

2024-2025



WAIKAWA BOATING CLUB

Racing Handbook 2024-2025

Including:

- WBC Race Series Explained
- Sailing Committee Members
- Sailing Instructions for
 - Twilights and Winter Series
 - Weekend Harbour Series
- Racing Program (Separately Document)

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Types of Racing Events on our Calendar

The Twilight and Winter races series listed next are covered by the first SI's on the following pages.

Twilight Racing (Sponsors: Spring Twilight - Marlborough Sounds Marinas, Summer Twilight -TBC).

Our most popular racing on Tuesday evenings from October to end of March. Series include Spinnaker and White Sail divisions.

Twilight Spring Short Handed Series (Sponsor: Tempello Wine)

A popular series last year on Spring Thursday evenings leading up to Christmas, one or two crew on board, short to medium courses around the sounds, two divisions both with spinnakers.

Winter Series (Sponsor TBC)

Held alternate Sundays from May through to early September, the Winter Series is raced in 2 divisions and often uses a slightly longer course depending on conditions.

The SIs for the Weekend Harbour Series are in the second set of SIs below

Harbour Series (Oddies marine)

7 races over the season with both Short Harbour and Long harbour races. Usually, courses will aim to be between 10 and 20 miles in length.

Offshore Series

These races typically take you out of Queen Charlotte Sound and back in the same day, longer distances and variable conditions make our Offshore Series the most challenging and rewarding on our calendar. Possible races to do: Kapiti, Brothers Islands, Mana Island, Catherine Cove and Sentinel Rock. Dates will be given out approx. 2 weeks before each event based on the weather forecast. A current Cat 3 safety certificate is necessary for all yachts entering these races

New Year Regatta

Held on the second weekend of January, The New Year Regatta is the largest keelboat regatta south of Tauranga attracting entries from Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury and Dunedin. Held over 3 days starting with race 1 on Friday evening, with a schedule of races on Saturday and Sunday.

Summer Fun Series (Boom Town Beers)

Raced on Tuesdays over the Christmas/New Year period, this 3 race twilight series is fun for all, adding another dimension into traditional round the cans racing. Race 1: Mark Foy, Race 2: Windward leeward with Spinnakers, Race 3: Lap Racing (Order of races can change)

Evolution Sails Women's Regatta 2025

This event is been the largest Women's Regatta in New Zealand with up to 38 yachts and 250+ crew and skippers entering. Women from all over New Zealand have taken part as well as members of the RNZYS Youth Training Squad.

Wine Race (Sponsored by Wineworks Marlborough). An event split into two fleets, one starting at Picton and racing to Resolution Bay, and another starting an offshore race at Resolution Bay and back. Spend the night at anchor whilst socializing at Resolution Bay Resort.

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Sailing Instructions for Spring & Summer Twilights, Twilight Shorthanded and Winter Series' 2024-2025.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing 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. Each Boat will need an inspection every 2 years or a signed off declaration by the skipper.
- 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
- 1.6 Marlborough District Council Current Harbour By laws.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the WBC foyer and will be posted on the WBC website and/or emailed to skippers.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of canting keel or water ballast.
- 3.3 Powered winches either electric or hydraulic are permitted. This changes RRS 52
- 3.4 For boats competing in Marlborough Sounds Marinas Spring Twilight Series Division 3 Non-Spinnaker racing. No Spinnakers or extras may be set. The only sails that are permitted are 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.
- 3.5 Yachts shall keep clear of all ships over 500 tonne, this particularly refers to, but is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel. Competitors shall abide by current harbour regulations. There are specific "Moving Prohibited Zones" around ships over 500 tonne in the Marlborough Sounds. No vessel shall enter the zone around the ships, which extends 500 meters ahead, 50 meters down either side and 50 meters astern. This is a Marlborough District Council (MDC) Navigational by-law.
- 3.6 While racing, all yachts with a lifting keel must have the keel locked in the full down position.
- 3.7 The use of an auto pilot is allowed but in the fixed position (i.e. as a fixed rod)

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted in the Club foyer and will be on the Club website and/or emailed to skippers at least 4 hours before they will take effect.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 To be eligible to compete, all boats must have completed and signed the club's Entry Form or Intention to Race Form and Safety Declaration and have submitted it to the WBC sailing committee at least 72 hours before the race.
- 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 a WBC Crew member.

