



Marlborough Sounds Marinas

Spring Twilight Series

3rd October – 5th December 2017

Picton | HAVELOCK | WAIKAWA

Waikawa

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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 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety regulations part II category 5 shall apply to all keel boats.
- 1.3 The YNZ safety regulations part V Category B shall apply to all trailer yachts.
- 1.4 The YNZ safety regulations part VI Category B shall apply to all sports boats.
- 1.5 Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs) the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard in the WBC wardroom and may be posted on the WBC website.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

- 3.1 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 hearing.
- 3.2 Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of canting keel or water ballast may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim and stability. This changes RRS 51.
- 3.3 RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of canting keel or water ballast.
- 3.4 Powered winches either electric or hydraulic are permitted. This changes RRS 52
- 3.5 For boats competing in Division 3 it is a Non Spinnaker division. No Spinnakers or extras may be set. The only sails that are permitted are normal upwind sails that shall be attached in the same manner as if the yacht were sailing to windward. Headsails must be attached to a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay. Headsails may be held out with a spinnaker or jockey pole as long as that pole is attached to the mast.
- 3.6 Yachts shall keep clear of all ships over 500 tonnes, 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 only by the race committee.
- 3.7 While racing, all yachts with a lifting keel must have the keel locked in the full down position.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 1630 hours on the day that they will take effect.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 To be eligible to compete in this series, all boats must have completed and signed the clubs entry form and safety declaration and have submitted it to the WBC sailing committee.
- 5.2 Yacht owners must be a full financial member of WBC.
- 5.3 Yacht crew may race for a maximum of three races before becoming at least an associate member
- 5.4 Yachts must be registered with YNZ.
- 5.5 Yacht owners or an owner's representative is required to sign in at WBC prior to the start of any race to be entered.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows

Race	Date
1	Tuesday 3 rd October
2	Tuesday 10 th October
3	Tuesday 17 th October
4	Tuesday 24 th October
5	Tuesday 31 st October
6	Tuesday 7 th November
7	Tuesday 14 th November
8	Tuesday 21 st November
9	Tuesday 28 th November
10	Tuesday 5 th December

6.2 If a race is abandoned or postponed, where possible it will be held the following week on the Wednesday

6.3 The Start time for each division will be

- a. Division 1 - 1755
- b. Division 2 - 1800
- c. Division 3 – Mark Foy start from 1800

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area is in the inner Queen Charlotte sounds out from Waikawa Bay.

8 COURSES TO BE SAILED

8.1 There are a variety of courses and the courses for each division will be displayed on the back of Blue Peter on the day of the race. Course cards are available on the WBC website or at WBC during race registrations.

8.2 Yachts are not to go through the start finish line unless starting or finishing their race.

9.0 CLASSES AND FLAGS

9.1 The Spring Twilight races will be sailed with the following flags being used by Blue Peter for each division.

Division 1 – Pennant 1

Division 2 – Pennant 2

Division 3 – Pennant 3

9.2 Yachts will be allocated into divisions for the season.

9.3 Any yacht that changes division during the series shall be recorded as DNC for their nominated division for that race. They shall be given a result for the race in the division that they sailed in, but that result shall be excluded for the purposes of calculating the series results.

9.4 A divisional flag is not required to be flown from the yachts competing in the race.

10.0 THE START

10.1 Once Girvan is on station, yachts must radio on VHF 77 to confirm they are racing and advise total POB and the division in which they are competing, and receive acknowledgement from a WBC official.

10.2 Any race in which fewer than 2 yachts start in a division will be deemed to have been abandoned.

10.3 A yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1. Any yacht which is starting late must not interfere with boats starting in a later division.

