

Bay of Islands Inter-Club race



Saturday 16 November 2024

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Sailing Instructions

Open to members of any yacht club in the Bay of Islands.

1 Rules

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2020–2024* (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 for trailer yachts and Sport Trailer Yachts.
- 1.4 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part VI, Category B shall apply for sport boats.
- 1.5 All other yachts shall comply with their appropriate class and safety rules.
- 1.6 Every boat shall 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 RRS 51 *Moveable Ballast* is modified to allow yachts with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete. All yachts shall comply with ISAF Special Regulations Appendix K and YNZ Safety Regulations 6.1(k) and 6.2(k).
- 1.9 RRS Rule 52 *Manual Power* shall not apply.
- 1.10 Between Sunset and Sunrise the “International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea” will apply, replacing the relevant rules of RRS Part 2 *When Boats Meet*.
- 1.11 A yacht’s extras (spinnakers and gennakers) may be used.
- 1.12 Trash shall not be discharged into the water.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board at the Kerikeri Cruising Club and the website at www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Kerikeri Cruising Club’s club’s Race Notice Board before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect.

4 Race Signals

All signals will be displayed on the race committee boat.

5 Race Schedule

Race date	Scheduled time of race warning signal
Saturday 16 November 2024	1155

- 5.1 The race start will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26 *Starting Races*.
- 5.2 This is a single division (fleet) race where all yachts start at the same time.

6 Class flag

An Yellow flag will be displayed on the committee boat.

7 Courses

- 7.1 Courses will be made available on the Kerikeri Cruising Club's web site and on the club's sailing notice board and emailed to participating clubs.
- 7.2 The course number used for the race will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the race warning signal.

8 Areas that are Obstructions; Fairway Marks

- 8.1 Yachts 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:
 - 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 Opua 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

9 The Start

- 9.1 The start line will be between the two Northern Channel Markers
- 9.2 Sound signals, VHF calls on Ch77 will be made from the KCC Committee boat.
- 9.3 Start Sequence and Signals:

10 Minutes (1150)	Rcourse	VHF Channel 77
5 minutes	Warning signal	1 horn and VHF call (77)
4 minutes	Preparatory signal	1 horn and VHF call (77)
1 minute	One minute signal	1 horn
Start	Start signal	1 horn

- 9.4 A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 *Low Point System* and RRS A5 *Scores determined by the Race Committee*.
- 9.5 An **Individual Recall** will be notified via VHF Channel 77 and 1 sound signal. This changes RRS Rule 29.1. The Race Committee 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) *Redress*.
- 9.6 A **General Recall** will be notified by VHF Channel 77 and two sound signals. This changes RRS Rule 29.2 *General Recall*

11 The Finish

- 11.1 The **finish line** shall be between the inner and outer distance marks off the Kerikeri Cruising Club when the pole behind the western end of the clubhouse and the white pole immediately south of the Clubhouse are in transit
- 11.2 Each boat's finish shall be signaled with a horn from the club's start box.

12 Time Limits

The time limit for any boat to finish is 5 hours following the start of the race. Yachts failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 *Time Limit and Scores*, RRS A4 *Low Point System* and RRS A5 *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

13 Re-run of races

The race organisers reserve the right to rerun any postponed or abandoned race. The rescheduling will be notified on the Kerikeri Cruising Club's website and on the club's Race Notice Board and via email to club representatives not less than twenty four hours 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 *Taking a Penalty* 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, whichever is less.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the Kerikeri Cruising Club's Race Office. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit along with a \$200 protest fee.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is sixty (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 RRS Rule 69.2 *Action by a Protest Committee*.
- 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 yachts under RRS Rule 61.1 (b) *Informing the Protestee*.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 General Handicap times will be recorded.
- 16.2 General Handicap time correction factors used will be those provided by competing Bay of Islands clubs.
- 16.3 Final handicaps are at the sole discretion of the KCC committee.
- 16.4 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 winning club shall be the club with the lowest combined points.

17 Retiring from the Race

A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible via VHF Channel 77.

18 Official Boats

The Official boat will be marked with an Yellow 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 yachts. 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, but no sooner than thirty minutes after the last boat has completed the course.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the race 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 this race.

21.1 Lifejackets – the race committee recommends that all crews wear lifejackets at all times. Life jackets must be worn when average wind speed is greater than 20 knots (Y Flag)

21.2 While racing and preparing to race (from the 5min preparatory signal until the finish), vessels racing and preparing to race shall not be required to comply with BOI Marine Mammal sanctuary requirements. These requirements must be complied with at all other times:

21.2.1 Vessels coming within 300m of a marine mammal must come to a stop

21.2.2 Vessels must travel and no more than 5 knots through marine mammal safe zones

21.2.3 If a vessel sees a marine mammal while racing, when possible, notification must be given to other vessels racing on VHF Channel 77. Also, the sighting must be reported to the officer of the day. Forms available in the start box.

21.2.4 All sighting must be reported to DOC via DOC website

www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/marine-mammals/marine-mammal-sightings/marine-mammal-sighting-form/