



**Virtual  
Regatta**



## **Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions**

**The Organising Authority is Yachting New Zealand**

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## Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing](#) dated January 22, 2019.
- 1.2 Rule infringements will be decided by the VR system and its decisions are final and are not appealable.
- 1.3 There will be no protests for incidents while racing, any penalties will be applied by VR during the game.
- 1.4 Individual players are not allowed more than one profile within the game and are not allowed to be registered.

## Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Regional selection regatta entries to be submitted to your Yachting New Zealand regional support officers by email by 5pm on May 18, 2020.
- 2.2 All sailors must be a member of the Yachting New Zealand affiliated club they represent.

## Fees

- 3.1 Entry is open to all in Yachting New Zealand affiliated clubs. Entry is free.

## Format of Racing

- 4.1 The series structure will be:
  - I. Individual clubs can nominate one representing sailor to go forward to the regional selection trial. Clubs can run a sail off to select their representative or just put forward one nomination.
  - II. There are four regions in New Zealand (see map in section 12). Each region will have a selection regatta to select the top three sailors in their region.
  - III. The top three sailors from each region will sail in the New Zealand Champion Challenge.
  - IV. The top six sailors from the Zhik New Zealand eSailing Challenge will represent New Zealand in an eSailing interdominion with the top six sailors from Australia.
- 4.2 Clubs will run their own club championships / selection trials.
- 4.3 The maximum number of competitors per race will be 13.
- 4.4 Each race must have a race organiser who will be one of the competitors in a race.



- 4.5 Where regional selection regatta entries exceed 12, the entries will be split and randomly assigned to a fleet for a qualifying round.
- I. Each fleet will sail a five-race qualifying round with one discard.
  - II. The top six from a two-fleet qualifying round or the top four from a three-fleet qualifying round will go forward to the regional selection trial.

## Schedule

- 5.1 The club championship/trial winner/nomination shall enter and register by emailing details to the area's regional support officer by 8pm on May 22, 2020.
- 5.2 The regional championships finals will be held and completed on Sunday, May 24, 2020.
- 5.3 The Zhik New Zealand eSailing Challenge will be sailed on Sunday, May 31, 2020.
- 5.4 Times of the first start and the access code shall be advised by the organising authority the day prior to the first start.
- 5.5 Communication around the schedule of regional and national finals shall be through WhatsApp. Entrants must download the app and have it live during sailing.
- 5.6 Guidance notes for club organisers are available on the [Yachting New Zealand website](#).

## Equipment

- 6.1 The equipment to be sailed will be the J70.

## Course

- 7.1 The course will be "Upwind Long" – a windward / leeward course with an offset mark and a downwind finish. TWO laps. See diagram below.

## Dropping out from Races

- 8.1 There shall be no redress for dropping out or failing to connect to a race for any reason.

## Scoring

- 9.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed in each round.
- 9.3 One (1) discard can be taken in the five (5) races.
- 9.4 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8

- 9.5 For qualifying rounds RRS A4.2 is changed such that a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the largest group.

## Starting Races

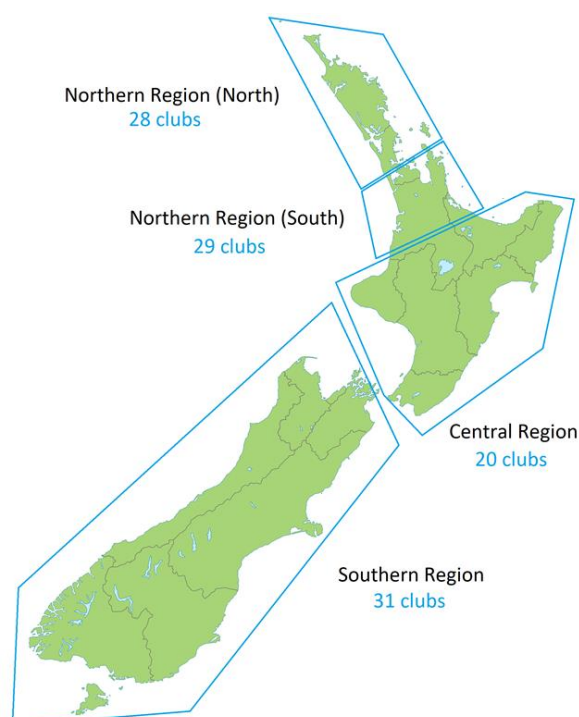
- 10.1 Races shall be started by using the following signals.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
1:15	P and Virtual Regatta flag	One	Warning signal
1:00	P removed	One	Preparatory signal
0:00	Virtual Regatta flag removed	One	Starting signal

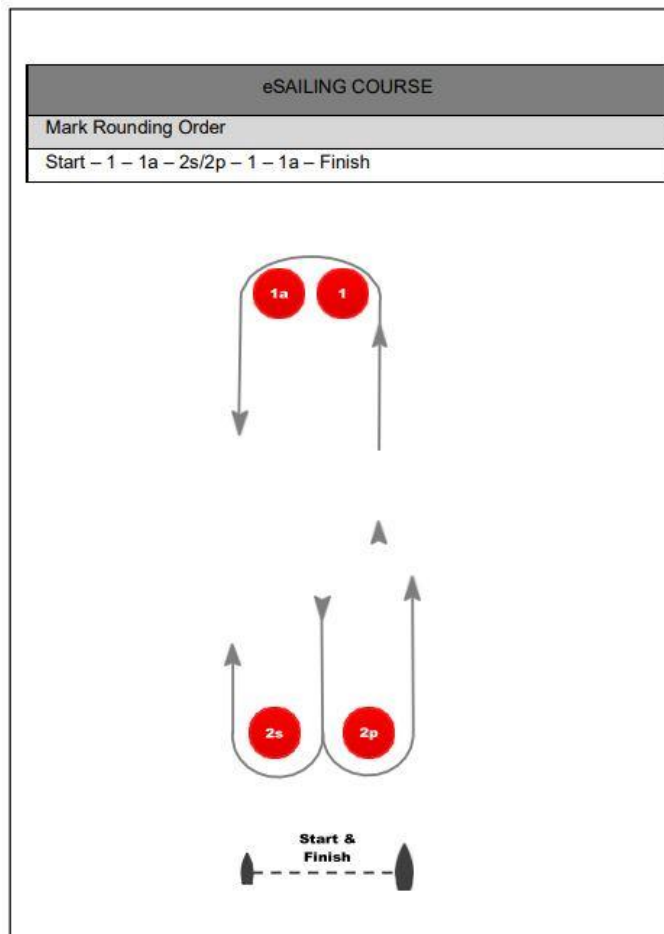
## Prizes

- 11.1 The winner of the Zhik New Zealand eSailing Challenge will receive a \$500 from Zhik as well as a \$500 Zhik voucher for their club.
- 11.2 The top six from the national finals will also qualify to represent New Zealand in a trans-Tasman showdown with Australia's best on the weekend of June 6-7.

## Regions



## Course Diagram



## Disclaimer

Yachting New Zealand accept no responsibility for data usage or in game purchases by competitors; neither problems experienced by third party providers, Virtual Regatta.

## Further Information

For other queries about the Zhik New Zealand eSailing Challenge, please contact your regional support officer:

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