- 10.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5 The start line shall be a line between a pole with an orange flag on Girvan and the starting pin (bouy) with a flag.
- 10.6 The signals for starting the race shall be as described in RRS Rule 26 with other divisions starting at 5 minute intervals. The first Mark Foy yacht will start 1 minute after the last fleet start.
- 10.7 Start times
- Division 1 – 1755
 - Division 2 – 1800
 - Division 3 – From 1800
- 10.8 Mark Foy Starts
- Start times will be available at WBC entranceway from 1600 on the day of the race
 - Yachts will start on a pre allocated time in accordance with their handicap
 - Girvan will indicate the starting times by holding a board with the minute number on a board on the stern of Girvan, the boat shall start when the number that they are allocated drops.
- 10.9 Individual Recalls
- If there is an individual recall in any division it will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. Blue Peter will display Flag X and make one sound signal, the flag will be displayed until all offending boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the start line. Blue Peter may attempt to advise the offending yacht or yachts on VHF channel 77.
- 10.10 General Recalls
- If there is a general recall in Division 1 their start time will then be 5 minutes after division 2. The Division 2 start will time will not be effected and they will still be in their starting sequence as described in 10.7. This will mean that the Division 3 will now have their starting times from after Division 1 has completed their sequence at 1805.
 - If there is a general recall in Division 2 a new warning signal will be made 1 minute after what was their starting signal. Division 3 will then start their sequence after the Division 2 start which will be from 1806.
 - There will be no general recalls for division 3.
- 11.0 THE FINISH**
- 11.1 The finishing line shall be a line between Girvan and the pin mark at the other end of the start/finish line.
- 12.0 TIME LIMITS**
- 12.1 The time limit for all yachts shall be 2 hours from each divisional start time or official sunset, if earlier. Official sunset will be notified in the WBC entranceway. Any boats finishing after the time limit shall be recorded as Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 13.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 13.1 For protests only where a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 13.2 A yacht intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements in RRS 61.1(a), inform a member of the race committee or the start boat of her intention to protest and identify the yachts she is protesting against. The protesting yacht shall seek acknowledgement from the race committee.
- 13.3 Protest forms are available in the foyer of the WBC, and shall be delivered to a member of the sailing committee within the protest time limit.
- 13.4 The time limit for a protest to be lodged is 90 minutes after the last yacht had finished.
- 13.5 yachts will be informed via email of the date and time where there protest hearing will be held.
- 14.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
- 14.1 All ferries and ships over 500 tonne shall be classed as an obstruction.
- 14.2 There are specific clearance distances around ships over 500 tonne in the Sounds this is a Marlborough District Council (MDC) Navigational bylaw. The zone around the ships extends 500 metres ahead, 50 metres down either side and 50 metres astern.

- 14.3 If a formal complaint is received by the MDC harbour master in regards to the clearance zone around a ship, a yacht shall have her score removed, and will not be able to compete in the next three races.
- 14.4 A yacht's engine may be used to avoid an obstruction, provided that such use of the engine does not give that yacht any advantage. The use of an engine must be notified to Girvan as soon as practicable.

15.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 15.1 The low points scoring system in RRS appendix 4 will apply.
- 15.2 When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a yacht's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify Blue Peter on VHF Channel 77 as soon as possible.
- 16.2 All competitors on vessels without lifelines must wear lifejackets at all times.
- 16.3 A yacht must carry sufficient lifejackets for all persons onboard.

17.0 HANDICAPPING

- 17.1 WBC bases its handicaps on racetrack, this takes into account the past 20 races (Spring, Summer and Winter series) discarding the best race, and 10 worst performances from these races. This accounts for 80% of the handicap. The other 20% of the handicap is based on the boat performance factor which will not change during the series.
- 17.2 The Yachts in division 3 will be allocated a start time that will be available at the race sign on every week. The start time is calculated off the last 4 races they have participated in, this is taken from Racetrack.
- 17.3 Yachts must sail in the configuration to which their handicap issued. All changes must be notified to the handicap committee a minimum of 24 hours prior to racing. Handicap review forms are available in the foyer at WBC.
- 17.4 New yachts to the racing fleet are required to fill in an 'Application for Handicap' form a minimum of 24 hours prior to the race. The forms are available in the WBC foyer. Failure to fill in this form means that any handicap given to that yacht will be provisional, as well as any results pertaining to that handicap.
- 17.5 Communication with the handicapping committee must be in writing only and can be submitted on a 'Handicap Review' form or via email to office@waikawaboatingclub.co.nz, alternatively put it in Anna's tray in the office.
- 17.6 The decision of the handicap committee will be final.

18.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions that are not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to the use of mobile telephones.

19.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1 Yachts shall not dispose of trash into the water.

20.0 PRIZES

- 20.1 There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division on club handicap for each race. There will also be overall series prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division. A representative from the boat must be present to collect the prize.

21.1 DISCLAIMER

- 21.1 All those who take part in WBC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. See Rule 4, decision to race RRS.
- 21.2 The WBC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment, or the competence of its skipper or crew.
- 21.3 The organizing 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 series.

- 21.4 Skippers and crew are reminded about their responsibilities on the water when it comes to the consumption of alcohol.
- 21.5 Although the WBC and its volunteers do everything they can to ensure the safety of the competitors, competitors participate entirely at their own risk.
- 21.6 The WBC reserves the right to refuse entry at any time of any yacht up until the preparatory signal.