

Sailing Instructions

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013–2016 (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 The International Flying Fifteen Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.6 The Elliott 5.9 Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.7 The required safety gear must be carried on board at all times and may be inspected.
- 1.8 Self-steering devices may be used if no more than two persons are onboard.
- 1.9 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.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the KCC Building, and the website www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board more than 3 hours before any scheduled race on the day that it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races which will be posted on the official notice board and the club web site not less than 4 days before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the 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 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time of first warning signal	Race
4 th May	1425	1
18 th May	1425	2
1 st June	1425	3
15 th June	1425	4
29 th June	1425	5
13 ^h July	1425	6

27 th July	1425	7
10 th August	1425	8
24 th August	1425	9
7 th September	1425	10
21 st September	1425	11

5.2 Eleven races are scheduled.

6 Class Flags & Divisions

6.1 Class boards will be:

A Division - Green

General handicaps .750 and above.

B Division - Blue over white horizontal

General handicaps .700 and below.

Boats with handicaps between .700 and .750 may race in either A or B division.

6.3 A minimum of two entered yachts per division must start to constitute a race.

7 Courses

7.1 Courses for all divisions are as described in the "KCC Course Sheet April 2013" available on the KCC web site at www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz or from the Kerikeri Cruising Club's race office.

7.2 Course numbers will be displayed no later than a division's warning signal.

7.3 **Shortened Course:** A race maybe 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*.

7.4 When Brothers does not conform to RRS Rule 28.2(b) *Sailing the Course* it is to be considered a fairway mark.

8 Start and Finish Lines

8.1 **Start Line:** Unless otherwise specified, the KCC 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.

8.2 **Starting Area:** Yachts must keep clear of the start line for any start preceding their own.

8.3 **Finish Line:** The finish line shall be between the start box and the outer distance buoy.

9 Areas that are Obstructions; Fairway Marks

9.1 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.

9.2 Unless any of the following are nominated as rounding marks, yachts when racing must 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

10 The Start

10.1 Races will start as follows: This changes RRS Rule 26 *Starting Races*.

5 minutes prior to start **Amber** light & horn

4 minutes prior to start **Green** light & horn

1 minute prior to start **Green** light off & horn

Start **Amber** light off & horn

10.2 A **General Recall** will be notified by one **Amber** light and one **Green** light along with **two** sound signals. This changes RRS Rule 29.2 *General Recall*. The warning signal for a new start shall be made one minute after the recall lights are removed.

10.3 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*. A courtesy call may be made on VHF channel 77 advising the names or sail numbers of recalled yachts.

10.4 A yacht starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

11 **Alternative Starts**

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

12 **Penalty System**

For the all classes RRS Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

13 **Time Limit**

The time limit for any boat to finish is 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS Rule 35 *Time Limit and Scores*.

14 **Protests and Requests for Redress**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit and with a \$10 protest fee.

14.2 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*.

14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and to Requests for Redress.

14.4 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 at the KCC as soon as practicable.

14.5 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*.

15 **Scoring**

15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2015* will apply.

15.2 Seven races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When 7 races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.5 When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

15.6 When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.

15.7 When 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst four scores.

15.8 A yacht disqualified shall not discard that race in any point's series.

15.9 **HANDICAPS:** The club General Handicap TCF [time correction factor] allotted to each yacht may be altered in accordance with the programming of the computer software and / or manually by the Handicapper.

15.10 TCFs may be queried in writing through the sailing office by any racing owner. E mail is accepted.

15.11 **ALTERATIONS:** Any alterations to the hull sail plan, spars, engine propeller, rudder or ballast shall be notified in writing to the handicapper 24 hour 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.

16 **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.

17 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and these sailing instructions.

18 Official Boats

Official boats will be marked with a J Flag.

19 Radio Communication

19.1 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 as soon as practicable after racing finishes on any day, but no sooner than one hour after the last boat has completed the course.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.