



The 2017 NZIODA Optimist National Interclub Team Racing Championship

Sunday 16th April 2017
Napier, Hawkes Bay

The Organising Authority is
The New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association
in association with Napier Sailing Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired.
Racing Rules are changed as follow:
- 1.3. Rules of Appendix D will apply. RRS D1.1(d) will not apply.
- 1.4. In RRS D2.4(a) "green and white" is replaced with "green and white or green".
- 1.5. In RRS D2.4(c) and D1.2(d)(1) "black and white" is replaced with "black and white or black".
- 1.6. When a boat starts and finishes, and breaks RRS 28.1 by failing to sail the course described in SIs, 6 points shall be added at her score without a hearing. This changes RRS A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.
- 1.7. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, shall apply.
- 1.8. RRS G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.9. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the regatta marquee.
- 2.2. All team support vessels shall have a working marine VHF radio, capable of receiving and acknowledging information from the Race Committee.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any written changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted immediately after the coaches' meeting for the day it will take effect. Any written changes to the time of the first warning signal will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Sailing Instructions can be changed orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires before the warning signal, when Flag L is displayed. It is the responsibility of each team to obtain any oral instructions given. These changes will also be communicated to the coaches on VHF channel 77 and posted on the official notice board at the end of that day's racing.
- 3.3. Changes to the format of racing and the publication of the schedule of subsequent races made on the water will be announced as described in SI 3.2.



4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at Napier Sailing Club clubrooms.
- 4.2. Flag D 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. EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 16 th April	0800	Coaches Meeting
	0900	Sailors Briefing
	1000	Team racing – Time of first warning signal

- 5.1. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1700.

6. FORMAT

- 6.1. The event will be between four boat teams. For teams of five competitors, any four may compete in a race, provided that the fifth competitor (who is not scored) remains in the area designated for coaches, or ashore, from the warning signal of that race until that race has been completed.
- 6.2. The format of the regatta will be explained at the Coaches Meeting and Sailors Briefing.
- 6.3. The Race Committee may terminate any stage, or the event, when in its opinion it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.
- 6.4. The Race Committee may decide not to run a re-sail if the result of that race is not relevant to the progress of any team to the next round.
- 6.5. Each boat shall display a team ID which will be provided by the race office.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1. There is no class flag. Two ID will be displayed.

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The racing area is on the waters off Hardinge Road, Napier.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The Race Committee may move marks of the course. RRS 33, *Changing the Next Leg of the Course*, will not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b), *Right to Protest, Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action*.

- 9.3. The course will not be shortened, this changes RRS 32, *Shortening or Abandoning After the Start*.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be Red Danbuoys.
- 10.2. The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee vessel and a Green Danbuoy or a Race Committee vessel.
- 10.3. The waiting area windward boundary as defined in 21.1 will be designated by red teardrop

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Minutes before starting signal	Sound	Visual Signals
Warning	3	One	2 Team Letters flags displayed
Preparatory	2	One	"P" flag displayed
One minute	1	One	"P" flag removed
Start	0	One	2 x Team Letters flags removed

This changes RRS 26, *Starting Races*.

- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark on the starboard end and the starting mark on the port end.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
- 11.4. Individual recalls will be signalled as per RRS 29.1, *Individual Recall*, except that Flag X shall be displayed up to a maximum of 1 minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1, *Individual Recall*.
- 11.5. The race number and the team letters to start will be displayed on the stern of the committee vessel before the warning signal. When the race number is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules or instructions. The Race Committee may at any time remove a particular race from the published sequence of races and run it at a later time.
- 11.6. Boats may approach the starting line only after the previous race has started or Flag X has been removed, whatever is later. Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.



12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark on the starboard end and the finishing mark on the port end.

