

# GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2016/2017

To cover all Ponsonby Cruising Club races unless “Special Sailing Instructions” apply.

Note: If there is any conflict between the “Notice of Race” and these Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing instructions shall take precedence. When “Special Sailing Instructions” apply they will take precedence over these Sailing Instructions.

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

All Races shall be under the control of the Ponsonby Cruising Club Sailing Committee.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all keelers, trailer yachts, mullet boats and multihulls. All shall comply with Category 5 except for dinghies, or Category B for trailer yachts.

All one design classes (when Class Racing, unless stated in the Notice to Race) shall comply to their Class/Association Rules and Safety Requirements e.g., Mullet boats, Ross 930, Stewart 34, etc. Advertising as per Appendix 1 Category C.

The Owner or Skipper of an entered keeler, trailer yacht, mullet boat or multihull shall be a member of a Yacht Club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

### 3. ENTRIES:

Entries shall be:

- (A) On the official PCC entry form available from the PCC or on the club's official website [www.pcc.org.nz](http://www.pcc.org.nz) can be submitted online to [info@pcc.org.nz](mailto:info@pcc.org.nz) or left at the PCC office. Entries close at 1700 hrs race day for all evening races and for weekend races entries close at 1700 hrs the night before that particular race, unless otherwise stated in Notice of Race.
- (B) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- (C) The PCC reserves the right to refuse any entry.

### 4. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS:

The PCC reserves the right to add to or delete scheduled divisions in any race. Yachts shall be allocated their division by the Race Officer (this includes the right to move a yacht to another division if in the opinion of the Race Officer it is more suited to another division. Minimum of three boats constitutes a division or race in any series.).

Divisional flags shall be those stated in the Notice of Race.

## **5. RULES:**

The races will be conducted under the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing and Safety Regulations 2013/2016, Class Racing Rules together with Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions as detailed in this Yearbook, shall be adhered to.

Note: From sunset until dawn the relevant parts of Part 2 of the Racing Rules Sailing will cease to apply and the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea will apply. Harbour Regulations will apply at all times.

Local Rules: Any yacht using its motor after its own divisional warning signal must motor via the main navigational span to the western side of the Harbour Bridge and stop its motor and then sail back to the start via the main navigational span. During racing VHF Channel 77 will be monitored. Call sign will be Ponsonby Sports Radio.

Boat Identification: Boats must display correct REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON ALL SAILS AS PER RACING RULES SAILING (except as modified by class rules). Boats failing to display correct sail numbers may not be recognised as a starter or finisher unless a declaration is made to the Race Officer prior to the start of the race in which that sail is used.

## **6. COURSE:**

The course shall be determined by the Race Officer, with the course displayed at Westhaven Start Tower or Committee Boat NO LATER THAN the warning signal for the first division or a new warning signal for subsequent divisions should they be required to sail a different course than the previous divisions. Course sheets may be obtained from the PCC foyer.

## **7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer to the PCC clubrooms.

## **8. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board 2 hours before the start on the day it will take effect.

Should it be necessary to change the sailing instructions Code Flag “L” will be flown from the flagstaff off the Westhaven Tower before the starting signal of the race. This signal will denote that a change in the sailing instructions has been posted on the official notice board at the PCC. Such notice will constitute official notice to each yacht in accordance with Racing Rules Sailing 88.1.

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It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure he/she is aware of any notice or amendment prior to the start of the race.

### 9. START/FINISH LINE:

- A) The start/finish line shall be between the flagstaff on the Westhaven Start Tower and the Combined Clubs' Yellow Outer Distance Mark (ODM) unless otherwise indicated in the Courses, Notice of Race or Special Sailing Instructions.
- B) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, defined as a line from the Westhaven Tower to the outer distance mark and due west to the Harbour Bridge, unless otherwise indicated in the Courses, Notice of Race or Special Sailing Instructions until after their warning signal. Any yacht infringing this rule may be disqualified.
- C) After finishing a race yachts should make every endeavour not to re-cross the finish line, unless it is safer not to do so.

### 10. STARTING PROCEDURES:

The Starting Procedure shall be in accordance with Rule 26 (ie: the 5 minute starting sequence)

All races will start from the Westhaven Tower or other land based operation as follows unless otherwise prescribed in any "Special Sailing Instructions".

The signals for the Divisional starts will be made at five-minute intervals.

The Warning signal shall be the Coloured Divisional Flag for that Division.

The Warning Signal for the succeeding starts shall be their respective coloured flag displayed at the start of the previous division.

