

RNZYS STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2018-19

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta(s) will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors shall keep clear of all ships of 500 tonnes net register and upwards. The minimum required distances are 500m ahead and 100m port/starboard/astern of the vessel. This particularly refers to, but is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel. Competitors shall abide by current harbour regulations. This rule is not open to protest by other boats.
- 1.3 The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, 1976, apply in all races between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant parts of Rules Part 2.
- 1.4 Keels and Ballast - Rule 51 is changed so that boats shall be nominated with "non-moveable ballast" or with "A Canting Keel" or "Water Ballast Tanks". A boat nominated with non-moveable ballast and a boat with a lifting keel shall comply with Rule 5. Lifting Keels shall be locked in the down position and may not be moved whilst racing. Rules 51 & 52 are modified to allow boats with movable/variable ballast systems to compete. Boats must comply with World Sailing Appendix K (www.sailing.org) and Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Clause 6 (www.yachtingnz.org.nz). PHS's may be altered accordingly.
- 1.5 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall apply for keel boats and multihulls.
- 1.6 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part V Category B shall apply for trailer yachts.
- 1.7 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part VII shall apply for sport multihulls.
- 1.8 Rule 52 'Manual Power' shall not apply.
- 1.9 For boats sailing in non-spinnaker divisions or events. No spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker booms but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main foyer at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, and on the website www.rnzys.org.nz

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Squadron flag pole.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The supplement will include a table showing the days, dates, number of races scheduled, the scheduled times of the first warning signal each day, and the latest time for a warning signal on the last scheduled day of racing.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Each class flag will be, unless otherwise stated in the NOR or SSI:

Division	Class Flag
A	BLUE/YELLOW
B	WHITE
E	BLACK/WHITE
Q	Young 88 class flag (White with blue logo)
C	GREEN/YELLOW
F (class C)	PURPLE
G	MRX Class Flag or GREEN/BLACK
S	YELLOW
K	CYA burgee
M	GREEN
N	8.5 class flag
Ladies	'Dufour Yachts' Black flag with white logo
Etchells	Etchell Class Flag

- 6.2 All boats shall display the appropriate class flag approximately 2m above the deck line from the backstay of the boat whilst racing. Boats without a backstay shall fly their class flag from the port shrouds. Failure to clearly exhibit the class flag may mean the boat is recorded as not starting in the event. Unless dispensation is given in the NOR or SSI.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 **Harbour courses:**

No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying the course number.

The courses to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are shown in the RNZYS Attachment A as described in the RNZYS handbook and rnzys.org.nz, the Fairway marks are also shown in the RNZYS handbook and rnzys.org.nz.

7.2 **Windward Leeward Courses:**

The course number of the W/L course to be sailed will be displayed from the committee boat prior to the first warning signal, courses shown in Attachment B – Windward/Leeward Courses as attached to these Sailing Instructions.

8. MARKS

8.1 **Harbour Courses:**

All Marks will be Auckland Harbour buoys, unless mark is missing and may be replaced with an inflatable buoy, locations of the marks are in the RNZYS handbook and online at rnzys.org.nz.

8.2 **Windward Leeward Course:**

All Marks will be inflatable buoys, the description of the marks and course is in the table in Attachment B.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displayed an orange flag on the race committee vessel the course side of the starting mark.

9.3 When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 50 metres from the starting line and marks in all directions.

9.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.5 **General Recalls:** In the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted 5 minutes after the last scheduled start. If more than one division is recalled these divisions will start at 5 minute intervals after the last scheduled start in the sequence in which they were recalled. In the event that the last scheduled division to start is recalled and no other division has been recalled previously the new warning signal will be given no less than 5 minutes after the previous starting signal. "First Substitute" will be lowered at the same time as the new warning signal is flown (This changes Rule 29.2). In all other cases "First Substitute" will be lowered at the same time as the preparatory signal is lowered 1 minute before the start of the next division.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 In Windward Leeward racing; to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The supplement will state which of the following time limits, if any, will apply and, for each, the time limit.
- Mark 1 Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
 - Race Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
 - Finishing Window: Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- 12.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available on the RNZYS website www.rnzys.org.nz and at the race office. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day to the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Parties will be notified by the race office as to where and when the hearing will be held.
- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty as per 44.1 will apply, unless stated in the NOR or SSI.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Yachts (and support boats) shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 17. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Except in an emergency, while racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.3 All radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through VHF Channel 17.
- 15.4 Yachts must communicate with the Race Committee, if withdrawing from the race either via VHF Channel 17, telephone or in person.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 the regatta. Owners shall accept full responsibility for the sea worthiness and safe navigation of their boats and the competence of their crews.
- 16.2 As all owners are aware competitive racing inevitably carries with it an increased risk of collision between boats and resultant damage and expense. The Organising Authority urges all owners to carry full racing insurance and believes that at the very least third-party insurance should be required. It is not, however the responsibility of the Organising Authority to police or enforce insurance; it is a matter of choice for individual owners and skippers. The Organising Authority will not be responsible for losses arising during the regatta (insured or otherwise). All owners and skippers are advised that it is the responsibility of owners and/or skippers to ensure that they carry the relevant insurance. Boats race at their own risk.

ATTACHMENT B

Windward/Leeward Courses

- Course 1** Start, 1, 1a (if laid) to finish.
Course 2 Start, 1, 1a (if laid), 2s/2p (gate if laid), 1, 1a (if laid) to finish.
Course 3 Start, 1, 1a (if laid), 2s/2p (gate if laid), 1, 1a (if laid), 2s/2p (gate if laid), 1, 1a (if laid) to finish.

All mark rounding's to Port except at a gate