13. TIME LIMIT AND ABANDONMENT

- 13.1. The time limit for each race will be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, *Time Limit and Scores*, and A5, *Score Determined by the Race Committee*.
- 13.2. No race will be started when, in the opinion of the Race Officer, the average wind strength is either below 3 knots or in excess of 20 knots, or if conditions are so adverse that sailing would be unwise. However, a race may continue in such conditions but will be abandoned if the Race Officer considers conditions to be unsafe or if boats are unlikely to finish within the time limit.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. This changes RRS 32, *Shortening or Abandoning after the Start*.

- 13.4. Abandonment may be signalled orally by the Race Committee and/or the umpires. Abandoned races may be re-sailed, and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes RRS 32, *Shortening or Abandoning after the Start*, and Race Signals.

14. UMPIRING AND FLAGS

- 14.1. The event will be umpired in accordance with RRS D2, *Umpired Races*. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire.
- 14.2. The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and it must be capable of being deployed at arm's length. To signal a protest, the flag shall be displayed from a concealed position to a position where it is visible to the protested boat and Umpires.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. For protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in RRS D2.2, *Umpired Races*, competitors shall inform an Umpire or the Race Committee immediately upon finishing. The umpires will, when appropriate, hear protests and requests for redress while afloat.
- 15.2. A boat requesting redress shall promptly display a red flag and inform the umpire.
- 15.3. The protest time limit for competitors is two minutes after finishing and for the Race Committee or Protest Committees it is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 15.4. A hearing may be deferred or declined if it is not relevant to progress to the next round. This changes RRS 63.1, *Requirements for a Hearing*.
- 15.5. When a hearing ashore is necessary the schedule will be published no later than 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.6. Only the Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest for breaches of class rules and SIs 17 and 21.

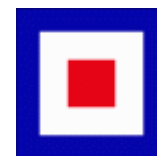
16. SCORING

- 16.1. RRS A6, *Changes in Places and Scores of Other Boats*, will apply.
- 16.2. RSS D4, *Scoring a Series*, will not apply
- 16.3. Ties will be broken using only the results in the series, in order,
- The highest number of race wins in all races between the tied teams;
 - The lowest total points scored in all races between the tied teams;
 - If two teams remain tied, the winner of the last race between them;
 - The lowest average points scored in all races against common opponents;
 - The lowest average points scored in all races against all opponents;
 - A sail-off if possible, otherwise a game of chance.
- If a tie is partially broken by one of these, the remaining tie shall be broken by starting again at SI 16.3a.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1. All boats intending to race shall complete the sign on prior to going afloat for any races.
- 17.2. On returning to shore, all boats shall complete the sign off sheet.
- 17.3. A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she has finished the last race of the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4. Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a), Redress.

- 17.5. When Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee vessel all support vessels are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors and monitor the race committee VHF radio channel for search and rescue instructions.



- 17.6. RRSs 27.1, *Other Race Committee Actions Before the Starting Signal*, and 40, *Personal Flotation Devices*, are changed to require that personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment have been checked by the Regatta Measurer.
- 18.3. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Regatta Measurer after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2. The following scoring penalties may be imposed without a hearing:
- a) Minor class rule infringement: 1 point;
 - b) Intermediate class rule infringement: 3 points;
 - c) Major class rule infringement: 6 points.

20. OFFICIAL AND ACCREDITED VESSELS

- 20.1. Race Committee vessels will have 'On Station' flags.
- 20.2. Umpire vessels will fly a yellow flag with a black "J".
- 20.3. Regatta Measurer will fly a white flag with a black "M".

21. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 21.1. Support and Coach vessels shall remain anchored within the designated waiting area shown on the diagram in Attachment B unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee and/or Umpires for safety purposes.
- 21.2. Each coach is required to carry a working VHF radio and be listening to the advised channel.
- 21.3. The penalty for failing to comply with SI 21.1 may result in the disqualification (from the race/s in which the infringement took place) of the team associated with the infringing boat or other penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

22. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

23. LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVAL RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1. All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from beach/ramp adjacent to the Napier Sailing Club clubrooms except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

26. RISK STATEMENT

- 26.1. 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.

Attachment A Course

