

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS  
— MARLBOROUGH —

## **New Year Regatta 13 and 14 January 2018 & Invitation Race 12 January 2018**

The organising authority is the Waikawa Boating Club (WBC),

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## **1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020.
- 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.
- 2.2 Flying Fifteen National Championships are being held in conjunction with the Regatta
- 2.3 Information on Flying Fifteen courses is noted on the Regatta Course Card

## **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 5 (harbour cruising) this 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 While racing, all yachts with a lifting keel must have the keel locked in the full down position and not moved whilst racing.
- 3.7 **While racing all yachts must display their division pennant from the backstay or from the starboard shroud where there is no backstay.**

## **4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 0900 hours on the day that they 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.

## **5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the WBC flagstaff, which is located on the marina side of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a division flag, it applies to that division only.
- 5.3 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.4 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while on the water.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows

#### Friday Invitation Fun Race – Buoy Courses For All Divisions

##### Race Briefing 1700 WBC wardroom

Division 4	- First warning signal - 1800
Division 5	- First warning signal - 1805
Division 3	- First warning signal - 1805
Division 2	- First warning signal - 1810
Division 1	- First warning signal - 1815

#### Lawson's Dry Hills New Year Regatta

##### Race Briefing and official opening 0830 WBC wardroom Saturday 13 January

*(Date / No of Races / First warning signal)*

##### Flying Fifteens

Sat 13 January – 3 races - 1020

Sun 14 January – 3 races - 1020

##### Division 4

Sat 13 January – 2 races – 1025

Sun 14 January – 2 races – 1025

##### Division 5

Sat 13 January – 2 races – 1030

Sun 14 January – 2 races – 1030

##### Division 3

Sat 13 January – 3 races - 1030

Sun 14 January - 3 races - 1030

##### Division 2

Sat 13 January – 3 races – 1035

Sun14 January – 3 races – 1035

##### Division 1

Sat 13 January – 3 races – 1040

Sun 14 January – 3 races – 1040

N.B. Division 5 and Division 3 have the same First Warning Signal time.

- 6.2 There may be one extra race sailed each day and will be advised by the Race officer on VHF 77
- 6.3 After a long postponement, the lowering of the AP flag will be accompanied by 1 Sound Signal, the first starting sequence will follow 1 minute later.
- 6.4 For subsequent races on the same day the scheduled time of the warning signal for the next race for each division will be displayed with Flag L as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race. The time will also be advised on VHF channel 77
- 6.5 On Sunday 14 January no warning signal will be made after 1515hrs

## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The separate course card shows the location of the racing areas, and marks in the Queen Charlotte Sound

## 8 COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 8.1 The course card shows the courses, the length of the course will depend on the wind strength.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will indicate the course to be sailed, by placing a letter in black on the course board (displayed facing aft on the committee boat) adjacent to the division number for divisions 1, 2 and 3. The Division 4 and 5 course letter will be displayed on an adjacent whiteboard.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the race committee will display the bearing to the first mark on the course board.
- 8.4 Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee.

## 9.0 DIVISIONS AND FLAGS





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| 9.1 | Division 1      | buoy racing for yachts and sports boats | Grey pennant   |
|     | Division 2      | buoy racing for yachts and sports boats | Orange pennant |
|     | Division 3      | trailer yachts                          | White pennant  |
|     | Division 4      | harbour cruising spinnaker division     | Yellow pennant |
|     | Division 5      | harbour cruising non-spinnaker division | Blue pennant   |
|     | Flying Fifteens |   | TBA            |
- 9.2 A minimum of 4 yachts will constitute a division
  - 9.3 The organising Authority reserves the right to combine divisions. In this case the committee reserves the right to re-arrange Warning Signal times in 6.

## 10.0 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be red inflatable triangle buoys with a white Rotary logo.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- 10.3 Mark 1A will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

## 11.0 THE START

- 11.1 **Prior to the beginning of racing each day and once the Committee boat is on station, it will call competing yachts in alphabetical order for each division to confirm they are racing and record total POB.**
- 11.2 The signals for starting the race shall be as described in RRS Rule 26 with other divisions starting at 5 minute intervals. The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be the starting signal of the previous division.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start Signal
Warning	Division flag  + 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Prep  + 1 sound	4
One Minute	Prep  + 1 long sound	1
Start	Division flag  + 1 sound	0

- 11.3 A yacht starting later than 4 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.
- 11.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.5 The start line shall be a line between an orange staff on the Race Committee Boat and the starting pin (buoy) with an orange flag.
- 11.6 Individual Recalls  
If there is an individual recall in any division it will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. The Committee Boat 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 or until 4 minutes after the start. The Committee Boat will not advise the offending yacht or yachts on VHF channel 77.

