

Epiglass Trophy Interclub Races

1. **The Race**

The Epiglass Trophy is awarded on the results of three weekend races held on dates agreed each year by the Kerikeri Cruising Club, the Opuia Cruising Club, the Russell Boating Club and the Bay of Islands Yacht Club. The responsibility for organising the three races in the series currently rotates between the Kerikeri Cruising Club, the Opuia Cruising Club, and the Russell Boating Club.

Racing Rules That Apply

2. The races are held under the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including all Yachting New Zealand prescriptions, and under these rules and under the sailing instructions of the club responsible for organising the particular race.

Where there is a conflict between these rules and/or the club's sailing instructions and the current Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing, these rules and/or the club's sailing instructions shall prevail. Where there is a conflict between these rules and the organising club's sailing instructions, these rules shall prevail.

Changes to the Racing Rules The Rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows:-

Rules of RRS Part 2 will be altered during the race between the hours of official sunset and sunrise to give precedence to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and Local Harbour Regulations will apply.

For any protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.

3. **SAFETY STANDARDS**

The safety standards of the host club must be complied with.

Entry

4. The races are open to any boat skippered by a current financial member of either the Kerikeri Cruising Club, the Opuia Cruising Club, the Russell Boating Club or the Bay of Islands Yacht Club.

There shall be no entry fee.

Before the start of the race, each boat must clearly identify which club it is racing for to the Officer of the Day or to the Starter. Failure to do this could result in that boat not having points awarded.

5. **Start**

At least three boats shall start, or the race shall be abandoned. All boats shall race in the one division unless otherwise agreed between clubs prior to the start of the series.

The start line shall be set off Brampton or a poor weather option, between Tapeka and Russell head as used in BOI Sailing Week for Cruising Division.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

START SEQUENCE & SIGNALS:

5 minutes	Warning signal	Class flag up (yellow)
4 minutes	Preparatory signal	Blue & White Peter up
1 minute	One minute signal	Blue & White Peter down
Start	Start signal	All flags down

Before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason *postpone* (display flag AP, AP over H, or AP over A, with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N over H, or N over A, with three sounds).

Start Time

Start time for each race shall **be 11am**.

Finish Line

The finish line will be the normal finish line of the hosting club.

OCC The finish line is a line between the orange diamond marker above the window of the starter box and the ODM (not the transit).

RBC finish line shall be a line between the 5 yellow knot buoy and seaward apex of Russell Wharf building roof.

KCC The finish line shall be between the inner and outer distance marks. If the outer distance mark is missing the finish line shall be the transit through the pole behind the western end of the clubhouse and the white pole immediately south of the Clubhouse.

Course Sheets

Course sheets should be made available to all boats. Course sheets should include details of the start/finish line, the start sequence, the recall signals and contact details in the event that a boat pulls out of the race.

Time Limit

5. The first boat must complete the course within four and a half hours after the start or the race shall be abandoned.

No finish time requirement for last boat. The finish times shall be taken of all boats finishing no later than quarter of an hour after sunset. Boats finishing after this time shall take their own finishing times.

Any boat that does not finish must inform the organising club as soon as practicable.

Fairway Marks

6. Unless any of the following are nominated as rounding marks Yachts, when racing, must pass:
 - to the west of Kaiaraara (Mill) Island
 - to the north and west of all rocks off Tapeka Point
 - to seaward of all Black Rocks (which are to the north and east of Moturoa Island up to but not including Flat Island)
 - to the south of Pakatahi Island (southern end of Moturua Island)
 - to the south of all rocks off the south eastern end of Motukiekie Island

- to the north of Motutara Islands (northern end of Motukiekie Island, in Army Bay passage)
- to the west of Motukauri Island (northern entrance to Manawaora Bay)
- to the channel side of registered moorings between Okiato Pole and OCC Start Line, and between the Opuia Start Line and English Bay (inclusive).
- North of Cocked Hat Island Beacon.
- South of all the Te Pahi Islands including Motuterakihi
- To seaward of Brampton Buoy unless a mark
- South of Reidy's Buoy

Protests

7. Any protest must be lodged within one hour after the last boat finishes.

The organising club is responsible for arranging the hearing of the protest as soon as reasonably possible.

Each club shall have equal representation on the Hearing Committee.

The Hearing Committee shall be chaired by a person from the organising club.

Handicapping

8. Prior to the year's Epiglass Series the handicappers for each club shall meet and agree on handicaps to apply for the races. Unexpected entries to be dealt with by mobile telephone call on the day.

Points

9. Points for each race shall be based on the positions of the top three finishing boats from each club

or the number of boats making up (roughly) 2/3 of the smallest fleet if greater than 3 as per the following table.

Boats	2/3	Boats	2/3
1	3	9	6
2	3	10	7
3	3	11	7
4	3	12	8
5	3	13	9
6	4	14	9
7	5	15	10
8	5	16	11

The club with the lowest points for the race or series, as the case may be, is the winner.

For each race corrected time positions shall be calculated for all boats in the race. Race points for a club shall be the total of the top scored positions achieved in the race by boats from that club. The club winning the particular race shall be the club with the lowest race points.

The series winner will be decided by adding together each club's race points for each of the three races in the series. The club with the lowest total is the winner of the series.

Where a club has 2 boats in a race, its race points shall be the total of the positions of its 2 boats plus points equal to the total number of boats in the race plus 1.

Where a club has 1 boat in a race, its race points shall be the total of the positions of its 1 boat plus twice the points equal to the total number of boats in the race plus 1.

Where a club has 0 boats in a race, its race points shall be the total of points equal to the total number of boats in the race plus 1 multiplied by the number of scored boats in the table above.

Where the series is tied, the winner of the third race shall win the trophy. If the third race is a tie, the results of the second race shall determine the trophy winner. If both the third and second races are tied, the results in the first race shall determine the trophy winner. All each of the three races are tied, the trophy winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

10. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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 unless allowed in these sailing instructions. Race officers call on Ch77 and as as advised on the days course sheet.

Trophies

11. Trophies awarded on series completion. There are 3 trophies available. One for winning club, one for series winning boat and a third available in a future should there be a B division.

The previous holder of the trophy must ensure that the trophy engraving is up to date before handing the trophy to the new winner.

The trophy shall be presented to the new winner at the prize giving held by the host immediately after the last race of the series.

SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY

12. a) Competitors participate in the Club races at their own risk, see racing rule 4, *Decision to Race*. It is the sole responsibility of each competing skipper or other competitor to decide whether or not to start and to continue to race. The Clubs will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after any race.
- b) It is the responsibility of all skippers to ensure that their vessel and equipment is, at all times, satisfactory and maintained to a standard to ensure the safety of crew and of other competitors.
- (c) Competitor's attention is drawn to the fundamental rules of racing in Part 1 of the Racing Rules. *These cover helping those in danger, life-saving equipment and personal buoyancy, fair sailing, acceptance of the rules, the decision to race and banned substances and methods.*