



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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Version 1.02

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3** Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Lower Lounge at Nelson Yacht Club.
- 3.2** The race office is located at Nelson Yacht Club.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Nelson Yacht Club on the flagstaff.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means Boats are required to not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 DATES & NUMBER OF RACES:

Day/Date	Class	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday 24th	A Class	Three (3)	12.55
Sunday 25th	A Class	Three (3)	12.55
Monday 26th	A Class	Three (3)	12.55
Tuesday 27th	A Class	Three (3)	12.55

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

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

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The A Class flag is the A Class Emblem on a White Background.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is in the greater area of Tasman Bay. SI Addendum Racing Area shows the approximate location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

9.1 SI Addendum B Course Diagram shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions are shown in Addendum B Course Diagram

10.2 In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an alternative mark or an object displaying flag M, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 **[DP][NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 A boat that does not start within **3** minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Class	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
A Class	40 minutes	60 minutes	20 minutes

15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 40 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at Nelson Yacht Club.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Nelson Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

17 SCORING

17.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Check-in and check-out procedures

a. Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally using the Nelson Yacht Club Check out/Check in system on the tablet provided and located at the Nelson Yacht Club.

b. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by personally using the Nelson Yacht Club Check out/Check in system on the tablet provided and located at the Nelson Yacht Club.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 Navigation Safety Bylaw 218 restricts the movement of boats within Nelson Harbour. The diagram on the Official Notice Board shows the restricted and designated areas. Fines can be incurred for breaching this Bylaw

18.4 Particular attention is drawn to:

- An exclusion zone of 50m around any wharf or vessel tied to a wharf, and
- A Moving Prohibition Zone and Total Exclusion Zone around any vessel of 3000GMT or more entering or leaving the harbour. This zone extends to 500 metres in front and 100 metres to either side and to the rear of the vessel. Consequently, the harbour entrance is a total exclusion zone during the entry or exit of any such vessel

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP]Substitution of crew is not allowed without prior approval of the Principal Race Officer.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the Principal Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: Displaying the Nelson Yacht Club pennant.

22 [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

22.1 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a sequence of starts until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all races. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.

22.2 All official and support 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.

23 PRIZES

23.1 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 Veteran Division (over 55) Trophy
- Youth (under 25) Medal
- Winner of 1st Race - The Murray Philpott Memorial Trophy
- Ken Urquhart Trophy for "Good Sportsmanship"

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

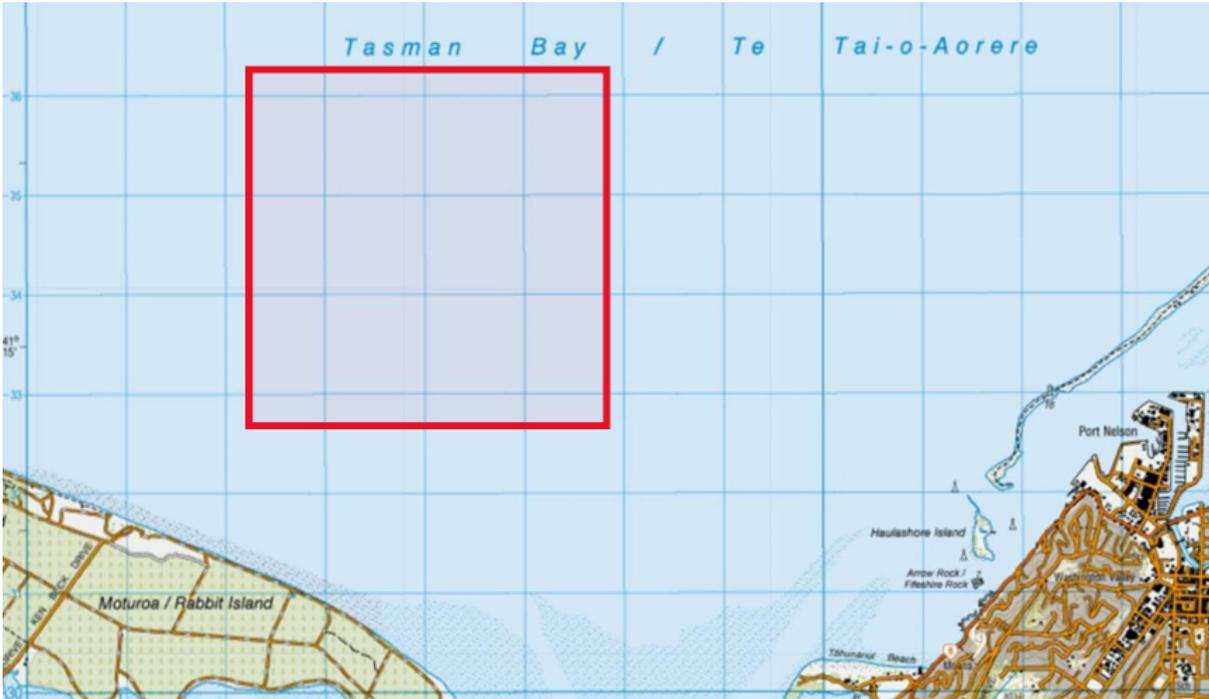
24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 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.**

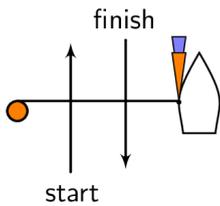
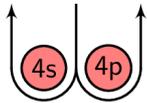
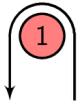
25 INSURANCE

- 25.1** 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.

Addendum A Racing Area



Addendum B - Course Diagram



Signal Mark rounding order

- L1** Start-1-Finish
- L2** Start-1-4s/4p-1-Finish
- L3** Start-1-4s/4p-1-4s/4p-1-Finish

Mark Descriptions:

Mark 1	Orange cylindrical buoy
Mark 4s and 4p	Red cylindrical buoy
Starting mark starboard end	Committee boat displaying ORANGE flag
Starting mark port end	Orange round buoy
Finishing mark port end	Committee boat displaying BLUE flag
Finishing mark starboard end	Orange round buoy
Replacement mark	Orange cylindrical buoy with horizontal YELLOW band