### 11.7 General Recalls

If there is a general recall in any division the First Substitute will be hoisted and 2 Sound Signals made. It will be lowered with a Single Sound Signal 1 minute prior to the new Warning Signal. The new Warning Signal will be the same time as the start signal for the last scheduled start. This changes rule 29.2.

### 12.0 **CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, yachts shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.

### 13.0 **THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line for divisions Division 1, 2 and 5 will be a line between an orange staff on the race committee boat at one end and the pin (buoy) with an orange flag, at the other end.
- 13.2 For divisions 3 and 4 the finishing line will be at Rothwell's wharf between the transit of an orange mark on the wharf and a staff on the Race Committee boat.

### 14.0 **TIME LIMITS**

Time limits are as follows

- 14.1 For Division 1 and 2 the first yacht must reach the first mark within 45 minutes of their start. If no yacht has passed mark 1 within the time limit, the race may be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress.
- 14.2 Time limits for races in Division 1, 2 and 3 are 100 minutes
- 14.3 Time limits for races in Division 4 and 5 are 180 minutes
- 14.4 If a yacht does not complete the race within the time limit she will be scored as DNF

### 15.0 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 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. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.
- 15.2 A yacht intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements in RRS 61.1(a), inform a member of the committee boat of her intention to protest at the finishing line. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee.
- 15.3 Protest forms are available in the foyer of the WBC, and shall be delivered to a member of the regatta committee within the protest time limit.
- 15.4 The time limit for a protest to be lodged is 90 minutes after the last yacht in that Division had finished on that days racing.
- 15.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room beginning at the time posted.
- 15.6 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

- 15.9 Breaches of instructions 11.4, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.10 A yacht that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or RRS 44.1, shall complete an acknowledgement form found in the WBC foyer within the protest time limit.

## **16.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 16.1 All ferries and ships over 500 tonne shall be classed as an obstruction.
- 16.2 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 meters ahead, 50 meters down either side and 50 meters astern.
- 16.3 If a formal complaint is received by the MDC harbour master in regards to the clearance zone around a ship, the said yacht shall have her score removed.
- 16.4 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 the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

## **17.0 SCORING SYSTEM**

- 17.1 The low points scoring system in RRS appendix A4.1 will apply.
- 17.2 A yachts series score for Division 1 and 2 will be the total of her race scores when 4 or fewer races have been sailed. When 5 or more races have been sailed a yachts score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 A yachts series score for Divisions 3, 4 and 5 will be the total of her race scores when 3 or fewer races have been sailed. When 4 races have been sailed a yacht's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF Channel 77 as soon as possible.
- 18.2 All competitors on vessels without lifelines must wear personal flotation devices (PFD) at all times.
- 18.3 A yacht must carry sufficient PFDs for all persons onboard.

## **19.0 HANDICAPPING**

- 19.1 Yachts will be assigned handicaps for the regatta, these will be published on the website by 1500 on Thursday 11 January, on the notice board and available at race briefing.
- 19.2 The decision of the handicap committee will be final.
- 19.3 Any communications with the handicap committee must be in writing.

## **20.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 20.1 All competing yachts and support boats must have a marine VHF transceiver with enough battery capacity to be still fully operational at the end of each day.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 The Race officer may communicate with all yachts via VHF radio on VHF channel 77, for instance to inform of ship movements, advise change of course etc.

## **21.0 TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## **22.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 22.2 Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **23.0 ADVERTISING**

- 23.1 Yachts are encouraged to fly the Lawson's Dry Hills Regatta flag provided in their race packs at least when berthed in the marina.

## **24.0 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 24.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where yachts are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start of the first division until all yachts have finished or retired from the race or if the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.
- 24.2 Support boats are required to register at WBC during regatta registration.

## **25.0 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 25.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **26.0 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 26.0 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **27.0 PRIZES**

- 27.1 There will be prizes awarded for each division on handicap on Sunday 14 at the conclusion of the regatta. There will be race prizes on both the Friday and Saturday evenings.

## **28.0 DISCLAIMER**

- 28.1 Although the WBC and its' volunteers do everything they can to ensure the safety of the competitors all those who take part in WBC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. See Rule 4, decision to race RRS.
- 28.2 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.
- 28.3 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.
- 28.4 Skippers and crew are reminded about their responsibilities on the water when it comes to the consumption of alcohol.
- 28.5 The WBC reserves the right to refuse entry at any time of any yacht up until the preparatory signal.