

Sailing Instructions (as at 1st September 2015)

The Organizing Authority is WANGANUI SAILING CLUB inc.

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations are deemed to be part of the Sailing Instructions
- 1.3 In an event, race or series of races that Class Ratings or Handicaps are applied to determine final results the onus is on participants to ensure that the boat they have entered complies with Class rules for that type of boat.

2.0 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse.

3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 55 minutes prior to the warning signal of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the scheduled Club day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Studholm Cup. This Cup is raced for by the whole fleet. Races sailed on Saturday(s) are on boat ratings and Sundays on club handicaps and the results aggregated.

4.0 Life Jackets

- 4.1 All crew members shall wear life-jackets or other personal buoyancy. Wetsuits & dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40.

5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as per the published race programme.

6.0 Class Flags

- 6.1 Will be the number pennant corresponding to the order of start for each day.

7.0 Signing On and Off when finished

- 7.1 All skippers must sign on prior to the start of the first race each day. The sign on sheets will be placed in the clubhouse near the course board.
- 7.2 All Skippers must sign off when finished racing. Skippers not intending to start the second race of the day, or skippers who retire from a race shall notify the race committee in the start box and sign off. The sign off board will be located near the showers on the ground floor of the Clubhouse.

8.0 Racing Area

- 8.1 All courses will be sailed on lower reaches of the Wanganui River or as otherwise advertised in the published race programme.

9.0 The Courses

- 9.1 The courses will be illustrated at least 30 minutes before each race on the course board. Races to be sailed 'Back to Back' will be indicated on the course board.

10.0 Marks

- 10.1 All course marks will be orange buoys.
The Start mark will be a yellow buoy for club house start and may be orange for a boat start
The Finish mark will be a yellow buoy for club and may be orange for a boat finish
The Distance mark will be a yellow buoy

11.0 Clubhouse starting procedure

11.1 The Start shall be as follows:

1 minute Warning; one blast of horn, three lights displayed in start box window along with class start number. The lights will go off at one minute intervals.

0 minutes – start; one blast of the horn as the last light goes off and the removal of the class number from the window.

The start signal is the four minute warning for the next start sequence which will commence in one minute with one blast of the horn and the illumination of three lights and display of the class number for the next start. The lights will go off at one minute intervals with the start of that class indicated with one blast of the horn as the last light goes off and the class number is removed from the window.

This changes rule 26.

11.2 Classes shall start in the order displayed with the course:

Numbered boards indicating the start order shall be used in instruction 11.1 and shall be displayed in the start box window. This changes Instruction 6, for the duration of the start sequence.

11.3 The starting line will be between the painted line on the clubrooms under the starting box and the outer starting mark.

11.4 All boats must start between the outer starting mark and the inner distance mark.

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

11.6 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start', this changes rule A4.

11.7 When starting is done from a committee boat, rule 26 of the racing rules applies, the finish is still done at club finish line as per instructions N013

12.0 Committee Boat Starting procedure

12.1 Boat Starts will be in accordance with YNZ rule 26

13.0 Shortened Course for club house start/finish

13.1 The flying of code flag 'S' on or near a rounding mark, means the race has been shortened. Boats shall round this mark and proceed directly to the finish line. (Boats shall sail through the finish line from the direction of this mark) This changes race signal S.

13.2 The flying of a class flag(s) with code flag 'S' means instruction 12.1 only applies to that/those class(es)

13.3 Shortened Course for Boat Starting/Finish

This will be in accordance with YNZ rule 32

14.0 Clubhouse Finishing procedure

14.1 The finishing line will be between the line painted on the club rooms under the starting box and the outer finishing mark.

14.2 All boats must finish between the outer finish mark, and the inner distance mark.

14.3 Yachts must not re-cross the finishing line in the direction of the course after finishing and clearing the finish line.

15.0 Committee Boat Finishing procedure

15.1 The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and the outer finishing mark.

15.2 All boats must finish between the Committee Boat and the outer finish mark.

15.3 Yachts must not re-cross the finishing line in the direction of the course after finishing and clearing the finish line.

16.0 Time Limits

16.1 Boats still racing but failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in her class may be given a finishing position based on their place at the last mark they rounded, their score will

be greater than any boat who rounded further marks or who finished .OR the boat may be scored "Did Not Finish" This changes rules 35 and A4.

15.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes. The protest time shall start at the end of the days racing, and shall be signalled by the flying of code flag B from the clubhouse. The same protest time applies to all protest by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the date and time of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses
- 15.4 The Protest committee may award a time penalty at any protest hearing in place of disqualification.

16.0 Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 16.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7-8 races are sailed one race will be dropped and more than 9 races 2 races dropped.

17.0 Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 Competitors participate in any event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 any event.