- 5.4 Yachts must be registered with YNZ.
- 5.5 Once the start boat has announced it is “on station”, yachts must radio in on VHF77 to confirm they are racing and advise total 'people on board' and the division in which they are competing and receive acknowledgement from the start boat official.
- 5.6 New yachts to the fleet must have completed the Handicap Application form and submitted it to the office at least 72 hours prior to the start and be allocated a handicap prior to racing. If no handicap has been allocated, they are allowed to race but their results will not be taken or count for any series points or race prizes.
- 5.7 Yachts entering the Shorthanded Twilight Series may have a maximum of two crew in total (incl. the helm).

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 As per 2024-25 Waikawa Boating Club Racing Program.
- 6.2 Postponed or abandoned races may be re-scheduled at a later date, there will be no races run after the last scheduled race of any Series.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area for Series racing is in the Queen Charlotte Sound.

8 COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 8.1 The courses for each Series will be displayed on the back of the start boat on the day of the race. Course cards will be issued at the skippers' pre-season briefing and are available on the WBC website or at WBC in the front foyer of the clubhouse.
- 8.2 Please note ALL MARKS ARE TO BE PASSED TO PORT unless otherwise stated.
- 8.3 Boats may pass through the start/finish line in any direction.

9.0 CLASSES AND FLAGS

- 9.1 The Twilight and Winter races will be sailed with the following flags being used by the start boat for each division.
 - Division 1 – Pennant 1
 - Division 2 – Pennant 2
 - Division 3 – Pennant 3 (Tuesday Twilights only)
- 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 Division Pennants: Boats must display division pennant from the backstay or shroud. This is to assist the race recorders in keeping track of which division boats are in. As we have a number of recorders who are new to the job.
The following colours will be flown by yachts in each division:
 - Division 1 YELLOW
 - Division 2 PINK
 - Division 3 PURPLE (Tuesday Twilights only)Flags are available from the office (replacements to be supplied by own boat).

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Any race in which fewer than 2 yachts start in a division will be deemed to have been abandoned and may be rerun at a later date.

- 10.2 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. This includes Mark Foy starts.
- 10.3 (Discretionary Penalty) Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, during the start sequence for other divisions.
- 10.4 The start line shall be a line between a pole with an orange flag on the start boat and the starting pin (orange buoy) with a flag.
- 10.5 The signals for starting the race shall be as described in RRS Rule 26 with other divisions starting at 5minute intervals. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.6 Start times for Twilight Racing:
- a Division 1 – 1755 (Warning signal 1750)
 - b Division 2 – 1800 (Warning signal 1755)
 - c Mark Foy Division (Warning signal 1755)
- The usual start for a Mark Foy Boat will be 1 minute after the Div 2 start. In the occasional event that a Mark Foy boat needs to start earlier than this they will be informed via the start schedule and by VHF from the committee boat.
- Start times for Winter Racing:
- a. Division 1 - 1400 (Warning signal 1355)
 - b. Division 2 - 1405 (Warning signal 1400)
- 10.7 Mark Foy Starts – Tuesday Twilights only
- a. Start times will be available at WBC foyer from 1600hrs on the day of the race and may be emailed to skippers at least 2 hours before scheduled race warning signal.
 - b. Yachts will start on a pre allocated time in accordance with their handicap
 - c. The start boat will indicate the starting times by holding a board with the minute number on a board on the stern of the start boat, the boat shall start when the number that they are allocated drops.
 - d. - For Division 3 Mark Foy starts each boat will have a notional warning signal 4 minutes prior to its designated start time. A boat will be racing (as defined in the RRS) from its notional warning signal.(Note: - a flag will NOT be flown by the Race Committee for a notional warning signal. Motors may be used up to the notional warning signal time)
- 10.8 Individual Recalls
- If there is an individual recall in any division it will be signalled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. The RO may attempt to advise the offending yacht or yachts on VHF channel 77.
- 10.9 General Recalls
- a. If there is a general recall in Division 1 their start time will then be 5 minutes after division 2. The Division 2 start time will not be affected and they will still be in their starting sequence as described in 10.7. Division 3 will now be 5 minutes after the division 1 restart.
 - b. If there is a general recall in Division 2 a new warning signal will be made. In accordance with Racing Rule 29.2 Division 3 will start 5 mins after the division 2 start.
 - c. There will be no general recalls for Division 3.
- 10.10 Inner Distance Mark: A orange buoy will be laid near the committee boat. Boats approaching the line to start shall pass between this mark and the pin (i.e. pass the mark to starboard). It is not designated a mark of the course.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line shall be a line between a blue flag on the finishing boat and orange flag on the finish pin mark.

