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**The 2018 Starling  
Auckland Championships**

**and Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta**

Saturday 27th January to Monday 29th January 2018

Kohimarama, Auckland

The Organising Authority is  
Kohimarama Yacht Club   
in conjunction with the Starling Class Association

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **RULES**

1.1The regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20.

1.2 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply

**2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

1. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, excep that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours or the end of protest time whichever is earlier on the day before it will take effect.

**4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of the club house.

4.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class. This changes the Race Signals preamble

4.3 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’   
in race signal, AP.

4.4 Flag D with a sound signal means: ‘the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed.’ Boats shall not go afloat until this signal is made.

**5.0 Registration**

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| Friday | 1600 to 2000 |
| Saturday | 0700 to 0900 |

**6.0 Briefings**

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| Sailors Welcome and Safety Briefing | Saturday at 0900 hours |
| Support Boats Briefing | Saturday at 0915 |

Briefings will be held in or adjacent to the Clubhouse

**7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

7.1 9 races are scheduled.

| **Date** | **Time of First Warning Signal** | **Number of Races** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Saturday | 1100 hours | 3 races |
| Sunday | 1030 hours | 3 races |
| Monday | 1030 hours | 3 races |

7.2 No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

7.3 The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable but not sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race for that fleet.

7.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed, with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7.5 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

**8.0 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background.

**9.0 THE COURSES**

The diagrams in Attachment A show the course, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**10.0 MARKS**

The marks are described in Attachment A.

**11.0 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRSs A4, *Low Point System,* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

**12.0 CHANGE OF 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.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28, *Sailing the Course*.

**13.0 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the finishing marks.

**14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42,* will apply with the following changes:

RRS P2.1, *First Penalty*, is amended to “When a boat is penalised under Rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under Rule 44.2, *One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties*. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. If a penalty is signalled after a boat has finished, the boat will be given a scoring penalty of 10% of her fleet size without a hearing although her score will not be worse than the score for a DSQ.”

14.2 RRSs P2.2, Second Penalty, and P2.3, Third and Subsequent Penalties, are deleted.

**15.0 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

15.1 The time limits and target times in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

| **Time Limit** | **Target Time** |
| --- | --- |
| 90 minutes | 55 minutes |

15.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a), *Redress*.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRSs 35, *Time Limit and Scores* and A4, *Low Point System* and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

**16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), *Informing the Protestee,* inform the Race Committee boat at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61, *Protest Requirements*.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.3 The protest time limit for all fleets is 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished in the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRSs 61.3, *Protest Time Limit,* and 62.2, *Redress*. Protest time limits will be posted.

16.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee designated area. Except on the last day of the regatta no hearing will start after 2200.

16.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b), *Informing the Protestee*.

16.6 For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), *Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules,* the ‘authority responsible’ is the Equipment Inspector appointed by the organising authority.

16.7 Breaches of SIs 0, 18, 20, and 21, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under RRS 60.1(a). This changes RRS 60.1(a), *Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action*.

16.8 Penalties for breaches of SIs 0, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, Class Rules and Safety Regulations may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty will be DPI.

16.9 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted. This changes RRS 62.2, *Redress*.

16.10 A list of boats that, under SI 14, have been penalised for breaking RRS 42, *Propulsion,* will be posted.

**17.0 SCORING**

17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.2 The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.

17.3 To request the correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the race office.

**18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 All boats intending to race shall complete the sign on prior to going afloat for any races.

18.2 On returning to shore, all boats shall complete the sign off sheet.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she has finished the last race of the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18.4 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave a paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a), *Redress.*

**19.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. The person onboard shall be the person named on the entry form.

19.2 Except as allowed by the class rules, in the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Equipment Inspector. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Regatta Equipment Inspector, Protest Committee or Race Committee and the written permission of the Regatta Equipment Inspector shall be applied for before the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

19.3 Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

**20.0 EQUIPMENT Inspection**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee appointed Equipment Inspector or representative to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**21.0 ADVERTISING**

The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*. Sponsors’ logos are to be carried 150 mm back from the bow, and 50 mm below the gunwale on both sides of the hull.

**22.0 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Protest Committee boats will fly a yellow flag with a black “J”.

**23.0 Coaches and Team Leaders Meeting**

There will be a Coaches and Team Leaders meeting at 0830 on the second and third days of the regatta or two hours before the first warning signal of the day if the race schedule is changed to start earlier. The objective of the meetings is to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organisation, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general.

**24.0 SUPPORT BOATS**

24.1 Except when requested to participate 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 race to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail. During any starting sequence, support boats in the vicinity of the start line, shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions.

24.2 Support boats may, after the last start of a race, move, at less than 5 knots, between the waiting and the finishing areas.

24.3 When a support boat has a sole capable occupant the outboard kill cord shall be attached to the driver.

24.4 When a Race Committee or Protest Committee member indicates a support boat to move further from the course area, the mentioned boat shall do so immediately.

24.5 The Protest Committee or the Race Committee may instruct one or more support boats to maintain station in areas which are at variation to SI 0.

24.6 When the wind is less than 10 knots support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing at other times boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

24.7 When Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors and monitor the race committee VHF radio channel for search and rescue instructions.

24.8 Support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.

24.9 Attention is drawn to the Auckland bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other safety requirements. A suitable life jacket for each member of the crew shall be carried at all times, and it shall be worn unless the skipper has determined there is no significant risk.

**25.0 Launching and Retrieval Restrictions**

All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from beach/ramp adjacent to the yacht club except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

**26.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

**27.0 Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

Spot Prizes may be presented to those in attendance at the daily prize giving.

1. **Risk Statement**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 4, *Decision to Race*, states:   
“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:

1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**Attachment A – Starling Course**

**Course: Inner Trapezoid with beat to finish**

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4s**

**4p**

60° - 70°

Wind

110° - 120°

110° - 120°

Start Finish

**5**

**S P**

**F P**

**S S**

**F S**

**Course:**

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|  | **Mark Rounding Order** |
| I1 | Start - 1 (port) – 2 (port) – 3 (port) – 5 (port) – Finish |
| I2 | Start - 1 (port) – 4S/4P (gate) – 1 (port) – 2 (port) – 3 (port) – 5 (port) - Finish |
| W1 | Start – 1 (port) – 5 (port) – Finish |
| W2 | Start – 1 (port) – 4S/4P (gate) – 1 (port) – 5 (port) – Finish |

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| **Marks** | **Description** |
| 1, 2, 3, 4P, 4S and 5 | Yellow Conical Bouys |
| New Mark (SI 12) | Red Cylinder buoys |
| Start and finish marks starboard | Race committee boat |
| Start and finish marks port | Orange Tear Drop |