

2021 New Zealand O'pen Skiff North Island Championships & Development Fleet Regatta

6th – 7th November 2021

The Organising Authority is the Rotorua Yacht Club (RYC)
Rotorua Watersports Trust Building, 1 Mataiwhea Street, Rotorua

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. This includes the [Class Rules of the OBCA](#).
- 1.2 Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions 2021-2024 shall apply.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply. In addition, all competitors shall wear safety helmets whilst on the water.
- 1.4 The "O'pen Skiff Class on the Water Umpiring Rules" (as approved by World Sailing), allowing umpiring on the water for races may apply. The Sailing Instructions will state if they apply.
- 1.5 If the Race Committee believe that the average wind speed is clearly over 8 knots across the course, they may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted except on a windward leg. This changes rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c).
- 1.6 The 4.5m² sail will be used in the Gold and Silver Fleets.
- 1.7 Competitors in Silver Fleet that are obviously struggling may receive coaching assistance from the official coach boat(s) and any such communication shall not be considered outside help. This changes rule 41.
- 1.8 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.9 The Sailing Instructions may change further racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The regatta is open to all boats of the O'pen Skiff class.
- 3.2** Each competitor shall be:
- (a) a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's National authority; and
 - (b) a member of the New Zealand O'pen Skiff Association.
- 3.3** The divisions are as follows:
- Gold Fleet
 - Silver Fleet
 - Development Fleet
- 3.4** Eligible competitors may enter online [HERE](#). Credit/Debit Card payment is required.
- 3.4** The closing date for entries is **Friday 29 October 2021, at 1700 hours**. Late entries may be accepted by the Organising Authority up to 12noon on Thursday 4 November 2021.
- 3.5** Charter boats may be available via the NZOBA. To register your interest in a Charter boat please email the NZOBA [here](#).
- 3.6** Non-charter boats must use their designated O'pen Skiff Sail Number at the time of online registration.

4 FEES

- 4.1** The entry fees are as follows, and must be paid online at the time of Entry:
- a) Gold and Silver Fleet: \$75.00 per boat
 - b) Subsequent siblings: \$50.00 per boat
 - c) Development Fleet: \$50.00 per boat
- 4.2** The late entry fee is an additional \$50.00 per boat.
- 4.3** The Charter fee shall be \$150.00 per boat, if boats are available.
- 4.4** Competitors are also liable for any online transaction fees imposed by the Class Association.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 On-Site Registration & Charter Boat Allocation and Collection Friday 5 and Saturday 6 November 2021.
- 5.2 Schedule & Dates of Racing:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 5 November	1200 – 1500	Charter Boat Allocation (if applicable)
	1200 – 1500	Registration & Equipment Inspection
	1430 – 1630	Coaching Clinic – TBC
Saturday 6 November	0930	Welcome & Briefing
	1040	First Warning Signal – Points Racing - up to 5 races)
	TBC	Joint Fleet Fun Racing Event
Sunday 7 November	0900	Daily Briefing
	1000	First Warning Signal – Points Racing - up to 4 races
	ASAP after racing	Prize Giving

- 5.3 The programme of events for the Development Division will be advised each day at the morning briefing. Please refer to Attachment 3.
- 5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.
- 5.5 Use Time Limit Expired (TLE) finishing system as noted in Sailing Instruction 13.3.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times while racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the RYC website after 0900hrs on Monday 1 November 2021. Printed copies will NOT be available

8 VENUE

- 8.1 **Attachment 1** shows the location of the regatta venue.
- 8.2 **Attachment 2** shows the location of the racing areas.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

- 9.1** For the Gold and Silver Fleets a variety of courses will be used including Windward/Leeward, Triangular, Reaching, or special courses.
- 9.2** For the Development Fleet, the daily briefing will detail the types of events scheduled.
- 9.3** Special Courses will be used for Joint Fleet Events.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2** Umpires may impose one or more penalties for an incident as described in Addendum Q.

11 SCORING

- 11.1** Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Gold and Silver Fleets.
- 11.2**
 - a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1** [DP] Support person vessels shall register with the Organising Authority.
- 12.2** [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.
- 12.3** Support boats shall be deemed to be "Event Support Boats" and shall have an operative VHF radio and follow all instructions of the Race Officer.
- 12.4** All support boats will comply with local safety regulations and bylaws.

