



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

**Waiake Beach, North Shore, Auckland**

The Organising Authority is the Torbay Sailing Club

[www.blakeregatta.org.nz](http://www.blakeregatta.org.nz)

The Sir Peter Blake Torbay Regatta is a unique celebration of Sir Peter Blake's life, his values and his passion for sailing. The event is always held over the first weekend of December with the blessing of the Sir Peter Blake Trust.

This event is more than just a yachting regatta, it is a festival of sailing and a celebration of the life of a great New Zealander.

It is hoped that all participants, their families, and supporters will have the opportunity to learn about Sir Peter, meet and talk to some of his previous crew members, and learn about New Zealand's wonderful marine environment.

## Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

**1.1** For classes other than the Optimist Green Fleet, the event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply. Any Yachting New Zealand dispensation that may have been given is not valid for this event.

**1.3** Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

**1.4** The Optimist Green Fleet will be governed by the New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association Green Fleet Rules for Racing Version 2010-01 – May 2010

**1.5** O'PEN SKIFF SPECIFIC:

**1.5.1** Racing rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c) will be changed as follows: If the average wind speed is clearly over 8 knots across the course, the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted except on a windward leg.

**1.5.2** In addition to 1.2 above, ALL O'PEN SKIFF sailors are required to wear safety helmets whilst on the water.

**1.6** For iQFOiL, Appendix B will Apply.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**2.1** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at <https://go.blakeregatta.org.nz/Noticeboard>

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

**3.1** The online official notice board is located at <https://go.blakeregatta.org.nz/Noticeboard>

**3.2** [DP] While from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 event is open to all boats of the Optimist, P Class, O'Pen Skiff, Starling, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, RS Feva, 29er, 420 and iQFOiL complying with their class rules, provided 4 or more of any class enters by the closing date set in NOR 4.5 below.

**4.2** Age Limits: For the Optimist, P Class, and O'Pen Skiff, competitors shall comply with their Youth Class Rules. For all other classes, competitors shall be under 19 years at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**4.3** Entries open at 1000 hours on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**4.4** Entry is via <https://go.blakeregatta.org.nz/Enter> and completing an online entry and paying the entry fee via your preferred method of payment as outlined on the website. Note: Completion of online entry and payment must both be made by the closing date to constitute a valid entry, otherwise the entry will be withdrawn.

**4.5** Entries will be accepted until the closing date of 2200 hours on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Due to health and safety procedures **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**4.6** To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club or other organisation affiliated to a national authority.

## 5 FEES

Entry fees are:

Type of Boat	Fee	
Double-handed classes	\$155.00	Per boat
Single-handed classes		
• First single-handed entrant per household	\$125.00	Per boat
• Subsequent single-handed entrants per household	\$95.00	Per boat

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

Time	Activity
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	
1400-2000	On-site Registration
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</b>	
0700-0800	On-site Registration
0830	Safety Boat Briefing
0900	Welcome & Competitor Briefing
1000	Optimist Green Fleet Briefing
1055	Warning Signal - Up to 4 races (back-to-back) Up to 5 races for 29er Up to 6 races for iQFOiL
After Racing	Spot prizes
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b>	
0900	Optimist Green Fleet Briefing

Time	Activity
0955	Warning Signal - Up to 4 races (back-to-back) Up to 5 races for 29er Up to 6 races for iQFOiL
1400	No warning signal will be made after 1400
After Racing	Prize giving

**7.1** A total of 6 races are scheduled, except for 29er where 8 races are scheduled, and for iQFOiL where 10 races are scheduled.

## **8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

**8.1** Measurement is not required, but classes for which measurement certificates are a class rule, may be required to submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate.

**8.2** All boats must comply with their class rules at all times during the event.

**8.3** Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the race committee or protest committee.

## **9 VENUE**

**9.1** The event will be based at Torbay Sailing Club, Waiake Beach, North Shore.

**9.2** Racing will take place on the waters off Waiake Beach, North Shore.

## **10 COURSES**

**10.1** The course(s) will be triangular, trapezoidal, or windward/leeward.

**10.2** There will be three race areas. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will allocate classes to race areas.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** For the 29er, P Class, and O'Pen Skiff classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**11.2** Whistle System: 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.

## **12 SCORING**

**12.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) 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.

### **13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

**13.1** [DP] The movements of support boats will be restricted. Support boats must be registered on the website prior to 2200 hours Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 or complete a manual registration at the Registration Office before 8am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. Only registered support boats will be launched by the event crew.

**13.2** Support boats may be left on the water over night weather dependant. This will be confirmed at briefing.

**13.3** [DP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

### **14 LAUNCHING**

**14.1** [NP][DP] All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from Waiake Beach except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority as permitted by NOR 14.2.

**14.2** [NP] The granting of permission is at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Where permission is granted, the competitor must abide by the agreed with respect to safety Check Out/Check In procedures.

### **15 RISK STATEMENT**

**15.1** 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.**

### **16 INSURANCE**

**16.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 17 PRIZES

**17.1** The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on Sunday at the Marquee on Waiake Beach.

**17.2** Spot prizes will be drawn and awarded to competitors attending the prize giving and also to competitors present at the marquee at the end of “protest time” on Saturday afternoon.

## 18 FURTHER INFORMATION

**18.1** For further information please contact:

Angus Wright  
Email [info@blakeregatta.org.nz](mailto:info@blakeregatta.org.nz)  
Website [www.blakeregatta.org.nz](http://www.blakeregatta.org.nz)  
Post Torbay Sailing Club, PO Box 35170, Browns Bay, Auckland 0753

## Other Event Information

### 1. OVERNIGHT SECURITY

- 1.1. There will be overnight security at the boat park area of Waiake Beach and Aickin Reserve on Friday and Saturday nights.

### 2. LUNCH ORDERS

- 2.1. Lunch orders may be made via <https://go.blakeregatta.org.nz/Lunches> and completing the online order, either while registering or afterwards by logging into your account. Lunches will be available for pick up each morning from the café in the main tent. Competitors are responsible for collection and transport to course. There will be no on water lunch boat.

### 3. PARKING INFORMATION

- 3.1. Please note that parking is at a premium – PLEASE BE EARLY to avoid delays. The council imposes significant rules and restrictions around the Regatta. Please ensure that instructions and notices are adhered to.
- 3.2. Two car parks are available. The Aickin Reserve parking behind the club will ONLY be available for trailers. Access via the Beach Road side as a one-way traffic system will apply.
- 3.3. A second car park for cars only is up the hill at Torbay Primary School on Deep Creek Rd. This will require a 5-minute walk down the hill to Torbay Sailing Club and the beach.
- 3.4. The Toyota Shuttle service will operate both before and after sailing to transport sailors to and from Torbay Primary School.
- 3.5. A drop zone will be available for gear at the Aickin Reserve behind the club. This will be clearly sign posted. Please follow the directions provided upon arrival to the venue.
- 3.6. A map will be posted at <https://go.blakeregatta.org.nz/Map> closer to event.