

14^h May to 17th September 2017

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Sailing Instructions

Open to members from any club.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II, Category 5 shall apply to keel yachts and multihulls.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V, Category C shall apply to trailer yachts and sports trailer yachts.
- 1.4 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part VI, Category B shall apply to sport boats.
- 1.5 All other yachts shall comply with their appropriate class and safety rules.
- 1.6 It is compulsory that every boat have on board a functioning VHF radio plus two red and two orange flares (all less than three years old), all of which are readily accessible.
- 1.7 The required safety gear must be carried on board at all times and may be inspected for compliance with these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8 Between Sunset and Sunrise the “International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea” will apply, replacing the relevant rules of Racing Rules of Sailing Part 2.
- 1.9 A boat shall not discharge trash into the water.
- 1.10 This is a non-spinnaker event. No spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board in the Kerikeri Cruising Club and on the club’s web site at www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Notice Board and web site more than three hours before any scheduled race on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races which will be posted on the club’s Race Notice Board and web site not less than four days before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Kerikeri Cruising Club’s Start Box.
- 4.2 The AP flag will be substituted by a red light followed by two sound signals. This changes RRS 27.3 *Other Race Committee Actions Before The Starting Signal*.

5 Race Schedule

Date	Time of warning signal	Race
14 th May	1355	1
28 th May	1355	2
11 th June	1355	3
25 th June	1355	4
9 th July	1355	5

23 rd July	1355	6
6 th August	1355	7
20 th August	1355	8
3 rd September	1355	9
17 th September	1355	10

5.1 Boats with handicaps about or below .600 may be required to start at times earlier than the programmed race start time of 1800 hours in order for the bulk of the fleet to start at or as soon after 1400 hours as possible. When this clause is invoked these yachts will start according to the provisions of Clause 9.4.

6 Fleet Board

- 6.1 Races in this series are single fleet **Mark Foy (Pursuit)** races.
- 6.2 The Fleet Board colour is red.
- 6.3 Boats with handicaps between .700 and .750 may race in either A or B division within the fleet and shall remain in that division within the fleet for the remainder of the series.
- 6.4 A minimum of two (2) yachts must be entered and start to constitute the fleet component of each race.
- 6.5 A minimum of two (2) yachts must be entered and start in either division to constitute the divisional component of each race.

7 Courses

- 7.1 All divisions shall start at the same time and sail the same course.
- 7.2 Courses will be made available in the Kerikeri Cruising Club's start box and on the web site.
- 7.3 Course numbers will be displayed no later than the fleet warning signal.
- 7.4 **Shortened Course:** A race may be shortened at the outer distance buoy. A red light will show along with the appropriate class flag accompanied by two sound signals before the leading yacht reaches the outer distance buoy. This changes RRS Rule 32.2 *Shortening Or Abandoning After The Start*.
- 7.5 When Brothers does not conform to RRS Rule 28.2(b) *Sailing the Course* it is to be considered a fairway mark.

8 Areas that are Obstructions; Fairway Marks

- 8.1 Boats while racing will pass on the main navigation channel side of all mooring buoys and moored boats. These areas shall be treated as an obstruction.
- 8.2 Unless any of the following are nominated as rounding marks, yachts when racing shall pass:
 - North of Cocked Hat Island Beacon.
 - To seaward of all the Black Rocks.
 - North of Flat Island.
 - South of all the Te Pahi Islands including Motuterakihi.
 - To seaward of Brampton Buoy.
 - North of all rocks off Tapeka Point.
 - South of Reidy's Buoy

9 The Start

- 9.1 Start times for all yachts will be available from the club's Race Office on the day of the race.
- 9.2 When Clause 5.1 is to be used by the Race Officer, those boats will start prior to the programmed start signal according to Clause 9.4.
- 9.3 Race starts will otherwise comply with the following (this changes RRS Rule 26 *Starting Races*)
 - 5 minutes prior to FIRST start **Amber** light & horn
 - 4 minutes prior to FIRST start **Green** light & horn
 - 1 minute prior to FIRST start **Green** light off & horn
 - Start **Amber** light off & horn
- 9.4 **ALL OTHER YACHTS**, including those that meet the requirements of Clause 5.1, will start at their published start time as follows:
 - Their **WARNING SIGNAL** will be signaled by displaying a **RED light 30 seconds before their start**,

along with two sound signals.