12.0 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for all yachts competing in series racing shall be 2 hours from each divisional start time or official sunset (plus 15mins), if earlier. Official sunset will be notified on ch77 by the Race Committee. Any boats not finishing by the time limit shall be recorded as Time Limited Elapsed TLE number of finisher plus 2).

12.2 For Divisions 1 and 2, the race committee will aim for a target time of 90mins for the first boat to finish in each division.

13.0 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND PENALTIES.

13.1 Appendix T arbitration will apply,

13.2 SP is Standard Penalty

DP is Discretionary Penalty.

13.3 Protest forms are available in the foyer of the WBC and should be delivered to the Race Officer or a member of the sailing committee within the protest time limit.

13.4 The time limit for a protest to be lodged is 60 minutes after the last yacht has finished for each division.

13.5 Yachts will be informed either via email or by a notice on the notice board of the date and time where there protests hearing will be held.

13.6 Proximity to commercial vessels in Queen Charlotte Sounds. See 3.5 and 14.1

(Standard Penalty) If a formal complaint is received by the MDC Harbour Master in regards to the prohibited zone around a ship, the said yacht(s) shall have her score removed and will be scored DSQ for the next 3 races they participate in (there may also be a fine imposed by the Harbour Master). This rule is not open to protest by other boats, only by the race committee. (Informal complaint) In the event of a complaint from a ferry (ship) pilot/master or harbour master that identifies a vessel or vessels that did not abide by the rules. The impeding named vessel will be scored DSQ (not able to drop this result) for that race.

14.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

14.1 All ferries and ships over 500 tonne shall be classed as an obstruction. See 3.5 and 13.6

15.0 SCORING SYSTEM

15.1 For a 10-race series, when 7 or less races have been completed, a yacht's score will be the total of her race scores. When 8 races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of race scores excluding her worst score. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boats 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 the start boat 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 Series starting handicaps on Racetrack. Sailwave is used to calculate the handicaps each consecutive week in the Series.

17.2 The Yachts in Division 3 of the Tuesday Twilights will be allocated a start time that will be available every week. The start time is calculated by the handicapper based on the last 4-5 races.

17.3 Yachts must sail in the configuration to which their handicap was issued. All changes must be notified to the handicap committee a minimum of 72 hours prior to racing. Handicap Review forms are available in the foyer at WBC.

17.4 Communication with the handicapping committee must be in writing only and can be submitted on a 'Handicap Review' form or via email to events@waikawaboatingclub.co.nz

17.5 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 proven to have disposed of trash in the water shall score a DNS for that race.

20.0 PRIZES

20.1 There will be prizes for each division for each race. There will also be overall series prizes for each division. A representative from the boat must be present to collect the prize.

Unallocated prizes will be used as the race committee sees fit.

21.0 SAFETY

21.1 The Skipper of any boat must assess the capability and safety of his boat in prevailing or expected conditions. It is the sole responsibility of the Skipper to decide to sail or continue in any race organised by the WBC

21.2 Signing the WBC Safety Declaration Form is tantamount to declaring that the yacht entered complies with all safety requirements.

