SIR PETER BLAKE 26 TORBAY REGATTA

Saturday 5th to Sunday 6th December 2026

**Waiake Beach, North Shore, Auckland**

The Organising Authority is the Torbay Sailing Club

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 Organising Authority recommends all sailors wear a safety helmet at all times while afloat. O'Pen Skiff sailors see also 1.5.2.

**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.

## 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 Green, Optimist White, Optimist Open, P Class, O'Pen Skiff (Silver), O'Pen Skiff (Gold), Starling Development, Starling, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, RS Feva, 29er, 420, iQFOiL, Waszp, and Wingfoil classes 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 31st December 2026.

**4.3** Entries open at 1000 hours on Thursday 1st October 2026.

**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 1st December 2026. 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 | $220.00 | Per boat |
| Single-handed classes | | |
| • First single-handed entrant per household | $160.00 | Per boat |
| • Subsequent single-handed entrants per household | $130.00 | 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 |
|---|---|
| **Friday 4th December 2026** | |
| 1400-2000 | On-site Registration |
| **Saturday 5th December 2026** | |
| 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)<br>Up to 6 races for iQFOiL, Waszp, and Wingfoil |
| After Racing | Spot prizes |
| **Sunday 6th December 2026** | |
| 0900 | Optimist Green Fleet Briefing |

| Time | Activity |
|---|---|
| 0955 | Warning Signal - Up to 4 races (back-to-back)<br>Up to 6 races for iQFOiL, Waszp, and Wingfoil |
| 1400 | No warning signal will be made after 1400 |
| After Racing | Prize giving |

**7.1** A total of 7 races are scheduled, except for iQFOiL, Waszp, and Wingfoil 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 four 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.

## 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 2nd December 2026 or complete a manual registration at the Registration Office before 0800 hours on Saturday 5th December 2026. Only registered support boats may 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:


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# 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. PARKING INFORMATION

2.1. 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.

2.2. 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.

2.3. 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.

2.4. The Toyota Shuttle service will operate both before and after sailing to transport sailors to and from Torbay Primary School.

2.5. 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.

2.6. A map will be posted at https://go.blakeregatta.org.nz/Map closer to event.