



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

- 5.1 Regional selection regatta entries to be submitted to your Yachting New Zealand regional development managers by email by 0800 Monday 18th July 2022.
- 2.1 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 VMG New Zealand eSailing Challenge.
 - IV. The top six sailors from the VMG New Zealand eSailing Challenge will represent New Zealand in the VMG Trans-Tasman eSailing Championships against 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

- 5.2 The club championship/trial winner/nomination shall enter and register by emailing details to the area's regional development manager by 0800 Monday 18th July 2022.
- 5.3 The regional championships finals will be held and completed on,
- South Island, 1930hrs Thursday 21st July 2022.
- Central North Island, Wednesday 20th July 2022. (Time to be advised)
- Auckland South, 1930hrs Tuesday 19th July 2022.
- Auckland North, 1930hrs Thursday 21st July 2022.
- 5.4 The VMG New Zealand e-Sailing Challenge will be sailed on **Sunday 31st July 2022 1900hrs**
- 5.5 Times of the first start and the access code shall be advised by the organising authority the day prior to the first start.
- 5.6 Communication around the schedule of regional and national finals shall be through WhatsApp. Entrants must download the app and have it live during sailing.
- 5.7 Guidance notes for club organisers are available on the [Yachting New Zealand website](#).

Equipment and Course

- 6.1 The equipment and courses to be sailed will be for the regional trials
- Race One J70 Class Upwind M,2T
 - Race Two 49er Upwind M,2T
 - Race Three Nacra 17 Reaching M.2T
 - Race Four ILCA Upwind M,2T
 - Race Five F50 Reaching L Bound.2T

Venue

- 7.1 The course venue will be decided on the day by the race officer.

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.

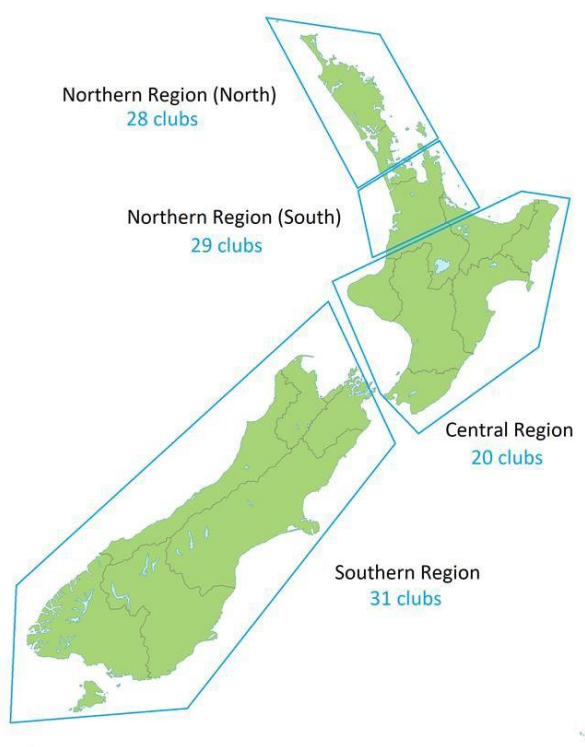
Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
1:15	P and Virtual Regatta flag	One	Warning signal
1:00	P removed	One	Preparatory signal
0:00	Virtual Regatta flag removed	One	Starting signal

Prizes

- 11.1 The winner of the VMG New Zealand eSailing Challenge will receive a \$500 voucher from VMG as well as a \$500 voucher from VMG for their club.
- 11.2 The top six e-sailors from the New Zealand eSailing Challenge will also qualify to represent New Zealand at the VMG Trans-Tasman e-sailing Championships with Australia's best, on the weekend of 2000hrs 7th August 2022.

The winning team of the VMG eSailing Trans-Tasman Championship will receive a \$1000 voucher from VMG.

Regions



Course Diagram

Per the course outlined on www.virtualregatta.com.

Disclaimer

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

Further Information

For other queries about the VMG New Zealand e-Sailing Challenge, please contact your regional development manager officer:

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