SOUND SIGNALS MAY BE GIVEN.

### 11. RECALLS:

Individual Recalls: RRS 29.1 will apply. When at a boat's starting signal she must comply with rule 29.1. Rule 29.1 shall apply for Individual Recalls except it shall be modified for Mark Foy starts when the Code Flag X shall be lowered at least 15 seconds before the next yacht/yachts starting time. Yachts not responding will be recorded as OCS ("on the course side" of the line at the start) in the results and shall score as if she were disqualified.

General Recalls: This amends RRS Rule 29.2. In the event of a General Recall (display 'First Substitute' and two sound signals) the recalled division will be restarted

5 minutes after the last scheduled start. If more than one division is recalled these divisions will start at 5 minute intervals after the last scheduled start in the sequence in which they were recalled. In the event that the last scheduled division to start is recalled and no other division has been recalled previously the new warning signal shall be given not less than 5 minutes after the previous start signal. 'First Substitute' shall be lowered one minute before the new warning signal, the appropriate divisional flag, is made.

In all other cases 'First Substitute' will be lowered at the same time as the warning signal (divisional flag) is displayed for the next division to start. Recalled yachts must return to the pre-start side of the starting line round the ends of that line and must not interfere with yachts starting or who have started.

## **12. SHORTENING OF COURSES:**

The Race Officer may shorten course by one of the following:

- A) In accordance with RRS 32 i.e. by stationing a patrol boat at a rounding mark and flying code flag "S" and the "blue flag" (Committee boat on station). The finish will be between that mark and the boat.
- B) In alteration of RRS 32 by stationing a patrol boat at a rounding mark and flying code flag "S" over "H" boats will then round this mark in accordance with the Sailing Instructions and proceed directly to the scheduled finish. The additional marks of the course shall no longer apply.
- C) In alteration of RRS 32 between the tower and the outer distance mark when code flag "S" and the blue flag will be flown from the tower.
- D) Where a course does not have any turning marks or there is no convenient turning mark the Race Officer can shorten the course by establishing a line between the patrol boat and a convenient headland or other mark. The patrol boat will fly a shorten course flag and a blue flag to indicate it is on station and the finish line shall be between the boat and the chosen mark.

When multiple classes are racing, the class/s whose race is to be shortened will be identified by flying the class/s flag with the "S" and "blue flag".

## **13. POSTPONEMENTS AND ABANDONMENTS:**

Races postponed or abandoned may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

Signals will be hoisted at the Tower or if on the water start, on the Committee Boat under the Club Burgee. NO race will be cancelled until one hour before the race start time.

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## 14. PENALTIES:

The 360° turn penalty will replace the 720° stated in RRS 44.1 & 44.2

## 15. TIME LIMITS:

The Time Limit shall be specified in the Notice to Race. If one boat finishes within the time limit of the race, the time limit will be extended 30 minutes. Any boats finishing after this later time will be recorded DNF.

## 16. BOATS RETIRING FROM RACES:

Any yacht, retiring from a race shall advise either the Race Officer, Race Day Race Management or the Patrol / Committee Boat via VHF Channel 77 or on shore in person as soon as practicable after deciding to withdraw.

## 17. PROTESTS:

Shall be lodged in writing in accordance with RRS on the YNZ Protest Form and delivered to the Protest Box at the PCC no later than two hours after the last boat in the race finishes. The Race Officer shall be notified of intention to protest within one hour of the protesting yacht's finishing time.

All protests will be heard as soon as possible following the lodging of the protest or as per sailing instructions for that race.

NB: All protests in Women's Series must be presented by the woman skipper at Protest Hearings.

When possible the PCC may provide the option to the Protestee and Protestor for a protest to be referred to Arbitration in accordance with the YNZ guidelines. This option will only be made available if a YNZ accredited Judge is available on the race day to hear the Arbitration.

## 18. SCORING:

Unless otherwise specified in the Special Racing Information, the LOW POINTS SCORING SYSTEM as provided in Appendix A of the RRS will be used for all PCC races and series.

The modified OLYMPIC HIGH POINTS SCORING SYSTEM, a copy of which is available from PCC office, will be used for all PCC seasonal points. Individual entries will be accepted for each race, and individual entries will qualify for series points.

## **19. RESULTS:**

Provisional results of races will be displayed on the notice board in the PCC as soon as practicable after the race. The races will not be confirmed until all protests are heard.

