



# General Sailing Instructions for Keelers, Multihulls & Trailer Yachts.

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## **1 RACING RULES**

1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the current edition of 'Yachting NZ Racing Rules of Sailing and Safety Regulations of Sailing, these instructions and the AC Harbour Regulations. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea override the Racing Rules of Sailing at all times when non racing vessels are involved.

1.2 All boats must comply with YNZ Safety Regulations Parts I, II, or V as required for their type.

1.3 Keel boats and multi-hulls must comply with Part II, Category 4 (Type of VHF optional).

1.3 Trailer yachts, Part V, Category A. (12.1b at Skipper's discretion. Cat. 4 flares option).

1.4 Skippers should be aware that in the event of a spot check, failure to meet safety requirements may result in disqualification or other penalty and in the event of a serious incident may result in prosecution by Maritime NZ.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the club website and/or may be given on VHF 17.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULES**

3.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will usually be signalled by newsletter or email. Short notice changes to Schedules will be posted on the club website and entered boats will be notified by telephone and or email.

3.2 Boats should listen on VHF 17 for race instructions. Base radio call sign is Waiheke Race Control.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals when made ashore will be displayed at Kennedy Point Wharf.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Refer Sailing Program on Website or in Handbook.

## 6 DIVISIONS AND FLAGS

6.1 All boats are raced in one division unless advised by the Race Officer.

6.2 Where there are fewer than three entries in a division the Race Officer may combine the division with another.

## 7 THE COURSES

7.1 The Maps in the printed handbook show the location of the racing courses and the descriptions indicate the order in which the marks are to be taken and the side of the boat on which each mark is to be passed.

## 8 MARKS

8.1 The starting and finishing marks will be between the flag at Kennedy Point wharf and a buoy east of the wharf. Any other starting or finishing marks will be described in special sailing instructions or notified on VHF 17.

8.2 Temporary Marks A & B are inflatable orange cones in position approx. on the transits shown in the Handbook and Website.

Marks C, D, and E are moored barrels in position;

C @ S36° 48'.5 E175° 02'.2 (orange)

D @ S36° 47'.7 E175° 00'.8 (black)

E @ S36° 49'.6 E175° 03'.7 (black)

***Mark your chart. These are a guide & not to be used for waypoints or navigation.***

8.3 Zone Radius will be 3 boat lengths.

8.4 Competitors are reminded of their obligations covered by relevant Maritime and Harbour bylaws, including and not limited to those around prohibiting sailing in moorings fields.

## 9 ENTRIES

9.1 All boats must complete an entry form for each race. A boat that enters a series must advise the Race Officer of their intention to race on each race day as per 9.3 and 9.5 by acknowledged VHF transmission on race day. The entry with racing fee for the race to be deposited in the club account by 18:00 the day before the race.

9.2 Late entries for single races (except specials) may be accepted by the Race Officer personally, but not without the form and fee.

9.3 Owners having season or series entries must notify the CRO by 1800 by telephone the day before the race to confirm their intention to start. (See 10.1).

9.4 All keel boats, T/yachts and multihulls must be registered with YNZ in the name of the current owner (Rule 76.1) and the owner or skipper must be a member of a club affiliated to YNZ.

9.5 All competitors to use VHF 17 to confirm entry on race day prior to the warning signal (this will also serve as a radio test).

## **10 THE START**

10.1 Three confirmed entries are required to start a race.

10.2 The order of division starts will be advised by the Race Officer (RO) if divisions are created.

10.3 Races will be started according to Rule 26 except the 1-minute sound will be the same as the 5, 4 and Start sound and may be a VHF communication only.

10.4 When more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more divisions) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 Finishing marks as described in these instructions (8)

11.2 All boats must contact the Race RO if they retire or do not cross the finish line within the time limits. (See 13.2 and 13.3)

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 RRS 44.1 & 44.2 shall apply with a two-turn penalty (720).

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

13.1 Saturdays, Sundays 17.00, Wednesday Night Races 20.30

13.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit all boats that finish shall be scored. (See Rule 35).

13.3 After the time limit expires skippers may take their own finishing times and advise the CRO or handicapper immediately by phone.

13.4 Individual Race Sailing Instructions may have variations to this and other clauses.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 All Keel boats shall use the red flag (this changes Rule 60).

14.2.1 Protest forms available from the clubhouse or copy from RO.

14.2.2 The RO must be advised at the earliest opportunity that a protest is intended.

14.2.3 For each division the completed Protest Form shall be delivered to the Race Officer in person or by email within 24 hours of the start time of the race.

14.3 All parties to the Hearing shall be notified of the time and place of the Hearing by telephone.

14.4 The Protest Committee is the Sailing Committee (unless "interested parties") and any club member co-opted by the Sailing Committee.

14.5 See Racing Rules Part 5.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 The Low Point system will apply

15.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3 When 5 to 7 races are held in a series an entrant may drop their worst score, when 8 to 11 races are held, drop 2, and when 12 or more races are held, drop 3.

15.4 An entrant that scores a DNF will receive a score of the number of entrants in the starting area for that race plus 1.

15.5 An entrant that scores a DNC or DNE will receive a score of the number of starters on that race day plus 2.

15.6 Only paid up season or series entrants are eligible for series prizes.

## **16 SAFETY AND CONTROL**

16.1 Each race will have a Race "Club Race Officer", (CRO) whose is available by cell phone. The CRO is an experienced sailor selected by the Sailing Committee.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the CRO as soon as possible on VHF17, phone or in person.

16.3 The CRO has the right to cancel a race by phone at any time before the race or abandon or shorten a race by sound, visual signal and VHF 17.

16.4 The CRO ensures that all boats are accounted for after a race.

16.5 Boats to monitor VHF 17 while racing. Where possible, dual watch 16.

16.6 Yacht to ferry VHF 8. Emergency VHF 16.

## **17 HANDICAPS**

Handicaps will be calculated by and adjusted using the Sailing World International Empirical Handicap System after each race.

## **18 FLAG SIGNALS**

These may be used in addition to VHF signals, eg;

Abandonment; Flag N displayed (Blue chequered) + 3 sound signals

Postponement; Flag AP displayed ( Red vertical stripes) + 2 sound signals

Individual Recall; Flag X displayed ( Blue cross ) + 1 sound signal

General Recall; Flag First Substitute displayed (Yellow on Blue) + 2 s

## **19 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the racing. (See YNZ Safety Regulations Part II.2. Skippers Responsibility).

## **20 INSURANCE**

It is strongly recommended that each participating boat is insured.

## **21. COVID-19 POLICY**

It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure they are managing their crew in a safe manner and complying with any relevant directive from the authorities or the club. The organising authority and associated club/s are not liable for checking COVID-19 vaccination status of crews.

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