

ELLIOTT 7 SPRINT SERIES 2020-21

To be held on the Waitemata Harbour between October 2020 and March 2021

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Helmsman shall be a full financial member of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.
- 1.3 On the water judging may be used for this event. Addendum U will apply and is attached to these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Lifejackets must be worn at all times onboard the Elliott 7's.
- 1.5 A boat shall not discharge trash in the water.

2.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Western Entrance foyer at the RNZYS.

3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1600 on the day it will take effect, or given verbally by the Coach | Training Manager or his assistant.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Main Flagpole at the RNZYS.

5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date

Race day 1:	Thursday 15 October 2020
Race day 2:	Thursday 29 October 2020
Race day 3:	Thursday 12 November 2020
Race day 4:	Thursday 26 November 2020
Race day 5:	Thursday 21 January 2021
Race day 6:	Thursday 04 February 2021
Race day 7:	Thursday 18 February 2021
Race day 8:	Thursday 4 March 2021
Race day 9:	Thursday 18 March 2021

- 5.2 Up to four (4) back to back races are scheduled per race day, or at the discretion of the PRO. A total of 30 races are scheduled.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day is 1755hrs.
- 5.3 The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the last boat in the preceding race.

6.0 Class Flag

The Class flag will be an E 'Echo' Flag.

7.0 Racing Areas

7.1 The racing area will be within the Waitemata Harbour.

7.2 Should conditions not be favourable the Coach | Training Manager, his assistant or Race Officer may choose another area nearby.

8.0 The Courses

8.1 The courses will be Windward Leeward's as per Appendix A course diagram attached.

9.0 Marks

9.1 The starting mark will be a Blue inflatable buoy.

9.2 Marks L1 and L2 will be red inflatable buoys. Marks W and W1 (if laid) will be orange inflatable buoys.

9.3 The new mark as provided in instruction 12.0 will be a green inflatable buoy.

10.0 Fairway Marks

In all races unless otherwise specified for any particular race or races, the following will be deemed to be obstructions and shall be passed on the main channel side only:

1. Beacon on Sewer Outlet (Orakei)
2. Bean Rock Light and Doris Rock Beacon (approx 25 metres north)
3. Cable beacons east of Devonport Wharf
4. Green Sandspit marker stake (SW of Torpedo Wharf)
5. Yachts shall only pass through the main navigation span of the Harbour Bridge when racing.
6. All moored vessels and moorings in or adjacent to the designated Small Craft mooring areas shown on Chart NZ 5322.
7. The Okahu Bay wave break and all vessels and moorings in the Okahu Bay mooring area.
8. PROHIBITED AREAS - The Westhaven mooring area defined by the line representing an extension of the permanent wave breaks.

11.0 The Start

11.1 Races will be started by

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| 4.00 | Down AP |
| 3.00 | Horn Up E |
| 2.00 | Horn Up P |
| 1.00 | Horn Down P |
| 0.00 | Horn Down E START |

11.2 The starting line will be between the windward edge of the Start Mark and the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat.

12.0 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To change the position of the Windward mark, the race committee will place a mark in the new position. The change will be signalled, as per Rule 33, before the leading boat has begun the leg by an Official boat stationed at the leeward end of the course. That boat will display Code Flag "C" and a coloured flag to indicate which mark is to be rounded and make repetitive sound signals although the new mark may not yet be in position. This changes Rule 33. The original mark will be removed as soon as possible.

13.0 The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the Windward edge of the finish mark.

14.0 Penalty System

See Addendum U

15.0 Time Limits and Target Times

n/a

16.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 As per Addendum U

17.0 Scoring

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

Fifteen (15) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from sixteen (16) to twenty-one (21) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst race (i.e. 1 drop). When from twenty-two (22) to twenty-six (26) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) races (2 drops). When from twenty-seven (27) to thirty (30) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three (3) races (3 drops).

18.0 Safety Regulations

Lifejackets shall be worn at all times.

19.0 Replacement of crew or equipment

Shall be as prescribed by the Coach | Training Manager or his assistant.

20.0 Prizes

20.1 Some prizes will be awarded at the end of the series.

21.0 Disclaimer

All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of the boats in the event and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of their equipment or the competence of the skippers or crews whose entries are accepted. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

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APPENDIX A – Windward/Leeward Courses

Course Start rounding Mark W, Mark W1 (if laid), Mark L (gate), Mark W, Mark W1 (if laid) to the finish.

A flag on the bow of the committee boat will determine whether Mark W and Mark W1 are to be rounded to port or starboard. Green for starboard, red for port. The V flag will be flown off the stern of the committee boat if Mark W1 is to be rounded as an offset mark.

Mark W1 (offset-if laid) 

 Mark W

Mark L 

 Mark L



CHANGE OF COURSE

For a change of course a single Green Buoy will be used to replace Mark W.

ADDENDUM U

UMPIRED FLEET RACING RULES

Races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this addendum only if the sailing instructions so state. The aim of this addendum is to have all boat-vs.-boat protests decided at the time of the incident. Competitors need to accept that an umpire may not be in a position to judge every incident.

Q1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (b) When rule 20. applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Q1.2 CHANGES TO RULES INVOLVING PROTESTS AND EXONERATION

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.'
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.3.'
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1 (a) and all of rule 61.1 (a) (2) are deleted.
- (d) Rules 62.1 (a), (b) and (c) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (e) The three sentences of rule 64.1 are replaced with: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a *rule*, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'
- (f) Rule 64.1 (a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedent over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (g) Rule 64.4 (b) is replaced with: 'The protest committee may also penalise a boat that is a party to a hearing under rule 60.3 (d) or rule 69 for a breach of a *rule* by a *support person* by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including DSQ.'

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

- Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2, (except rule 14), or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.
- Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing unless the incident is not seen or acted on by an umpire. Instead, a boat involved in an incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. A. An umpire may penalise any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

- Q2.3 A boat intending to
- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
 - (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
 - (c) request redress
- shall display red flag and hail the umpires or the race committee within two minutes after the last boat finishes the race. The same time limit applies to protests under instruction Q5.6. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

- Q3.1 An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:
- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
 - (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
 - (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
- Q3.2
- (a) A boat penalised under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a Two-Turns Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.
 - (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.
 - (c) If the incident is not seen by an umpire, they will not make any signal. The boat shall keep the protest flag flying and advise the umpires or the Race Committee of their intention to protest and identify the other boat/s in the incident. Protests will be heard in accordance with Q5.3.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

- Q4.1 When a boat
- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
 - (b) breaks rule 42,
 - (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
 - (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
- an umpire may penalise her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty of one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalised under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.
- Q4.2 The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.' A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c).
- Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1 may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

- Q4.4 When the umpires decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may impose a point's penalty under rule 44.1 without a hearing. The competitor shall be informed of the penalty as soon as practicable and, at the time of being informed, may request a hearing.

Q4.5 Damage will be divided into 3 levels as shown in the following table:

Level A - Minor Damage	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.
Level B - Damage	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat.	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.
Level C - Major Damage	The normal operation of the boat is compromised and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.

Point Penalties - to be applied without a hearing

Level	Points
A	2
B	3
C	5

Q5 PROTESTS REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.
- Q5.3
- Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable which may be to impose no penalty
 - If the protest committee penalises a boat in accordance with instruction Q5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalised boat's score.
- Q5.4 A competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances but only if it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.

- Q5.5 The race committee will not protest a boat.
- Q5.6 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, a rule listed in instruction Q2.1 or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- Q5.7 The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 43, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such case, the technical committee shall protest.