21.3 All yachts shall display their correct sail numbers on Mainsail and Spinnaker/Code 0.

21.4 A yacht may use any means of propulsion if essential to:

- assist a person or vessel in danger.
- avoid impeding the passage of any Large Vessel - see rule 15
- avoid entering the Clearance Distance around a large vessel - see Rule 15
- avoid collision with a vessel not racing.

Any yacht so doing who restarts in a race must do so in such a position that no significant advantage is derived from having used its motor. The yacht must inform the start boat as soon as practicable they have used their motor.

21.5 Yachts racing shall carry a serviceable marine VHF transceiver and listen on race control channel 77 at all times when racing. It is recommended that a cell phone be carried in a zip lock bag and switched on at all times.

The Weather

21.6 The wind limits recommended for racing at the Waikawa Boating Club will be a lower wind speed of 4 knots and an upper wind speed average of 30 knots over a 5-minute period over the course.

21.7 The overall decision to run, postpone or abandon a scheduled race will usually be made on the water by the Race Officer (RO)/Officer of the Day (OD) and/or prior to the start in conjunction with the Rear Commodore Sailing (RC). Once a race has started it may be abandoned due to lack of wind or safety concerns. The ultimate responsibility to participate in a race or to continue racing lies with the skipper/owner alone.

22.1 DISCLAIMER

22.1 All those who take part in WBC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. See RSS Rule 4, decision to race.

- 22.2 The WBC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment, or the competence of its skipper or crew. This is the responsibility of the Skipper or owner.
- 22.3 The organising 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.
- 22.4 Skippers and crew are reminded about their responsibilities on the water when it comes to the consumption of alcohol.
- 22.5 Although the WBC and its volunteers do everything they can to ensure the safety of the competitors, competitors participate entirely at their own risk.
- 22.6 The WBC reserves the right to refuse entry at any time of any yacht up until the preparatory signal.

Sailing Instructions for Long Harbour/Short Harbour 2024-2025

2.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing 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. Each Boat will need an inspection every 2 years or a signed off declaration by the skipper.
- 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
- 1.6 Marlborough District Council Current Harbour By laws.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the WBC foyer and will be posted on the WBC website and/or emailed to skippers.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of canting keel or water ballast.
- 3.3 Powered winches either electric or hydraulic are permitted. This changes RRS 52
- 3.4 Yachts shall keep clear of all ships over 500 tonne, this particularly refers to, but is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel. Competitors shall abide by current harbour regulations. There are specific "Moving Prohibited Zones" around ships over 500 tonne in the Marlborough Sounds. No vessel shall enter the zone around the ships, which extends 500 meters ahead, 50 meters down either side and 50 meters astern. This is a Marlborough District Council (MDC) Navigational by-law.
- 3.5 While racing, all yachts with a lifting keel must have the keel locked in the full down position.
- 3.6 The use of an auto pilot is allowed but in the fixed position (i.e. as a fixed rod)

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted in the Club foyer and will be on the Club website and/or emailed to skippers at least 4 hours. before they will take effect.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 To be eligible to compete, all boats must have completed and signed the club's Entry Form or Intention to Race Form and Safety Declaration and have submitted it to the WBC sailing committee at least 72 hours before the race.
- 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 a WBC Crew member.
- 5.4 Yachts must be registered with YNZ.
- 5.5 Once the start boat has announced it is "on station", yachts must radio in on VHF77 to confirm they are racing and advise total 'people on board' and the division in which they are competing and receive acknowledgement from the start boat official.
- 5.6 New yachts to the fleet must have completed the Handicap Application form and submitted it to the office at least 72 hours prior to the start and be allocated a handicap prior to racing. If no handicap has been allocated, they are allowed to race but their results will not be taken or count for any series points or race prizes.
- 5.7 Yachts entering Shorthanded races may have a maximum of two crew in total (incl. the helm).

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 As per the Racing Program.
- 6.2 For postponed or abandoned races, another date may be allocated to rerun. There will be no races run after the last scheduled race of the series.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area for Harbour/Long harbour Series racing will be inner and outer QCS, (i.e. to a line between Cape Jackson and Cape Komaru)
- 7.2 Trailer Boats will be restricted to sailing as far as the Northern end of Blumine Island, unless they have a cat 3 certificate.