13 LAUNCHING & RETRIEVAL RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1** Competitors shall launch and retrieve vessels from the Rotorua Yacht Club ramp or the adjacent public boat ramp during the regatta.
- 13.2** [DP] Competitors shall keep clear of the marked channel to the east of Rotorua Yacht Club.
- 13.3** Support vessels shall keep clear of float planes, helicopters and tourism boats between the shore and the buoyed race area.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Sportsmanship Award:

Awarded in recognition of qualities such as Sportsmanship, Perseverance, Assistance to Others, Positive Attitude.

Gold Fleet:	1 st Place:	NZ O'pen Skiff North Island Champion
	1 st Female:	NZ O'pen Skiff Female North Island Champion

Medals and Trophies will also be awarded to the following divisions:

Gold Fleet 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall; and

1st, 2nd and 3rd female

Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Development Fleet: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th

14.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof. Such photography may be from a drone.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 RISK STATEMENT

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.

18 SUSTAINABILITY

This Event is committed to implementing and encouraging environmentally responsible actions and initiatives from management to participants.

Our collective mission is to:

- Implement and encourage environmentally responsible actions and initiatives from management to participants.
- Follow, adopt, and promote local recycling guidelines.
- Strive to reduce waste of all types, adopt a sustainable procurement code, choose environmentally friendly products, upcycle, and repurpose where possible.
- Progressively reduce our environmental footprint via practical and meaningful steps.

Sailors and Supporters are encouraged and kindly asked to take and promote the following positive steps:

1. Reuse, reduce and recycle wherever possible.
2. Eliminate single-use plastics completely (like water bottles, packaging, and bags).
3. Conserve water as much as possible.
4. Use cleaning products that are biodegradable and sustainably formulated to reduce stress and impact on the marine environment.
5. Reduce the amount of fuel by maintaining and driving RIBS and support craft to maximum efficiency.
6. Communicate responsibly – use digital messaging and avoid printing.
7. Promote the message of sustainability through your channels.
8. Speak up if you see someone breaking these commitments.

19 EVENT CANCELLATION

In the event of cancellation due to any causes outside of the Organising Authority control all efforts will be made to reimburse entry fees less any event associated cost already incurred and not recoverable.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

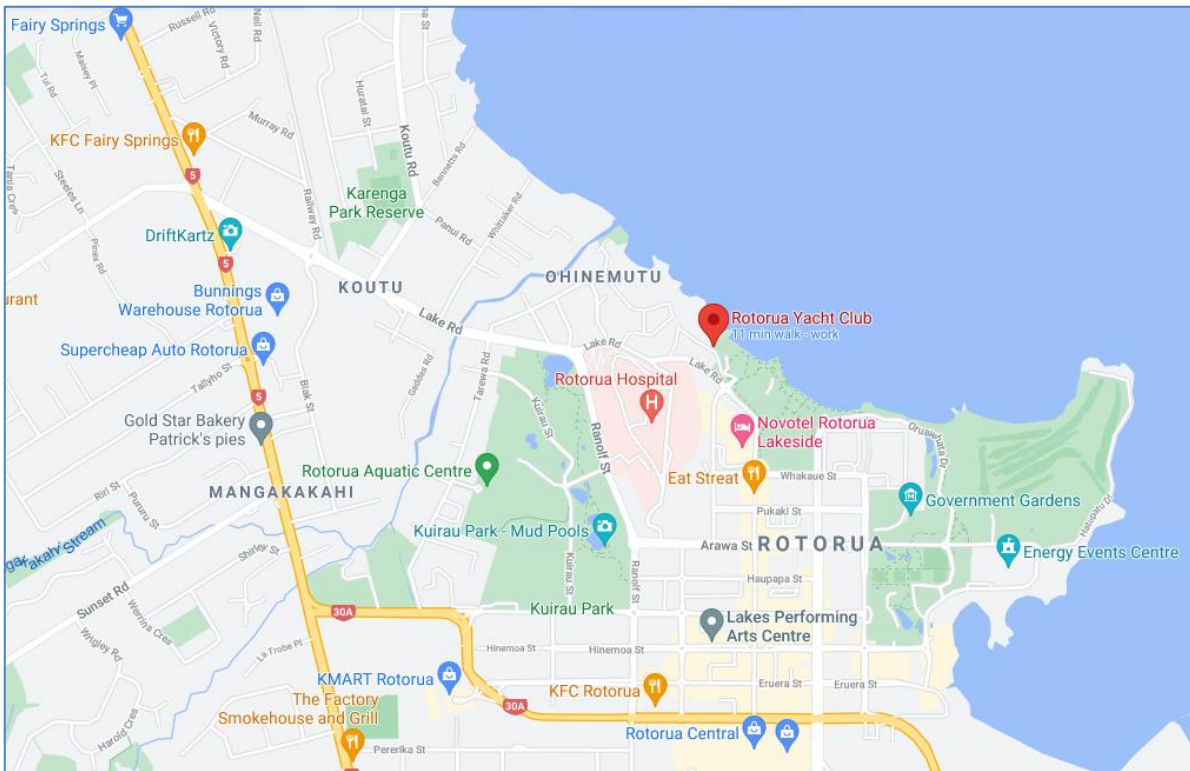
For further information please contact:

