hours on Thursday 4th November.

No entries for the Optimist Green, Starling fleets will be accepted after 0830 hours on Saturday 6th November.

5.7. Safety card checklist – All Sailors must complete a safety card checklist prior to registration.

ENTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://WWW.LTYC.ORG.NZ/2021-OPTI-NORTH-ISLANDS.HTML](https://www.ltyc.org.nz/2021-opti-north-islands.html)

6. OPTIMIST OPEN FLEET MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

6.1. Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta.

6.2. Each boat shall have a valid Registration Book and the sail shall be accompanied by a Sail Measurement Certificate. These documents shall be available for inspection at registration and during the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1.

Day	Time (of First Warning Signal)	Optimist Open and White Fleets	Starling Fleet	Optimist Green & Starling Development Fleets
Thursday	1600-1900	Registration	Registration	Registration
Friday	0800-0830	Registration	Registration	Registration
	0900 hours	Sailors Welcome and Briefing		
	0915 hours	Support Boats briefing		



Day	Time (of First Warning Signal)	Optimist Open and White Fleets	Starling Fleet	Optimist Green & Starling Development Fleets
	0930 hours	Patrol and Official Boats Briefing		
	1100 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series White fleet up to 3 races	Friday is an optional training day	Friday is an optional training day for the Optimist Green Fleet
Saturday	0730-0900			Registration
	0900		Sailors Welcome and Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing	
	0930 Hours			Sailors Welcome and Briefing followed by Support Boat Briefing
	1030 hours	3 races – Qualifying Series White fleet up to 3 races	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races
Sunday	1030 hours	3 races – Final Series White fleet up to 3 races	3 races	
	1100 hours			3 Races

- 7.2. 9 races are scheduled for the regatta for the Optimist Open fleet, if the fleet is split it will comprise a 6 race Qualifying Series and 3 race Final Series.
Up to 9 races are scheduled for the Optimist White fleet
6 races are scheduled for the Optimist Green fleet.
6 races are scheduled for the Starling fleets.
- 7.3. For any fleet, no more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 7.4. Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing is complete.
- 7.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee any day's schedule of racing may be altered to suit changes in circumstances.
- 7.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.



8. OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET AND STARLING DEVELOPMENT SAILORS RACE DAY BRIEFING

- 8.1. A Sailors Race Day Briefing will be held before each day's racing. Except on the first day of the regatta it will be held one hour before the first warning signal all sailors should attend as it may contain information regarding the format of the day's racing.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website www.ltyc.org.nz from the Friday 22nd October. Sailing instructions will not be distributed at the regatta.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The regatta will be based at Lake Taupo Yacht Club.
10.2. The racing area will be in waters of Tapuaeharuru Bay, Lake Taupo.

11. COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 11.1. For the Optimist Open and White Fleets:
The course will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg and with a gate at mark 3.
The White fleet will sail the same course with a shorter run and second beat.
- 11.2. For the Starling Fleet:
The course will be on the Optimist Open course sailed as windward leeward triangular courses.

NOTE: The courses are subject to change in light of Covid Alert Levels and at the direction of LTYC meaning that the Starling Fleet may be assigned to race on the same course area as the Optimist Green Fleet.

12. FORMAT

- 12.1. For the Optimist Open Fleet if entries exceed 99 the fleets will be split and the regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series. The Race Committee may decide to split the fleet at a lesser number.
12.2. The Optimist White and the Starling fleets may race as a single fleet.

13. LAUNCHING

- 13.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the beach in adjacent to Lake Taupo Yacht Club rooms.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
14.2. A boat's score will be based on their finishing position in their fleet.
14.3. For the Optimist Open, Optimist White and Starling Fleets:
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.
14.4. For the Optimist Green and Starling Development Fleets:
When four or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. WHISTLE SYSTEM

- 15.1. 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.



16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Spot Prizes may be presented to those in attendance at the regatta.
- 16.2. Optimist Open Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 16.3. Optimist White Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st
- 16.4. Optimist Green Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, Age Group 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 16.5. Starling Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 16.6. Starling Development Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Girls 1st

17. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 17.1. By entering the Championships 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof. Such photography may be from a drone.

18. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHES MEETING AND TEAM LEADERS MEETING

- 18.1. There will be Coaches and Team Leaders meetings. The objective of the meetings is to receive feedback from the Coaches and Team Leaders on the regatta organisation, exchange viewpoints and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general.
- 18.2. Team and individual support boats will be allowed.
- 18.3. Team and individual support boats and their call sign must be registered with the race committee during Registration.
- 18.4. Support boats movements will be subject to restrictions that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 18.5. Support boat and rescue boat crew representatives shall attend a briefing on the first day of the regatta.
- 18.6. All support boats shall launch at a public ramp. No launching is permitted on the beach adjacent to Lake Taupo Yacht Club for any powered boat unless permission is received from a Lake Taupo Yacht Club Flag Officer. Launching permits are required. Purchase online at <https://ramp-permit-taupo.dia.govt.nz/> prior to launching.
- 18.7. All support boats will be deemed to be available as rescue boats and shall follow all directions and instructions as provided by the PRO or Event Manager. In the event of an emergency all support boats shall stay on the water until all sailors are on shore or accounted for.

19. CLEAN REGATTA AND DIDYMO PREVENTION

- 19.1. We have registered the event as a "Clean Regatta" which means we are encouraging all participants to reduce their impact on the environment. This means:
 - No bottled water will be for sale at this event. Please make sure sailors are equipped with reusable bottles that they can fill up at our water-fill stations. Mums and Dads, please don't forget your reusable coffee cups too.
 - A few other 'actions for the environment' will also be available such as a vegetarian lunch option and a beach clean-up event. More details will be emailed to entrants closer to the event.
- 19.2. Didymo (sometimes colourfully called "Rock Snot") is a noxious water weed which can ruin freshwater environments and fisheries. It is vital that we prevent Didymo from invading the rivers and streams around Lake Taupō. As you move between freshwater ways, you will need to be sure that all your equipment is thoroughly cleaned, so that the weed does not infect clean waterways. Prior to registering, you will need to have your wetsuit(s) and affiliated sailing gear cleaned at our didymo-free dipping station.



20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1. 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 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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

Web site: www.ltyc.org.nz

Regatta Contact Email: RegattaSecretary@ltyc.org.nz