8 COURSES TO BE SAILED

- 8.1 Course cards were be issued at the skippers pre season briefing and are available on the WBC website or at WBC from the front foyer of the clubhouse.
- 8.2 Additionally alternative courses may also be given over the radio/ or at a briefing if called by the Race Officer of the day. These courses may not be on the Course cards.

9.0 CLASSES AND FLAGS

- 9.1 The races will be sailed with the following flags being used by the start boat for each division.
 - Division 1 – Pennant 1
 - Division 2 – Pennant 2 (includes Trailer Boats).
- 9.2 Yachts will be allocated into divisions for the series.
- 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.

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Any race in which fewer than 2 yachts start in a division will be deemed to have been abandoned they may be rerun at a later date.
- 10.2 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.

- 10.3 (Discretionary Penalty) Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, during the start sequence for other divisions.
- 10.4 The Start line will be designated by the Race Officer of the day confirmed at the briefing, if held, or on channel 77 prior to the start.
- 10.5 Start times for **Long Harbour Racing**
- a Division 1 and 2 – 11.00 (Warning signal 10.55)
If there are only a few boats in each division, a combined Div 1 and Div 2 may be set. Watch for the flags and a radio message will be given out by the RO.
- 10.6 Start times for **Short Harbour Racing**
- Single Start for both Divisions
Start 14.00 (Warning: 13.55)
Listen to radio messages that may be given out by the RO.
Early Starters (OCS) the RO may attempt to advise the offending yacht or yachts on VHF channel 77.
- 10.7 General Recalls Long and Short harbour
- a. If there is a general recall, both divisions start sequence will be 5 mins later.
- 10.8 Inner Distance Mark: A orange buoy may be laid near the committee boat. Boats approaching the line to start shall pass between this mark and the pin (ie pass the mark to starboard). It is not a mark of the course.
- 11.0 THE FINISH**
- 11.1 The finishing line shall be designated as per the pre-race briefing. Competitors may be asked to take their own finish times. The actual Finish Time is to be recorded as **NZST Hrs Minutes and seconds (Not elapsed times)**
- 12.0 TIME LIMITS**
- 12.1 The time limit for all yachts competing in a Short Harbour Race shall be 2 hours for the first boat to finish and 3 hours for the last boat to finish, from each divisional start time, or official sunset, if earlier.
For Long Harbour Racing Official Sunset will be the last finish time. The RO will be trying to set a course that lasts 4 to 6 hours if wind permits.
Official sunset will be notified on ch77 of the designated committee boat. Any boats not finishing by the time limit shall be recorded as Time Limited Elapsed TLE number of finishers plus 2).
- 13.0 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND PENALTIES.**
- 13.1 Appendix T arbitration will apply,
- 13.2 SP is Standard Penalty
DP is discretionary Penalty.
- 13.3 Protest forms are available in the foyer of the WBC and shall be delivered to the Race Officer or a member of the sailing committee within the protest time limit.
- 13.4 The time limit for a protest to be lodged is 60 minutes after the last yacht had finished for each division. This can be a photo of the completed protest form sent to the club office email office@waikawaboating.club.co.nz, by the cut off time. The receipt time will show on the email.
- 13.5 Yachts will be informed either via email or by a notice on the notice board of the date and time where there protests hearing will be held.
- 13.6 Proximity to commercial vessels in Queen Charlotte Sounds. See SI 3.4 and 14.1

(Standard Penalty) If a formal complaint is received by the MDC Harbour Master in regards to the prohibited zone around a ship, the said yacht(s) shall have her score removed and will be scored DSQ for the next 3 races they participate in (there may also be a fine imposed by the Harbour Master). This rule is not open to protest by other boats, only by the race committee. (Informal complaint) In the event of a complaint from a ferry (ship) pilot/master or harbour master that identifies a vessel or vessels that did not abide by the rules. The impeding named vessel will be scored DSQ (not able to drop this result) for that race.

