

NOTICE OF RACE

2024 Whakatu Regatta

13th & 14th January 2024

Open to all Sailboard & Centreboard classes

Incorporating the:

Optimist South Island Championship

Europe South Island Championship

OK Dinghy South Island Championship

Paper Tiger South Island Championship

A Starling Traveller Series Event



The Organising Authority is the Nelson Yacht Club Inc.

322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson 7010

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NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race 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 Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 hrs on 8th January at <https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/whakatu-regatta-2024/>. No paper copies will be provided to competitors.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard is located at the Lower Lounge at Nelson Yacht Club.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Whakatu Regatta is open to sailboards, wingfoil, and all classes of centreboard yachts
- 4.2. Boats/competitors wishing to enter the South Island Championship for their class must comply with the relevant class rules, and must be a member of the relevant class association, if required by the class.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the contest Entry Form on the Nelson Yacht Club website at <https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/whakatu-regatta-2024/> and depositing the required Entry Fee as per instructions on the Entry Form before 1700hrs on Thursday 4th January 2024.
- 4.4. Late entries, accompanied by the contest entry fee plus the late fee may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until 1030 hrs on Saturday 13th January 2024
- 4.5. To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by their national authority.
- 4.6. Green Fleet sailors are required to be 12 years and under and have not received a podium finish in a major NZIODA regatta such as the Interislander, Nationals etc. However if this is your first season racing an optimist you may be older than 12.
- 4.7. 3 boats are required to constitute a class.
- 4.8. Boats that are not part of a class will race in an Open Class on a handicap basis, with Weymouth yardstick ratings applied.

4.9. This is Event 1 in the Oborn's Nautical South Island Optimist Traveller Series and participants will need to be NZIODA members if they want their result counted in the traveller series. More info: <https://optimist.org.nz/south-island-traveller-series-2023/>

5. FEES

5.1. Open Fleet - Single-handed classes \$50.00, Double-handed classes \$80.00

5.2. Rainbow/Green Fleet - \$30

5.3. LATE ENTRY FEE - \$25 (after 1700 hrs on the 4th January 2024).

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Casual, short course racing may be scheduled on Friday 12th January. These races will not count for the series, and are intended as a fun/informal warm-up for the main regatta. More details below.

6.2. Registration: Saturday 13th January 2024 from 0930 hrs to 1030 hrs at Nelson Yacht Club

6.3. Official boat and Support boat briefing: Saturday 13th January 2024 at 1030 hrs at NYC.

6.4. Competitor Briefing: Saturday 13th January 2024 at 1100 hrs at NYC.

6.5. Number of races:

Class	Total races scheduled	Races per day scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time (minutes)
All classes	6	3	4	30

6.6. The scheduled time for the first warning signal each day is 1300 hrs.

6.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

7. INVITATIONAL SHORT COURSE RACING ON FRIDAY EVE

7.1. A casual short course race or series of races may be arranged on the evening of Friday 12th January 2024 as a warm up for the main regatta.

7.2. 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.

7.3. A briefing will be held at 1800hrs - This will detail the courses, starting sequence etc... Unless changed at this briefing, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. 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.

9. RAINBOW / GREEN / WHITE FLEET

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

9.2. The Rainbow / 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.

9.3. There is no Optimist White Fleet planned. All Optimist sailors no longer in the Green Fleet should register as Open Fleet. If there are significantly more entries than anticipated, a White Fleet may be added in the Sailing Instructions.

10. VENUE & RACING AREA

10.1. The venue is the Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson.

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

10.2. The sailing area is on the waters of Tasman Bay, or inside the Nelson Haven, should conditions be unsuitable for sailing in Tasman Bay.

11. THE COURSES

11.1. The courses to be sailed will be triangular, windward/leeward, a combination of triangular and windward leeward, or trapezoid.

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

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. For the 29er, Zephyr, Waszp, Paper Tiger and any other catamaran classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

13.3. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority on the 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 must be launched at the public launching ramp in the Nelson Marina

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

14.5. Support boat skippers and crew must comply with the [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#)

14.6. There will be a support boat briefing for all support boat skippers and crew at 1030hrs on Saturday 13th January 2024, BEFORE the main competitor briefing.

15. LAUNCHING

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

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

17. INSURANCE

19.1. Yachting New Zealand recommends that each participating boat shall be insured with a valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

18. PRIZES / CERTIFICATES

Prizes / Certificates will be awarded as follows:

Where possible the relevant South Island Championship Trophies will be presented.

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

The Optimist Class will recognise 1st, 2nd, 3rd for both males and females, and 1st overall.

A class will consist of 3 or more boats of the same type.

Less than this number will be grouped into 4 divisions and handicapped using the Weymouth Yardstick:

- Open Div 1 - a fast handicap (FDs, multihulls, 29er etc...)
- Open Div 2 - a medium-fast handicap (Laser, 420, Farr 3.7 etc...)
- Open Div 3 - a medium-slow handicap (Starling, Topaz, Splash, RS Feva etc...)
- Open Div 4 - a slow handicap (Optimist, P Class, O'Pen Skiff etc...)

Any other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Club Manager, Tim Fraser-Harris.

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