



2023 O'Pen Skiff North Island Champs
3, 4 & 5 November 2023

The Organising Authority is the Plimmerton Boating Club Inc.
66 Moana Road | Plimmerton

NOTICE OF RACE

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the 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 regatta 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 Umpired Fleet Racing Appendix UF as approved by WS and adopted by the Class may apply under RRS 86.2. 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). [SEP]

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; and
 - (b) a member of the New Zealand O’pen Skiff Association.
- 3.3** The event is open to all competitors under the age of 19 on the first date of the event. Boys and Girls compete in the same Divisions.
- 3.4** Eligible competitors may enter online at www.openskiff.org.nz/whats-on.
- 3.5** **The closing date for entries is 1 November 2023**
Late entries may be accepted by the Organising Authority by contacting the Regatta organiser directly: sailing@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz
- 3.6** All boats must use their designated O’pen Skiff Sail Number at the time of online registration.

4 FEES

- 4.1** Gold / Silver Fleet \$75.00
Development Fleet: \$50.00
Additional Siblings: \$50.00 per sailor

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Dates and timings:

Date	Time	Event
Day 1: Fri 3 Nov	1300	Arrival
	1530-1730	Pre-regatta coaching clinic (Gold/Silver & Development)
	1730	Welcome Drinks in Karehana bar and Restaurant
		Dinner available from the kitchen
Day 2: Sat 4 Nov	0800 - 1000	Registration – Coffee and Food available
	1000	Welcome, Introductions & Briefing
	1100 - 1230	On Water Session 1 (Points Racing)
	1230 – 1330	Lunch ashore time dependent
	1330 – 1500	On Water Session 2 (Points Racing & fun racing)
	1700	Dinner: Build a Burger in the Slipway Bar
		Table tennis Tournament or 3 Pointer Comp
Day 3: Sun 5 Nov	1000	Briefing
	1030 - 1500	On Water Session 3 (Points Racing)
		Prizegiving held as soon as possible after racing

- 5.2** The number of races for all divisions will be at the discretion of the Race Committee after consultation with the Class Representative and advised at the morning briefing. Depending on the number of entries the divisions may race as one fleet.
- 5.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be advised at the morning briefing.

- 5.4** Saturday dinner Build a burger with salads. Please send bookings via email to: sailing@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz by Wednesday **1 November**.
Payment can be made on the day.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1** A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times while racing.
- 6.2** Equipment inspection: Spot Checks by Class Measurers may take place at any time during the regatta

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1** The sailing instructions will be available by the 30 October 2023 at:
www.openskiff.org/whats-on

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The courses to be sailed will be as follows:
- a. For the Points Races a variety of courses may be used including Windward/Leeward, Triangular, Reaching, long race and a combination of these.
 - b. Special Courses will be used for non-points Races.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all Penalties except any Penalty signaled by an umpire, which shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** THREE (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2**
- a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.3** Any Long Race shall be scored as half points.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall:

- a) be deemed to be "Event Support Boats".
- b) have an operative VHF radio. Ch17
- c) follow all instructions of the Race Officer.
- d) have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event.
- e) Kill cords shall be worn at all times
- f) adhere to all local bylaws

12 PRIZES

Prizes may be given as follows:

Special Awards: Gold, Silver and Development
(In recognition of qualities such as sportsmanship, perseverance, assistance to others, positive attitude, improvement)

Gold Fleet: Overall: 1st, 2nd and 3rd +1st Girl

Silver Fleet (if sailed): 1st, 2nd and 3rd +1st Girl

Development Fleet (if sailed): 1st, 2nd and 3rd + 1st Girl

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Class Assn or Organising Authority.

13 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.

14 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.**

15 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.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact: Todd Olson sailing@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz
Event Website Page: <https://www.plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz/club-updates/open-skiff-north-island-champs-2023>
Facebook: @plimmertonsailingacademy

17 EVENT LOCATION

