

Auckland Centreboard Clubs Standard Sailing Instructions

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A single copy of these standard Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the regatta notice board. Copies shall be made available to competitors on request. A copy of the Regatta Specific Schedule shall be made available to all competitors.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3. A boat shall not discharge rubbish in the water.
- 1.4. These Sailing Instructions should be read in conjunction with the Regatta Specific Schedule issued by the Race Committee and available at registration.

2. Notices to Competitors

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

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions or Regatta Specific Schedule will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours or the end of protest time whichever is the earlier on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast. The location of the signal mast is included in the Regatta Specific Schedule.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal, AP. When flag AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.
- 4.3. Signals flown over a white flag with the letter "A", "B" or "C" will apply to classes sailing on course A, B or C respectively.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The schedule of races is included in the Regatta Specific Schedule.
- 5.2. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class or fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3. The warning signals for a subsequent race for a class on the same day will be made as soon as practicable but not sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race for that class.
- 5.4. For subsequent races on the same day the scheduled time of the warning signal for the next race for each class may be displayed with flag L as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.
- 5.5. The Race Committee may schedule a rest period between back to back races.
- 5.6. On any day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Course flags or course boards will be either black letters on a white background or white letters on a black background.
- 6.2. Class flags will be the class insignia on a white background; except the Optimist Green flag which will be the class symbol on a green background and the Laser Radial flag will be an R on a white background or the class symbol on a green background.
- 6.3. Entries in the Optimist Green Fleet class will be required to fly an identification ribbon from the top of her sprit. The ribbon shall be green no less than 2cm wide and no less than 60cm long.

7. The Courses

- 7.1. The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are included in the Regatta Specific Schedule.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.3. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8. Marks

- 8.1. A description of the marks is included in the Regatta Specific Schedule
- 8.2. A Race Committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 10.1.

9. The Start

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 9.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

10. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

- 10.1. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may designate a Race Committee boat displaying flag L to lead the first boat to the new mark.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat finishing mark and the course side of the other finish mark.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1. For the 49er, 29er and catamaran classes rule 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 12.2. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 12.3. Appendix P will apply when indicated in the Regatta Specific Schedule.
- 12.4. When Appendix P applies for the Optimist, P Class and Starling classes rules P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted and rule P2.1 is amended to.

When a boat is protested under rule P1 she may acknowledge her breach by taking a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

- 12.5. When Appendix P applies, on the first protest for infringements of rule 42 (and subsequent protests for infringements of rule 42 for the Optimist, P Class and Starling classes), if protested after she has finished, she shall be given a scoring penalty of 6 points without a hearing although her score will not be worse than the score for a DSQ.

13. Time Limits and Target Times

- 13.1. The time limits and target times in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

Class	Target Time	Time Limit
Sailboards	35 minutes	60 minutes
Optimist	45 minutes	75 minutes
All other classes	60 minutes	90 minutes

- 13.2. In no boat passes the first mark within the Target Time the Race Committee shall abandon the race.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), inform the Race Committee boat at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes rule 61.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.3. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in its class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. Protest time limits will be posted.
- 14.4. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. The notice will include the order and location of the hearing.
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6. Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 30% scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing.
- 14.7. A list of boats that, under instruction 12.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 14.8. For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.
- 14.9. Breaches of instructions 1.3, 4.2, 9.2, 12.2, 17, 18.3, 20.1 and 21.1 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.
- 14.10. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 14.11. Optimist and P Class yachts will not be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes rule 61.1(a)

15. Arbitration

- 15.1. For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing. Yachting New Zealand regulation on Arbitration will apply

16. Scoring

- 16.1. The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series is included in the Regatta Specific Schedule.
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

- 16.2. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty given under instruction 14.9 will be DPI.
- 16.3. The scoring abbreviation for a scoring penalty that has been accepted after Arbitration will be ARB.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1. Competitors or their representatives shall sign-on each time they leave the shore to enter the course, and shall sign off each time they come ashore from the course. The location of sign-on /sign-off register is included in the Regatta Specific Schedule.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. When a series has a duration of less than 20 calendar days all competitors shall use only one hull, mast, mainsail, jib, spinnaker, boom, centreboard and rudder unless class rules allow otherwise.
- 18.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will only be allowed by written approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Office at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.4. Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.5. No change of equipment other than as provided in Instructions 18.3 and 18.4 will be allowed.

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee appointed measurer or representative to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. Support Boats

- 20.1. Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment of all classes. The areas the boats are racing is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 20.2. The Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instruction 20.1 penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule will result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

21. Launching and Retrieval Restrictions

- 21.1. Unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the area notified in the Regatta Specific Schedule.

22. Radio Communication

- 22.1. 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.

23. Prizes

- 23.1. Prizes will be as notified in the Notice of Race or the Regatta Specific Schedule.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and its agents (specifically including the personnel of the Organising Authority) together with other parties involved in the Regatta accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, injury or death which may occur to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the Regatta or otherwise.