





2024 Burnsco NZ Paper Tiger National Championships

Wednesday 17th January 2024 to Saturday 20th January 2024 The Organising Authority is the Muritai Yacht Club (Inc.), 6 Marine Parade, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification and the notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- **1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- **1.3** Appendix T will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside Muritai Yacht Club (MYC) near the Blue Penguin Lounge door.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- **4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the Muritai Yacht Club.
- 4.2 A boat shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. When flag AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat. [DP]

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	Wednesday 17 th January 2024	Registration and Measuring 0900 - 1100
		Briefing 1200
	Wednesday 17 th January 2024	2 races back to back 1st Warning 1355
	Thursday 18 th January 2024	3 races back to back 1st Warning 1155
	Friday19 th January 2024	3 races back to back 1st Warning 1155
	Saturday 20 ^h January 2024	3 races back to back 1st Warning 1055

- **5.2** Up to 1 extra race per day may be sailed, provided racing doesn't become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3 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.
- **5.4** No warning signal will be made after 1455 hrs on Saturday 20th January 2024.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be Black Tiger on a white background.

7 RACING AREAS

The races will be held on the water of Wellington Harbour shown in Attachment A.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, 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.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- **9.1** Marks 1 and 2 will be orange cylindrical buoys. Mark 3P will be an orange cylindrical buoy and 3S will be an orange cylindrical buoy with a green sleeve.
- **9.3** New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be an orange cylindrical buoy with a yellow sleeve.
- **9.4** Starting marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy with an orange flag at the other end.
- **9.5** The finishing marks will be a race committee signal boat at one end and a dan buoy with an orange flag at the other end.
- **9.6** A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10 THE START

- **10.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- **10.2** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3 Boats intending to start in second or subsequent races back to back on the same day must return to the starting area immediately after finishing the previous race. The warning signal for subsequent races may be sounded 10 minutes after the last boat of that class has finished the previous race.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- **11.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The target time for the first boat to complete the course is 45 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 70 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish after the race time limit will be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score" without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4, and A5. The end of the time limit is indicated by the removal of the blue flag with one sound on the Race Committee Finish boat. A committee vessel (which may be in motion), will hail any boats involved and they will no longer be required to sail the course (changing rule 28), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. The score will be calculated to be 3 points more than the last boat to finish that race, but not more than DNF.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- **15.1** Protest forms are available on the notice board and in the Committee Room. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the race committee or protest committee within the protest time limit.
- **15.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the front of the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 17 (Safety), 20 (Event Advertising), 22 (Support Boats), 23 (Trash Disposal) and 24 (Radio Communication) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- **16.1** There are 11 races scheduled.
- 16.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- **16.3** (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 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats shall check-out before leaving the shore and check-in as soon as practically possible on returning ashore, by signing the check-out and check-in sheets located in the Muritai Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boats shall check-in within 15 minutes of the last boat returning ashore.
- 17.2 If a boat fails to comply with instruction 17.1, the race committee shall give it a Scoring Penalty without a hearing. The Scoring Penalty shall be 2 points added to the score of the race closest to the incident, but the score shall not be worse than DNF. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

- **17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall check-in on returning ashore. [DP]
- **17.4** When a boat accepts assistance from a Patrol Boat, the crew shall accept the directions of the Patrol Boat crew. [DP]

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

The technical committee may direct any competing Paper Tiger be measured at any time during the measurement time or during the contest.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the burgee of the Muritai Yacht Club.

22 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- **22.1** Team and Individual support boats and their call sign must be registered with the race committee during registration.
- 22.2 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet of a race to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment (but not a General Recall) of all fleets. 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. During any starting sequence, support vessels near the start line, shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions.
- 22.3 All occupants of support vessels shall always wear an appropriate size personal flotation devices (PFD) while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Each PFD shall comply with Maritime Rules Part 91, Navigation Safety Rules wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs.
- **22.4** All support vessels shall always have a kill-cord attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.
- **22.5** When a Race Committee member indicates a support vessel to move further from the course area, the mentioned vessel shall do so immediately.

- **22.6** The Race Committee may instruct one or more support vessels to maintain station in areas which are at variation to SI 22.2.
- 22.7 When the wind is less than 10 knots support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing at other times vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- **22.8** Attention is drawn the relevant local authority bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other safety requirements.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Sailors, coaches and supports person shall not intentionally put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee vessels once permission is expressed.

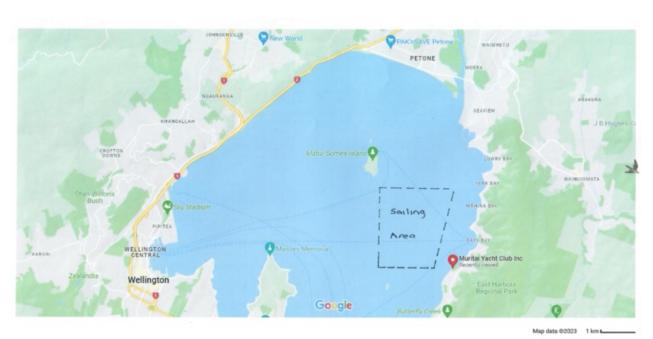
24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP].

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- **25.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- **25.2** Competitors accept that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
 - They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - Napier Sailing Club Health and Safety Procedures will Apply.

ATTACHMENT A - Course Location



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ATTACHMENT B - Course Diagrams and Marks

