

KYC Club Champs

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2015

Organising Authority: Kohimarama Yacht Club (Inc), PO Box 25 007,
St Heliers, Auckland

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 All competitors must be current financial members of KYC prior to commencement of racing.
- 1.4 Entries in the Optimist Green Fleet class must comply with the provisions set out by IODA for entry in a Green Fleet class.
- 1.5 Age for entries in the age group divisions in the Optimist Open Fleet class is as at 31 December 2015.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board in the window of the office located on the ground floor of the Kohimarama Yacht Club clubhouse (KYC). The Race Office is the tower of KYC.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions 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.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at KYC between 0800 hours and 1700 hours.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 No boat shall leave the beach until Flags D over Course letter are raised.
- 4.4 Signals made over a Course letter apply to that course only.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 21st March:

Briefing	1000 hours
1 st Warning signal	1045 hours

22nd March:	
1 st Warning signal	1045 hours

Target Races	
Optimist Green	3 races per day sailed back to back
All other fleets	4 races per day sailed back to back
- 5.2 The warning signal for a subsequent race will be made as soon as practicable but no sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.

- 5.3 The Race Committee may schedule a rest period between back to back races and may change the starting sequence of classes which will be shown on the board of the Race Committee boat.
- 5.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 No race will start after 1630 hours on Sunday 22nd March.
- 5.6 At least 3 boats in a class will be required for a race start.
- 5.7 The format is fleet racing.

6.0 LOCATION OF SIGN ON SIGN OFF SHEETS

The sign on sign off sheets will be on the deck outside the club rooms.

7.0 RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be off Kohimarama Beach, Auckland. Boats shall not pass between the beacons of the East Bastion Reef or the West Bastion Reef, or between the beacons marking any other reefs, but may sail either side of the reefs.

8.0 THE COURSES

Course A: Close in off Kohimarama Beach (Optimist Green)

Course B: Further out from Kohimarama Beach (Optimist Open, P Class, Starling, 420, 29er, Laser, etc)

9.0 COURSE and MARK DESCRIPTIONS

- 9.1 See course sheets

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 10.3 Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible but not less than 5 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the previous race. This instruction will not apply after a general recall or abandonment. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 Race Committee boats may hold position using their engine(s). Any effect will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters rules 60.1(a) and 62.

11.0 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, a Race Committee boat will place the New Mark (or the finishing line) to its new position. The change will be signaled with repetitive sounds before the leading boat has begun the leg although the New Mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the New Mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a New Mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original Mark.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats must pass between the Race Committee boat signaling 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.
- 11.3 The Race Committee may designate a Race Committee boat to lead the first boat to the new mark.

12.0 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the Finish mark as shown in the course sheets.

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 shall apply except as modified by instruction 13.2.
- 13.2 For the 29er class, rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720 degree turn is replaced by a 360 degree turn.
- 13.3 Appendix N will apply.

- 13.4 When Appendix P applies for the Optimist, P Class, Starling and Laser classes, rules P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted and rule P2.1 is amended to “*When a boat is penalised under rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.*”
- 13.5 When Appendix P applies, on the first penalty for infringements under rule P1 (and subsequent penalties under rule P1 for the Optimist, P Class, Starling and Laser classes), if penalized 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.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The Time Limit for Course B for the first boat to finish is 60 minutes.
- 14.2 On Course B boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1. Optimist Green fleet may be finished on the water at the discretion of the Race Management.

15.0 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Optimist and P Class yachts will not be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes rule 61.1(a)
- 15.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.
- 15.3 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. Yachting New Zealand regulation 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1). The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.
- 15.4 For all classes, 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 finish line of her intention to protest and the identity the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee boat. This changes rule 61.
- 15.5 Protests forms are available from the Race Office. Protests must be delivered to the Race Office before the protest time limit.
- 15.6 The protest time limits are 45 minutes after the last boat has finished in the last race of the day on each course. 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. The protest time limits will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 15.7 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard at KYC as soon as possible.
- 15.8 Notices of protests by the Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.9 A list of boats that, under instruction 13.3 have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 15.7 For the purpose of rule 64.3 (b) the “authority responsible” is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 15.8 Breaches of instructions 4.2, 4.3, 6.0, 10.3, 17, 18.2, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat under rule 60.1(a). This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty given under this instruction will be DPG.

16.0 Mediation

- 16.1 At the discretion of the Protest Committee, a mediation hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing involving an alleged breach of a rule RRS Part 2 (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator, no witnesses will be permitted. Protests not resolved by mediation will be heard by the Protest Committee.

- 16.2 A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 16.3 The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give testimony to the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 16.4 If the mediator refers the case to a protest hearing, or if the Protest Committee initiates a reopening, any penalty given for a breach of a rule of Part 2 will be the mediation penalty.

17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Points Scoring system of Appendix A, as changed below, will apply.
- 17.2 KYC Club Champs-Three races will constitute a series.
- 17.3 When up to 5 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When 6 or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.
- 17.5 KYC Club Champs for the Optimist, P Class and Starling classes shall consist of a maximum of eight races.

18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall sign on each time they leave the shore to enter the course and sign off each time they come ashore from the course.
- 18.2 Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices that comply with Yachting New Zealand Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) or an equivalent standard, at all times while afloat.
- 18.3 Any boat retiring from a race shall, when possible, notify either a Race Committee or Support vessel before leaving the racing area.
- 18.4 Spare
- 18.5 Sign off shall be completed within the protest interval of the last boat finishing in the last race of the session.
- 18.6 Boats failing to sign on before leaving shore and up to the Warning Signal will be penalised without a hearing by the addition of five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the first race for which they should have signed-on. Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time, shall be penalised without a hearing by the addition of five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

19.0 REPLACEMENT CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed with the prior written approval by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Office at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

- 19.4 Any change of equipment other than as provided in Instructions 19.1 and 19.2 will not be allowed.

20.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and these Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee appointed Measurer or representative to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21.0 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 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 fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or an abandonment of all fleets. 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.
- 21.2 When the wind is less than 10 knots support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 200m of the area where boats are racing.
- 21.3 When flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats shall remain afloat and assist all sailors.
- 21.4 The Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instruction 21. 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.

22.0 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1 Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats and equipment must be launched and retrieved from Kohimarama Beach.

22.2

23.0 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed in support and race committee boats.

24.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1 Except in an emergency 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.

25.0 PRIZES

- 25.1 KYC Club Champs cups and trophies for all classes will be awarded at the annual KYC prize giving evening.

26.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, during or after the regatta.