

# ELAN YACHTS COMMODORES CUP SERIES

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**This is a closed event for RNZYS members only**

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Please note that from the 1st of January 2017 and Rule 2017-2020 shall apply.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 4 shall apply for keel boats and multihulls.
- 1.3 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part V Category B shall apply for trailer yachts.
- 1.4 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part VI Category B shall apply for sport boats.
- 1.5 The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972 apply in all races between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant parts of Part 2 of the Rule.
- 1.6 For Races Two & Four all boats shall carry or tow an inflatable dinghy (fully inflated), a rigid dinghy or a life raft.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 Keels and Ballast - "Rule 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 51 as written in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016. 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 ISAF Appendix K ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)) and Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Clause 6 ([www.yachtingnz.org.nz](http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz)). TCF's may be altered accordingly.
- 1.9 Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This amends Rule 63.7.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main foyer at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. For racing at Kawau Island the notices will be posted at Lidgard House.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted on the official notice board before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Squadron flagpole. For Race 3 Kawau Course, signals made ashore will be displayed from Lidgard House.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race No	Race	Date
Race One	Round Rangitoto	12th November 2016
Race Two	Night Race to Kawau Island	10th February 2017
Race Three	Kawau Course	11th February
Race Four	Te Kouma Race	18th March
Race Five	Haystack Race	22nd April

5.2 One (1) races are scheduled for Division K (Classics) – Race Four.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS AND START TIMES

6.1 Races 1,3,4,5

<b>M</b>	Open Multi	Green	1000
<b>T</b>	Mullet	Yellow&Green	1005
<b>F</b>	Solo Sailors	Purple	1005
<b>L</b>	Open 50ft +	Blue&Yellow	1010
<b>A</b>	Open	Blue	1015
<b>E</b>	Non Spin	Black&White	1020
<b>B</b>	Open	White	1025
<b>C</b>	Open	Black	1030
<b>S</b>	Sports	Yellow	1030
<b>I</b>	Short handed	Pink	1035
<b>K*</b>	Classics	CYA Burgee	1040

\*K Class only participating in race 4

6.2 Night race to Kawau start times:

<b>M</b>	Open Multi	Green	1800
<b>T</b>	Mullet	Yellow&Green	1805
<b>L</b>	Open 50ft +	Blue&Yellow	1810
<b>A</b>	Open	Blue	1815
<b>E</b>	Non Spin	Black&White	1820
<b>B</b>	Open	White	1825
<b>C</b>	Open	Black	1830
<b>S</b>	Sports	Yellow	1830
<b>I</b>	Short handed	Pink	1835
<b>F</b>	Solo Sailors	Purple	1835

6.3 Race around Kawau Start times:

<b>M</b>	Open Multi	Green	1100
<b>L</b>	Open 50ft +	Blue&Yellow	1110
<b>E</b>	Non Spin	Black&White	1120
<b>A</b>	Open	Blue	1115
<b>B</b>	Open	White	1125
<b>C</b>	Open	Black	1130
<b>I</b>	Short handed	Pink	1135

6.4 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 yacht is recorded as not starting in the event.

6.5 Class flags shall have a minimum size of 45cm x 30cm and can be purchased from RNZYS Reception.

## 7. RACING AREAS

The races will be held within the Hauraki Gulf and Waitemata Harbour.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be harbour courses as listed in Appendix C – Commodores Cup in the RNZYS Club Handbook.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat, Westhaven or Orakei Tower will display the number of the course to be sailed.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be described in Appendix C- Commodores Cup in the RNZYS Handbook.

9.2 The starting marks will be:

- (a) the starting mark for Race One, Four and Five will be the yellow Westhaven Buoy (ODM)
- (b) the yellow harbour racing buoy Orakei Buoy for Race Two.
- (c) a blue inflatable Buoy for race Three (in Kawau).

9.3 The finishing marks will be:

- (a) the yellow Westhaven Buoy for races One and Five.
- (b) between the Race Committee boat and Momona Point for race Two.
- (c) between the Race Committee boat and a yellow inflatable buoy for races Three and Four.

## 10. FAIRWAY MARKS

The following areas are designated as obstructions and shall be passed on the main channel side only:

- Rangitoto Beacon
- Iliomama Rock Beacon
- Browns Island Beacon
- Beacon on Emu Rock (off Motutapu)
- Bean Rock Light and Doris Rock Beacon (approx. 25 metres north)
- Red Buoys on eastern side of Motuihe Channel
- Beacon on Sewer Outlet (Orakei)
- Cable beacons east of Devonport Wharf

- Green Sandspit marker stake (SW of Torpedo Wharf)
- Yachts shall only pass through the main navigation span of the Harbour Bridge when racing.
- All moored vessels and moorings in or adjacent to the designated Small Craft mooring areas shown on Chart NZ 5322.
- The Okahu Bay wave break and all vessels and moorings in the Okahu Bay mooring area.
- The Westhaven mooring area defined by the line representing an extension of the permanent wave breaks.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Divisional starts will be at 5 minute intervals except for Race Three the Night Race to Kawau (see 5.2 above).
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the flagstaff on the Westhaven Tower and the yellow Westhaven Buoy except for Race Two where the starting line will be between a race committee boat and the yellow harbour racing buoy Orakei and Race Three where the starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.
- 11.4 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 not 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. Wherever possible VHF Channel 17 may be used to advise OCS starters - this does not absolve competitors of their responsibility to respond to the flag signals of the Race Committee.

## 12. THE FINISH

- (a) For Races One and Five: The finishing line will be between the flagstaff on the Westhaven Tower at the southern end and the yellow Westhaven Buoy at the north end.
- (b) For Race Two: The finishing line will be between Momona Point and the race committee boat displaying a flashing amber light moored to the west of Momona Point.
- (c) For Race Three: The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark (yellow).
- (d) For Race Four: The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat anchored northeast of Rangipukea Island at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 shall apply for all boats in all divisions.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under Rules 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the RNZYS Reception or for races Two and Three at Lidgard House within the protest time limit.

#### **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

For all races (except Race Two – Night Race to Kawau for which there is no time limit) the time limit shall be 8 hours from the start of each division. If one or more competing boats have finished in a division, the time limit for that division is extended by 30 minutes.

#### **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available on the website [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz), from the Sailing Office or at the RNZYS Reception. Protests, requests for redress or reopening and acknowledgements shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 1600hrs on Monday following the race. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee. This changes Rule 61.3.

15.3 Boats involved in protests will be informed by email of the date when the protest hearing will be held.

15.4 Breaches of SI 1.7, 6.4, 13.2, 17 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under Rule 60.1(a). This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

#### **16. SCORING**

16.1 The scoring system is as per Appendix A using the low point system.

16.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 No score will be excluded until four (4) races have been completed then a boat's worst score (1) will be excluded.

#### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 17 as soon as possible. A boat may also inform the RNZYS Sailing Office on 09 360 6809.

#### **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the NOR and SI's. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

#### **19. OFFICIAL BOATS**

The official Race Committee Boats may be identified by the display of an orange flag from their mainmast.

#### **20. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Rule 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.'

#### **22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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 and any sponsor associated with this event 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 and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

**Date:** 31st October 2016.