14.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

14.1 All ferries and ships over 500 tonne shall be classed as an obstruction. Refer to SI 3.4

15.0 SCORING SYSTEM

15.1 LONG HARBOUR/SHORT HARBOUR Series 8 races are scheduled, if 7 or more races are run there will be one discard.

If the race committee decide, results may be separated for short and long harbour for prize giving awards.

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the start boat on VHF Channel 77/63 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.

16.4 After the start of all divisions radio communication should be on channel 63.

17.0 HANDICAPPING

17.1 WBC bases its handicaps on racetrack, the Handicapper takes their results into consideration.

17.2 Yachts must sail in the configuration to which their handicap issued. All changes must be notified to the handicap committee a minimum of 72 hours prior to racing. Handicap review forms are available in the foyer at WBC.

17.3 Communication with the handicapping committee must be in writing only and can be submitted on a 'Handicap Review' form or via email to events@waikawaboatingclub.co.nz

17.4 The decision of the handicap committee will be final.

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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 proven to have disposed of trash in the water shall score a DNS for that race.

20.0 PRIZES

20.1 There will be prizes for each division for each race. There will also be overall series prizes for each division. A representative from the boat must be present to collect the prize.

Unallocated prizes will be issued as the race committee sees fit. Prize giving may be on a Tuesday evening after Twilight Racing.

21.0 SAFETY

21.1 The Skipper of any boat must assess the capability and safety of his boat in prevailing or expected conditions. It is the sole responsibility of the Skipper to decide to sail or continue in any race organised by the WBC

- 21.2 Signing the WBC Safety Declaration Form is tantamount to declaring that the yacht entered complies with all safety requirements.
- 21.3 All yachts shall display their correct sail numbers on Mainsail and Spinnaker/Code 0.
- 21.4 A yacht may use any means of propulsion if essential to:
- assist a person or vessel in danger.
 - avoid impeding the passage of any Large Vessel - see rule 15
 - avoid entering the Clearance Distance around a large vessel - see Rule 15
 - avoid collision with a vessel not racing.

Any yacht so doing who restarts in a race must do so in such a position that no significant advantage is derived from having used its motor. The yacht must inform the start boat as soon as practicable they have used their motor.

- 21.5 Yachts racing shall carry a serviceable marine VHF transceiver and listen on race control channel 77 at all times when racing. It is recommended that a cell phone be carried in a zip lock bag and switched on at all times.

The Weather

- 21.6 The wind limits recommended for racing at the Waikawa Boating Club will be a lower wind speed of 4 knots and an upper wind speed average of 30 knots over a 5-minute period over the course.
- 21.7 The overall decision to run, postpone or abandon a scheduled race will usually be made on the water by the Race Officer (RO)/Officer of the Day (OD) and/or prior to the start in conjunction with the Rear Commodore Sailing (RC). Once a race has started it may be abandoned due to lack of wind or safety concerns. The ultimate responsibility to participate in a race or to continue racing lies with the skipper/owner alone.

22.1 DISCLAIMER

- 22.1 All those who take part in WBC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. See RSS Rule 4, decision to race.
- 22.2 The WBC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment, or the competence of its skipper or crew. This is the responsibility of the Skipper or owner.
- 22.3 The organising 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.
- 22.4 Skippers and crew are reminded about their responsibilities on the water when it comes to the consumption of alcohol.
- 22.5 Although the WBC and its volunteers do everything they can to ensure the safety of the competitors, competitors participate entirely at their own risk.
- 22.6 The WBC reserves the right to refuse entry at any time of any yacht up until the preparatory signal.

Note to All Yachts racing with WBC

The Harbour Bylaws are clear that non-commercial vessels have to keep at least 500Mtrs clear ahead and 50 m clear on each side and stern of ferries and other vessels over 500 tonne.

Recently there have been a number of incidents that have resulted in commercial vessel skippers giving the crew of Ray White, via VHF, feedback on vessels that have seriously impeded their route or caused a sudden change of direction. There will be different penalties if no formal written complaint is received and if a written formal complaint is received. This is described under Penalties in the SIs.

This is done on the understanding that boats take part knowing that the word of the complaining captain will be taken as true unless the skipper of the alleged impeding racing boat is able to prove otherwise.

