

2017 Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series

Notice of Regatta and Sailing Instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY's:

Kohimarama Yacht Club (INC) P.O. Box 25-007, Auckland

Murray's Bay Sailing Club, PO Box 65 076, Mairangi Bay, North Shore City 0630

Wakatere Boating Club, Box 32-288, Devonport, North Shore City 0744

Howick Sailing Club, PO Box 38 099, Howick 2145

Maraetai Sailing Club, P.O. Box 281006, Maraetai Beach, Manukau 2148

Torbay Sailing Club, PO Box 35170, Browns Bay 0753, Auckland

1.0 Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

2.0 Schedule of race days

Date	Location/Club
20 May	Kohimarama
24 June	Wakatere
29 July	Torbay
12 Aug	Howick
26 Aug	Maraetai (LAST AWSS)
16 Sept	Ice Breaker, Murrays Bay

3.0 Number of Races

3.1 Up to four races may be held each race day

4.0 Eligibility and Entry

4.0.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class (Green and Open fleet), P-Class and Starling Class.

4.1 Entry Fees

4.1.1 The entry fee will be \$20.00 per boat per race day. Entry Fees must be paid at the time of registration in cash each day.

4.2 Registration

4.2.1 Only competitors who have paid the entry fee prior to the last race sailed for the day will be eligible for inclusion in that days final results and to participate in the prizes of the Regatta series.

4.2.2 Cancellation of any racing will not entitle the sailor to a refund of any entry fee.

4.2.3 Measurement is not required but each boat is required to meet its class regulations. Checks may be made.

4.2.4. To be eligible to compete in the regatta each competitor must be a financial member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

4.2.5 Daily registration – from 1230 to 1300 at the respective Organising Authority Yacht Club.

5.0 Briefing

5.1 Daily briefings will take place at 1250 hours each race day in the club house of the respective yacht club.

6.0 Racing schedule

6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 is 1325 hours.

6.2 Up to 4 races will be scheduled each day, raced back to back.

6.3 Seven races will constitute a series.

7.0 Racing Area

7.1 The races will be held, according to the Regatta Schedule, off:

- Kohimarama Beach, Waitemata Harbour, Auckland.
- Murrays Bay Beach, Waitemata Harbour, Auckland.
- Narrowneck Beach, Waitemata Harbour, Auckland.
- Howick Beach, Howick
- Maraetai Beach, Maraetai
- Waiake Beach, Torbay

8.0 Courses to be Sailed

8.1 The courses will be trapezoids, triangles, or windward/leeward.

8.2 Courses will be notified at the briefing each day.

9.0 Prizes

9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the:

- First three place getters in each class.
- First Female in each class.

10.0 Team Support and Coach Boats

10.1 Team support boats will be allowed.

Team support boats may not enter the race course.

Team support boats must stay at least 50 metres outside the racecourse area, with the exception of those giving assistance to Optimist Green Fleet sailors who are positioned in the bottom half of their fleet.

10.2 Coach boats will be allowed.

Approved coaches pre registered with the Race Committee may enter the race course.

Team support and coach boats are required to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee when required.

11.0 Sailing Instructions

11.1 Separate Sailing Instructions will not be issued.

12.0 Notices To Competitors

12.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located in the Scheduled Yacht Club and/or on FaceBook page **Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series**.

12.2 The facebook page Auckland Winter Sprint Series may advise cancellations if practical to do so.

13.0 Signals made ashore

13.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Yacht Club main flagpole.

14.0 Number of Races

14.1 A total of twenty (20) races are targeted to be scheduled over race days. The goal is to complete as many sprint style races as practical each day, and to restart fleets as quickly as possible.

14.2 The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the last boat in that Class in the preceding race.

15.0 The Start

15.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

16.0 The Finish

16.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat, at the one end and the finishing mark at the other end. The Committee boat will be flying a blue flag.

17.0 Time limits and target times

17.1 Changes to Racing Rules

The rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:

17.2 Rules 35 and A4.1 are changed to read "Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored, Did Not Finish".

17.3 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first leg of the course will be 15 minutes.

18.0 Scoring

18.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A, as changed below, will apply.

18.2 Appendix A Scoring System

1st 1 point

2nd 2 points

3rd 3 points

4th 4 points

5th 5 points etc

DNS, DNF, OCS, DSQ - points = number of entries in that day's racing plus 1 point
DNC - points = number of entries in that day's racing (excluding Race series entries) plus 5 points

18.3 The MBSC Ice Breaker Regatta Sailing Instructions will supersede 2017 Winter Sprint Series Sailing Instructions.

18.4 The total of a boat's series scores shall be the total of her race scores with one discard drop allowed for each five races sailed in the series.

19.0 Alternative Penalties

19.1 Appendix N may apply.

20.0 Protests and Redress

20.1 Competitors are encouraged to complete penalty turns as set out in the racing rules of sailing.

20.2 Protest forms are available from the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there before the end of the protest time.

20.3 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 61.1 (a), inform the PRO or nominated Deputy at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the PRO or nominated deputy.

This changes RRS Rule 61.

20.4 The protest time limit will end 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time applies to all protests by the Race Committee. Protest time limits will be posted.

20.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes and/or on FaceBook Page Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held at the Yacht club rooms after racing each day or at a later date when a PC is available.

21.0 Protest Committee (PC)

21.1 A PC may be made up of Local and/or National Judges and may be in the race area for the duration of racing.

21.2 An umpire may act as a witness for the PC. The PC may initiate a protest.

21.3 Actions by the PC shall not be grounds for lodging a protest nor be grounds for redress.

21.4 **FaceBook Page Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series** may be used as a Jury Notice Board for decisions.

22.0 Safety Regulations

22.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

22.2 A boat shall not discharge trash in the water.

23.0 Prizes

23.1 A prize giving will be held at the Yacht Club after racing on the last day of the schedule.

24.0 Code of Conduct

- (a) Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- (b) The penalty for breaking this SI is at the discretion of the PC and may include exclusion from further participation in the event or the withdrawal of any prize or prize money.
- (c) Club Rooms and Changing Rooms are to be left clean and tidy. All rubbish to be disposed into provided bins.
- (d) Club Kitchens may be used on a low key basis, as long as they are left in a tidy state. Rubbish must be placed in provided bins and benches wiped clean.
- (e) Where Traffic cones are provided, cross roads with extreme caution observing risks of road traffic.

25.0 Disclaimer

All those taking part in 2017 Auckland Junior Winter Sprint Series do so at their own risk and responsibility. The 2017 Auckland Winter Sprint Series, Kohimarama Yacht Club, Murray's Bay Sailing Club, Howick Sailing Club, Wakatere Boating Club, Maraetai Sailing Club, Torbay Sailing Club, and any sponsor associated with the event has no liability for any injury or any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat or any other person taking part in such events. The Race Committee or ORGANISING AUTHORITY's are not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The ORGANISING AUTHORITY reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.