



2023 NEW ZEALAND O'PEN SKIFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 10-12 February 2023



***Bay of Islands
Yacht Club Inc.***

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:
Bay Of Islands Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions 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 event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. This includes the Class Rules of the IOSCA.
- 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 water sports 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 12 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 4.5 sqm sail will be used in the Gold and Silver Fleets.
- 1.7 Competitors in the Development Fleets that are obviously struggling near the back of the fleet may receive coaching assistance from the official coach vessel(s) and any such communication shall not be considered outside help. This changes rule 41.

1.8 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. [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;

(b) a member of the New Zealand O'pen Skiff Association.

3.3 The divisions are as follows:

o Gold Fleet

o Silver Fleet

o Development Fleet

3.4 Eligible competitors may enter online at

<https://openskiff.org.nz/whats-on/>

Credit/Debit Card payment is required.

3.5 The closing date for entries is 1700hrs on Friday 3rd February 2023. Late entries may be accepted by the Organising Authority up to 12noon on Wednesday 8th February 2023

3.6 A limited number of charter boats will be available. Please contact secretary@openskiff.org.nz for more information and pricing.

3.7 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: \$140.00 per boat

b) Subsequent siblings: \$110.00 per boat

c) Development Fleet: \$100.00 per boat

The late entry fee is an additional \$50.00 per boat.

4.2 The Charter fee is available upon request, please contact secretary@openskiff.org.nz

4.3 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 Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February 2023.

5.2 Schedule & Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 9th February	0900 – 1200	Charter Boat Allocation
	1200 – 1500	Registration / Equipment Inspection
	1300 – 1630	Safety Boat on Water for Training / Coaching
Friday 10th February	0800 - 1000	Charter Boat Allocation
		Registration / Equipment Inspection
	1000	Welcome & Briefing
	1125	First Warning Signal (4 races scheduled)
Saturday 11th February	0930	Daily Briefing
	1055	First Warning Signal (3 races scheduled)
	TBC	Joint Fleet Fun Event
Sunday 12th February	0930	Daily Briefing
	1055	First Warning Signal (3 races scheduled)
	O/C 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 1500hours

6 MEASUREMENT

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

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the BOIYC website no later than 1200 on Monday 6th February. Printed copies will NOT be available

8 VENUE

All boats must keep clear of Ferry lanes between Te Point, Tapeka Point and Veronica Channel. Details about locations will be provided at the Friday Briefing.

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, Trapezoid 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 Five (5) 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 VESSELS

- 12.1 Support vessels shall be deemed to be "Event Support Vessels" and shall have an operative VHF radio and follow all instructions of the Race Officer. In addition, all support vessels will comply with local safety regulations and bylaws.
- 12.2 **All support vessels must familiarize themselves with the local bylaws. In particular the new Te Pewhairangi Marine Mammal Sanctuary regulations. See link below. Te Pēwhairangi (Bay of Islands) Marine Mammal Sanctuary**

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/northland/places/bay-of-islands-mms/?tab-id=Boating>

- 12.3 [DP] [While racing][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.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

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

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

Gold Fleet

1st Place Overall: NZ O'pen Skiff National Champion

1st Female: NZ O'pen Skiff Female National Champion

Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U12 (as at 1st day or regatta): 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U15 (as at 1st day of regatta): 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U17 (as at 1st day or regatta): 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Female: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U12 (as at 1st day or regatta): 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U15 (as at 1st day of regatta): 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U17 (as at 1st day or regatta): 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Development Fleet

Prizes may be awarded for 'encouragement' and 'taking part' as well as placing for positions.

13.2 Participation Medals will be awarded to all sailors

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

14 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. Certificate of insurance is to be submitted with entry presented at registration.

