



NOTICE OF RACE

2020 Whakatu Regatta

11th & 12th January 2020

Open to all Sailboard & Centreboard classes

Incorporating the:

Starling South Island Championship

Flying Dutchman South Island Championship

29er South Island Championship

Europe South Island Championship

The Organising Authority is the Nelson Yacht Club Inc.

322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson 7010

All correspondence to: info@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, may 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 Whakatu Regatta is open to sailboards and all classes of centreboard yachts
- 3.2. Boats/competitors wishing to enter the South Island Championship for their class must comply with the relevant class rules.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the contest Entry Form on the Nelson Yacht Club website at <http://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/> and depositing the required Entry Fee as per instructions on the Entry Form. Completed entries and fully paid entry fees must be received before 09:00 on Saturday 11th January 2020.
- 3.4. Early-bird Entries, with completed Entry Form and payment to the Nelson Yacht Club account **received before 09:00 hrs on Tuesday 7th January 2020** shall be eligible for a discounted entry fee as per the Fees schedule below.
- 3.5. To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's and crew member's national authority.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Single-handed classes \$65.00, Double-handed classes \$85.00
- 4.2. **Early-bird Entries - Single-handed classes \$40, Double-handed classes \$60**

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration: Friday 10th January 2020 from 17:00 to 21:00 and on Saturday 11th January 2020 from 08:00 to 09:00 hours at Nelson Yacht Club

5.2. Invitational short course racing on Friday 10th January. These races will not count as part of the series, and are planned as a fun/informal warm-up for the main regatta. More details below.

5.3. Briefing and welcome: Saturday 11th January 2020 09:30 hrs

5.4. Racing schedule - 6 races are scheduled.

- Saturday 11th January 2020 up to 4 races back to back.
- Sunday 12th January 2020 up to 3 races back to back.

5.5. The target time for each race is 40 minutes.

5.6. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 12:00 hrs.

5.7. On Sunday 12th January 2020, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hrs.

6. INVITATIONAL SHORT COURSE RACING ON FRIDAY EVE

6.1. A casual short course race or series of races will be arranged on the evening of Friday 10th January 2020 as a warm up for the main regatta.

6.2. The race/races will be open to all classes, and starts & courses will be decided depending on the number of competitors and types of boats wishing to race.

6.3. **A Briefing will be held at 18:00** - This will detail the courses, starting sequence etc... Unless changed at this briefing, the Whakatu Regatta Sailing Instructions will apply.

7. MEASUREMENTS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the safety or class rules as designated acceptable by the Organising Authority. No measurement certificate is required.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than the 7th January 2020 on the regatta page of the Nelson Yacht Club website: <http://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/event/2020-whakatu-regatta-inc-starling-fd-29er-europe-south-islands/>

No paper copies of the Sailing Instructions will be provided for competitors, except the one posted on the official notice-board for the duration of the regatta.

9. GREEN FLEET

Racing and activities for Rainbow/Green Fleet sailors will be organised inside the harbour.

The Green Fleet will have a briefing each day at which the courses and activities will be explained. Unless altered at this briefing, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

10. VENUE & RACING AREA

The venue is the Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson. The sailing area is on the waters of Tasman Bay, or inside Nelson Haven, should conditions be unsuitable for sailing in Tasman Bay.

<http://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/the-club/location/>

11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be triangular, windward/leeward or trapezoid.

Green Fleet courses may differ and will be advised at the Green Fleet Briefing.

12. SCORING

12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13. LAUNCHING

All competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the Nelson Yacht Club, unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority on the online entry form or at registration.

14.2. Support boats shall be marked with the sail number or club of the sailor (s) being supported

14.3. Support boats shall keep at least 100metres from the race area while boats are racing

14.4. There will be a support boat briefing for all support boat skippers and crew immediately after the main briefing on Saturday 11 January 2020.

15. 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 phones.

16. PRIZES / Certificates

Prizes / Certificates will be awarded as follows:

Where possible the relevant South Island Championship Trophies will be presented to the winners of the Starling, Flying Dutchman, 29er and Europe classes.

Prizes/ Certificates for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class.

A class will consist of 3 or more boats. Less than this number will sail as an "Open Class" and be handicapped using the Weymouth Yardstick.

Any other prizes / certificates or spot prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Yachting New Zealand recommends that every boat be insured with a valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or equivalent. A certificate of insurance should be presented to the Organising Authority at registration at Nelson Yacht Club prior to the commencement of the regatta.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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