The **RED light will be removed, along with one sound signal**, at each new start.

As a courtesy the Race Officer may notify a yacht's start time over VHF channel 77.

- 9.5 A yacht starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 *Low Point And Bonus Point Systems*.
- 9.6 Unless otherwise specified, the Kerikeri Cruising Club's **start line** is a transit through the pole behind the western end of the clubhouse and the white pole immediately south of the Clubhouse. The length of the **start line** is defined by inner and outer distance marks which may or may not be on the transit.
- 9.7 An **Individual Recall** will be notified by displaying one **Red** light following the starting signal along with **one** sound signal. This changes RRS Rule 29.1 *Individual Recall*. The Race Officer will attempt to broadcast identified names and/or sail numbers on VHF channel 77. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a Request for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a) *Protest Requirements*.

10 Alternative Starts

In the event of a power failure or a breakdown in the automatic starting system Rule 26 *Starting Races* shall apply.

11 The Finish

- 11.1 The **finish line** shall be between the start box and the outer distance buoy.
- 11.2 If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 Time Limits

- 12.1 The time limit for any boat to finish is 2.5 hours following the start of its race.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within their time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 *Time Limit and Scores, A4, and A5 Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

13 Re-run of races

The race organisers reserve the right to rerun any postponed or abandoned races. Any rescheduling will be notified on the Kerikeri Cruising Club's website and on the club's Race Notice Board not less than four days before it will take effect.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 RRS Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS Rule 31 *Touching a Mark* or Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 *When Boats Meet* or RRS Rule 31 *Touching a Mark* to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS Rule 44.3(c) *Scoring Penalty* 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, which ever is less.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the time limit along with a \$10 protest fee.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a) *Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action*.
- 15.3 In addition to RRS 61.1 *Informing the Protestee*, a boat intending to protest shall verbally notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 77 and receive an acknowledgement after finishing the race and before leaving the race area.
- 15.4 For any protest where only a rule of RRS Part 2 *When Boats Meet* is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing will be offered as per YNZ regulations part 4.5.5 *Arbitration*.

- 15.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1 (b) *Informing the Protestee*.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point System as per RRS 90.3(a) *Scoring* will apply to each yacht's finish place within its division for each race in this series.
- 16.2 Seven races are required to be completed to constitute a series for each division.
- 16.3 When 7 races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5 When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 16.6 When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.
- 16.7 A disqualified yacht shall not discard points in the series.
- 16.8 The Rum Race TCF (Time Correction Factor) allocated to each yacht to determine its starting time may be altered in accordance with the programming of the computer software and/or manually by the Handicapper.
- 16.9 TCFs may be queried in writing to the Race Committee by a yacht's owner or skipper. E mail is accepted.
- 16.10 Any alteration to a yacht's hull, sail plan, spars, engine, propeller, rudder or ballast shall be notified in writing to the handicapper not less than 24 hours before the start any race for the purpose of re-handicapping where necessary. Failure to do so may render the yacht liable for disqualification from all races concerned.

17 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by either VHF Channel 77, or any other channel advised, or to the race office by phone on 407 9434.

18 Official Boats

Official boats will be marked with a J Flag.

19 Radio Communication

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 The working channel for the race will be VHF channel 77.

20 Prize Giving

Race prize giving will be held in the Kerikeri Cruising Club rooms after racing finishes on any day, but no sooner than thirty minutes after the last boat has completed the course.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in all races in this series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS Rule 4 *Decision to Race*. The Kerikeri Cruising Club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or following any race in this series.