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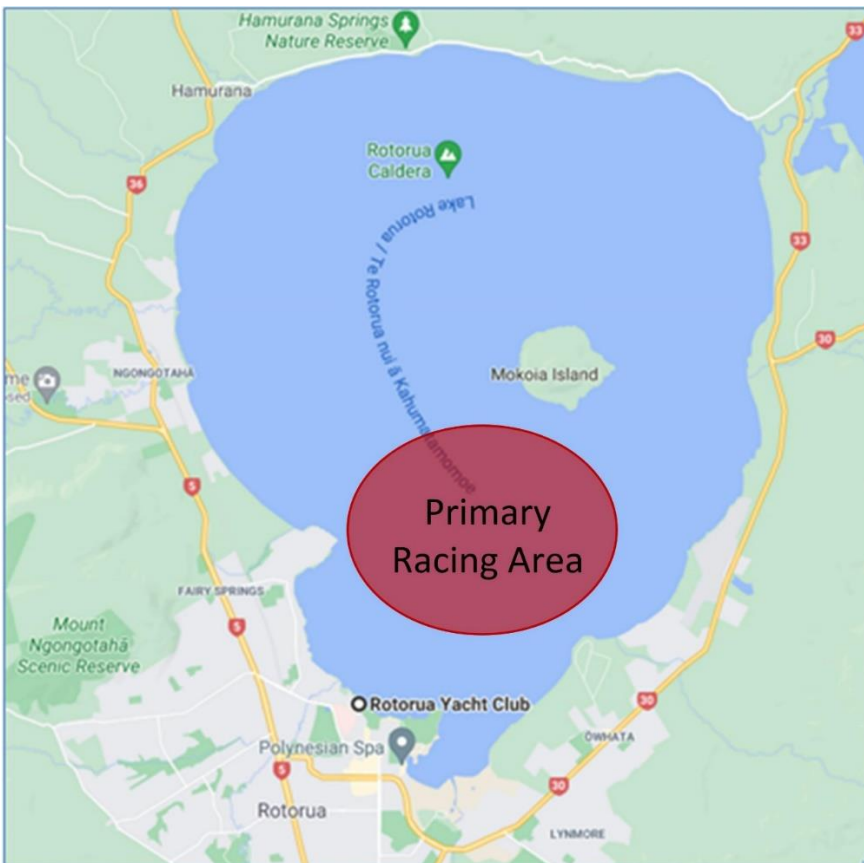
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ATTACHMENT 1 – REGATTA VENUE



ATTACHMENT 2 – RACING AREA



Development Fleet Guidelines

For the Development Division, the emphasis is on fun and to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at O'pen Skiff events without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive fleets.

- Sailing will be a mixture of adventure sailing, racing, freestyle and any other form of sailing that the organisers deem fit.
- Sailors will benefit from a high level of coaching throughout the event.
- Sailors entering the Development Division should be of a beginning level of sailing.
- Development Division racing is intended to be run dependent on weather forecasts and prevailing winds. Should the conditions be such that racing is an option, this will be conducted on a separate course.
- The Development Division will consist of a variety of activities, led by appropriately qualified activity leader/coach. These activities may include shore and on-water based skills, coaching and on-water games.