## **20. PRIZES AND TROPHIES:**

Prize giving will be held in the clubhouse approximately one hour after the last boat finishes, except where affected by protests. These prizes will be held by the PCC for collection after Protest Committee findings. All other Prizes a representative must be present to collect at the prizegiving or they will go back into the prize pool.

PCC trophies and Series prizes shall be presented at a special prizegiving function. Prizes will be awarded as per P.C.C. formula.

Only boats owned and/or skippered by a PCC member shall be eligible for seasonal points prizes and PCC trophies.

### **PRIZE ALLOCATIONS 2016/2017**

#### **INDIVIDUAL RACES (not part of a series)**

3 boats	1st on handicap
4 to 5 boats	Line and 1st and 2nd on handicap
6 boats or more	Line, 1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap

#### **SERIES**

##### **EACH RACE FOR EACH DIVISION**

3 boats	1st on handicap
4 to 5 boats	1st and 2nd on handicap
6 boats or more	1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap

##### **OVERALL SERIES FOR EACH DIVISION**

1st on line	2nd on handicap
1st on handicap	3rd on handicap

## **21. WINDWARD/LEEWARDS:**

These will be subject to “Special Sailing Instructions”.

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### 22. FAIRWAY MARKS:

Unless otherwise specified for any particular race or races the following shall be deemed to be obstructions to sea room and shall be passed on the channel side only.

1. Navy Buoy in Tiri Tiri Passage - Keep East of.
2. Rangitoto Lighted Beacon - Keep West of.
3. Illiomama Rock Beacon - Keep South of.
4. Red Buoys on Eastern side of Motuihe Channel - Keep North of.
5. Browns Island Beacon - Keep North of.
6. Bean Rock Light and Doris Rock Beacon - Keep North of.
7. Beacon on Orakei sewer outlet - Keep North of.
8. Sandspit Beacon approximately S.W. of Torpedo Wharf Devonport - Keep South of.
9. Devonport Cable Beacons - Keep South of.
10. Use main navigational span of Harbour Bridge when racing.
11. Meola Reef - Keep North of.
12. Yachts while racing shall pass on the Channel side of all moored vessels and mooring buoys, bounding and within the Small Craft Moorings areas as defined on Chart 5322
13. Prohibited Areas - Yachts whilst racing shall not sail inside lines being an extension of the permanent wave breaks at Westhaven and Okahu Bay.

**Note:** Competitors shall not cross other club's start/finish lines when starting procedures have commenced, or when other boats are finishing

### 23. INSPECTIONS:

The PCC Sailing Committee or Flag Officers reserve the right to inspect any boat for compliance with the YNZ Safety Regulations and applicable Class Rules. It is however the sole responsibility of the owner and/or skipper to see that their yacht complies with the requirements for the race in that its safety category requirements and rating certificates are current and carried.

### 24. NAVIGATION LIGHTS:

All competing boats must show port, starboard and stern lights from sunset to sunrise. Such lights and other lights must comply with the Collision Regulations (1977) and must be mounted in accordance with the Safety Regulations.

## **25. DISCLAIMER:**

Competitors participate in a Race entirely at their own risk. Refer Rule 4, Decision to Race (RRS). The Ponsonby Cruising Club Inc. and its sponsors will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## **SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WINDWARD/LEEWARD SERIES**

1. These sailing instructions shall be read in conjunction with the Ponsonby Cruising Club's General Sailing Instructions 2016/2017. Where there is any conflict these Special Sailing instructions shall take precedence.
2. Racing: 3 boats are required to constitute a division or race.
3. Divisions: The Divisions and their Warning Flags shall be as described in the Notice of Race.
4. Starting: RRS rule 26 applies, with the provision to apply either of the following starting penalties, RRS Rule 30.1 Round an end rule and RRS rule 30.3 Black flag rule by flying the appropriate flag with the preparatory.

Start Line: The Start will be between the Committee boat flagstaff flying an Orange flag and the port end buoy.

## **5. RECALLS:**

Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS rules 29.1 & 29.2. In the event of a General recall, the Division recalled shall start 5 minutes after the last Division. ie: the last Divisions start shall be the Warning Signal shall for the recalled division.

## **6. LATE STARTERS:**

A Boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS rule A4.1.

## **7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will either be posted at Ponsonby Cruising Club, on or near the notice board and shall be indicated by code flag L being flown.

## **8. CHANGE IN POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK:**

This will be carried out in accordance with RRS Rule 33. 11.

Shortening or abandoning after the Start: This will be carried out in accordance with RRS Rule 32. and as outlined in the General sailing Instructions.