



New Zealand A Class Catamaran National Championships 2024

Saturday 24th February – Tuesday 27th February 2024

The Organising Authority is the Nelson Yacht Club

The Hosting Venue is Nelson Yacht Club

322 Wakefield Quay Nelson 7010 New Zealand

Notice of Race (NoR)

Version 1.03

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021 – 2024 - Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from 1st February 2024 on the Nelson Yacht Club Web Site: www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the Nelson Yacht Club.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the Nelson Yacht Club.
- 3.2 [DP] A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** A Class Nationals are open to A Class boats that comply with the A Class Rules and are a current financial member of the NZ A Class Association.
- 4.2** A Class boats that wish to be eligible for the Classic Division must comply with the International A Class Rules C.2 for the Classic Discipline.
- 4.3** A competitor shall be a current financial member of a club or other organisation affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.
- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to manager@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz by 1700 Friday 16th February 2024.
- 4.5** Late entries will be accepted with a Late Entry Fee up until 1700 Thursday 22nd February 2024.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Per Boat	\$200	\$250

Entry Fees are to be deposited to:

Nelson Yacht Club Account: 03-0703-0474907-000

Particulars: Sail Number

Reference: A Class

Code: Entrants Initials

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1** Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
24.02.2024	09.30	10.30

7.2 Briefing for the Event will be held at 10.45 on Saturday 24th February 2024

7.3 Dates of Racing:

Date	A Class
Saturday 24th	Racing
Sunday 25th	Racing
Monday 26th	Racing
Tuesday 27th	Racing

7.4 Number of races:

Class	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
A Class	10	2 - 3	4	40

7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 12.55.

7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14.55.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 Boats may be inspected by a Class Official Measurer at any time.

8.3 Sails and Hulls **must** display the correct Sail Number assigned to the boat.

8.4 Launching Trolleys and Dumps should also have the sail number marked on them.

9 VENUE

9.1 Addendum 1 shows the plan of the event venue.

9.2 Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

10 COURSES

10.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be of type: Windward/Leeward

10.2 Course diagrams / descriptions and mark descriptions will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

12.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 Support vessels will be allowed but must register with the Organising Authority at Registration, attend briefing and comply with local bylaws.

13.2 Support vessels must stay at least 50 metres outside the racecourse area, except for those responding to a request for assistance by the race committee.

13.3 Support vessels are required to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee when required

13.4 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance is to be presented at registration.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

A Class Nationals:

- 1st Open Division Trophy

Open Division medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 1st Classic Division Trophy

Classics Division medals: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 1st Grand Master Division (over 55) Trophy
- Junior (under 25) Medal: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Winner of 1st Race - The Murray Philpott Memorial Trophy
- Ken Urquhart Trophy for "Good sportsmanship"

16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the A Class or Organising Authority.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact:

Tim Fraser-Harris – Club Manager 022 548 7501 or manager@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz

Addendum 2 – Racing Area