15 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.**

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

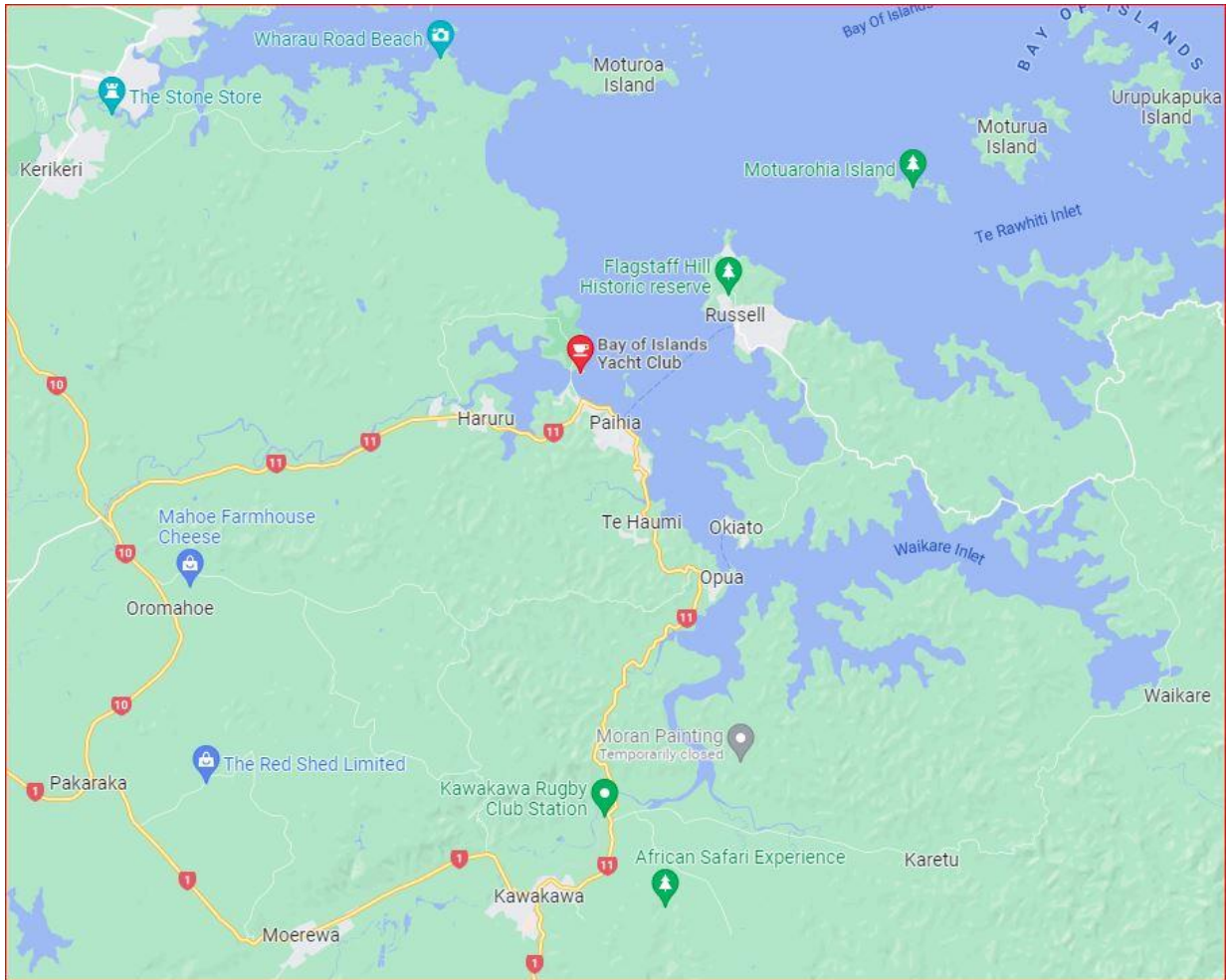
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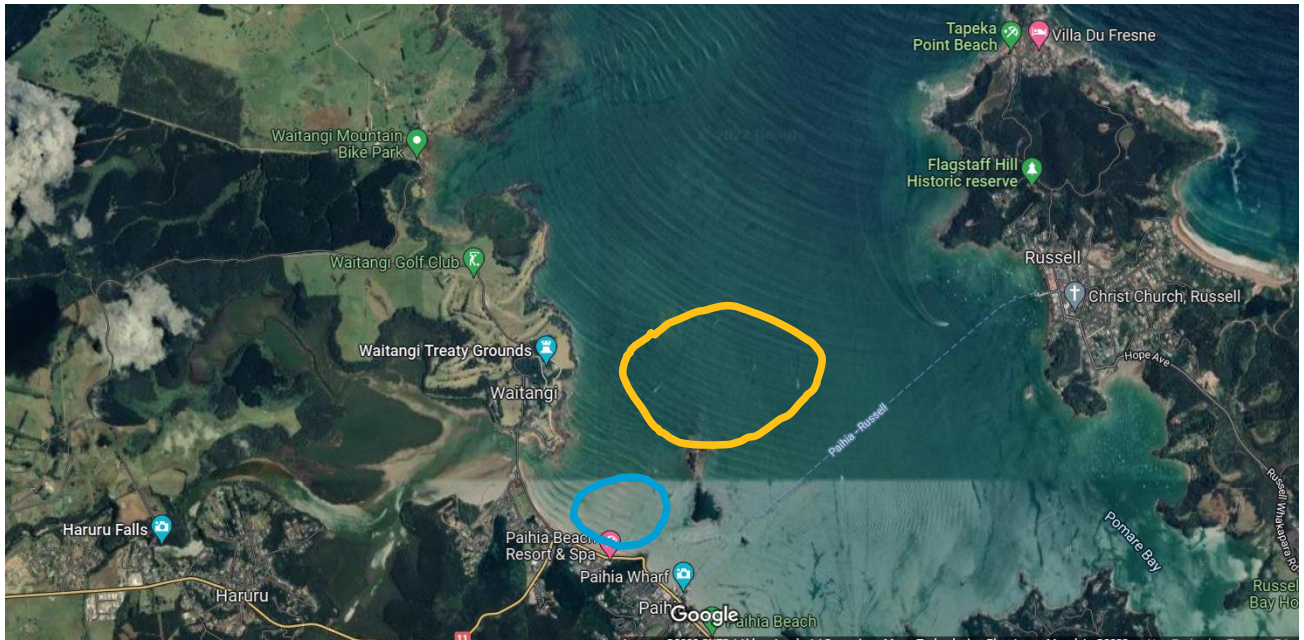
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Attachment 1 Bay Of Islands Yacht Club– Location:



Attachment 2 Racing Areas



Gold	Gold & Silver Fleet Primary Racing Area
Blue	Development Fleet Primary Racing Area

Attachment 3 Development Fleet

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.