

15th March 2024

Sailing Instructions – Cook Strait Triangle Race

The Organising Authority is the Waikawa Boating Club (Inc), ('WBC').

1 RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in – Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and the following YNZ safety regulations will apply.
- 1.2 Keelers must have a current category 3 safety certificate and carry either a life raft or an approved inflated dinghy
- 1.3 All yachts must carry a marine VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 1,16,67,68,71
- 1.4 Competitors shall keep clear of ships over 500 tonne
- 1.5 The International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall apply between sunset and sunrise (IRPCAS)
- 1.6 Safety checks may be made on any yacht at any time.
- 1.7 Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's) the SI's shall prevail. This amends RRS 63.7

2 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

Racing rules will be changed as follows

- 2.1 Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the full down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS 51.
- 2.2 Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes RRS 51.
- 2.3 Yachts may use an autopilot or other self-steering device if in the short handed division. This changes RRS 52.
- 2.4 Powered winches, either electric or hydraulic are permitted. This changes RRS 52.
- 2.5 RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of canting keel or water ballast
- 2.6 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Rules for Preventing Collisions At Sea (IRPCAS) shall apply. This changes the rules, part 2.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all self-righting monohull yachts of not less than 6.0 meters in hull length.
- 3.2 There are two divisions, either a crew of three or less to be in the short-handed division, or fully crewed,
- 3.3 Skippers and co-skippers shall be financial members of a club recognized by the competitor's national authority.
- 3.4 All yachts competing will be issued with a WBC handicap.
- 3.5 Yacht Entry fee for the race is \$15.
- 3.6 WBC reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat for any reason.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the WBC website www.waikawaboatingclub.co.nz no later than 5 hours before the start of the race. They will also be posted on the WBC event notice board in the club rooms

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any changes made to the Sailing Instructions prior to the pre-race briefing will be notified at the briefing and posted on the WBC website
- 5.2 For all subsequent changes, "L" flag (A notice to competitors has been posted) will be displayed and any change will be announced verbally to yachts checking in prior to the start.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Race briefing will be held at the Waikawa boating Club on Thursday the 14th March 2024 at 1900. All Skippers must attend.
- 6.2 Start time 1200hrs Friday 15th March 2024

7 MARKS AND COURSES

- 7.1 Will be advised at briefing but it will be around either Sentinel Rks /Jag Rks and either Kapiti or Mana Island

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 (five) minutes before the starting signal on Channel 77
- 8.2 The starting line will be a line from the Start *boat* and the light on the small island at the South Western end of Motuara Island.
- 8.3 A boat that has not radioed prior to the start and received acknowledgement from the startboat will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.4 In addition to RRS 29.1 and 29.2 recalls may be announced on VHF channel 77.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line is when Motuara Island lighthouse reads 270° Mag.
- 9.2 Yachts are also responsible for recording their own time using GPS. Please advise finishing time to Kerry Kirk on 021 027 04061 or VHF 01 Olmari as soon as possible after finishing.

10 RACE POSTPONEMENTS

- 10.1 Due to adverse conditions the RO may postpone the start of the race for up to 24 hours. The RO may postpone by any amount of time that they see fit or alternatively elect to make a postponement whereby the race start will not take place before a certain time. Any postponement will be notified by email, or on the water prestart VHF channel 77.
- 10.2 The RO may shorten the course at any stage, this will be done via VHF channel 16 so boats must maintain a listening watch of VHF channel 16 whilst racing.

11 RADIO REGULATIONS

- 11.1 All boats MUST identify themselves as starters to the RO by calling Olmari VHF Channel 77
- 11.2 The race start will be on VHF Channel 77.
- 11.3 After the start all yachts are to change to VHF Channel 16 for the race.

11.4 All yachts are required to file a trip report with Maritime Radio on Channel 16, prior to starting. A radio sched will be setup with Maritime NZ as below for you.

- Maritime Radio will call all yachts that are still racing, (and yachts that have withdrawn but not yet made it back to port) on **VHF channel 16** at **19:00, 24:00, 05:00** and **10:00**
- When called by Maritime Radio, a yacht shall report her heading, current speed, to which mark she is heading and her latitude and longitude.
- Yachts are required to call Maritime Radio on **VHF channel 16** as they go around Jag Rocks and Kapiti Island (Or Sentinel Rk and Mana Island depending on what courses run and **When Finished**.

11.5 Any boat that retires from the race shall notify Maritime Radio VHF channel 16 as soon as possible, alternatively phone them on 0800 MARITIME and notify Olmari on Ch 16 when possible after withdrawing.

11.6 A boat shall not transmit or receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Boats are permitted to communicate with the media for the purpose of publicity and promotion but NOT to gain information to help their performance.

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12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

12.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted to a WBC race official within the appropriate time limit.

12.3 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the finish of the last yacht. By radio contact to Olmari and acknowledgement by Olmari or a third party boat confirming they heard a boat try to contact Olmari to register the protest.

12.4 Competitors will be informed of hearings of which they are parties

12.5 The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. This changes RRS 63.6

13 SCORING

13.1 The low points scoring system RRS appendix A4 will apply.

13.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race results, a boat may request a review by emailing events@waikawaboatingclub

14 RACE RESULTS

14.1 Results will be posted on the WBC website www.waikawaboatingclub.co.nz

15 PRIZES

15.1 There will be prizes.

15.2 Prizegiving will be held at TBC Saturday 16th March 2024.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All yachts entering the race must submit a copy of a minimum of a YNZ category 3 safety certificate.

16.2 All yachts must carry their registered sail numbers on mainsails, trysails, all spinnakers and headsails.

16.3 All forms of navigational aids, GPS, radar, auto pilots, etc are permitted. GPS should be regarded as a navigational aid, not a navigational system.

17 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, sailing instructions and safety certificates. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 ADVERTISING

- 18.1 The organising authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing (WS) regulation 20 – Advertising code.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1 Boats shall not put any trash into the water.

20 ENGINE USE

- 20.1 No yacht shall be under power or tow after the preparatory signal. Yachts are permitted to run their engines during the race for the purpose of charging their batteries or other functions (i.e. canting keel, operate winches) but the engine shall not cause the propeller to rotate.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk, refer to rule 4. 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 race.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 for the race.

23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 23.1 Contact ,Kerry Kirk on 021 027 04061 or email captkkirk@gmail.com