



2025 New Zealand WAZSP National Championships

14th – 16th March 2025

The Organising Authority is Naval Point Club Lyttelton, (NPCL)

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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).

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.
- 1.6 [NP] [DP] Canterbury Regional Council Harbour Navigation Safety ByLaws apply.
<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/document/download?uri=2473039> Boats must keep clear of working vessels in the main navigational channel. Boats that infringe this by-law shall be liable to disqualification after protest by the race committee. Boats must keep clear of working vessels in the main navigational Channel. In accordance with RRS 42.3 (i) boats are permitted to motor or paddle directly out of the main navigation channel, as marked in Lyttelton Harbour, to comply with the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, expect that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 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 at <https://www.navalpoint.co.nz/major-events/waszp-nationals-2025>
- 3.2** The race office is located downstairs at the entrance of Naval Point Club Lyttelton Clubhouse.
- 3.3** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, 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 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at Naval Point Club house on the flag pole located on the eastern corner of the club building facing the launch ramp.
- 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 shall 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

Day/Date	Class	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
Friday 14 th March	Waszp	4	1200 hrs
Saturday 15 th March	Waszp	4	1100 hrs

Sunday 16 th March	Waszp	4	1100 hrs
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6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed.

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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The WASZP Class flag is an Orange Flag with the WASZP Class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum B 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. The approximate course length is 1nm.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

10 MARKS

10.1

Mark 1s & 1p	Red Triangular Buoy
Mark 2s & 2p	Orange Spherical Buoy with a yellow cross.
Starboard Start & Port Start	Race committee vessel
Starboard Finish	Race committee vessel
Port Finish	Yellow Cylindrical Buoy

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

12 THE START

- 12.1** The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks at each end of the starting line.
- 12.6** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1** Courses will not be changed using RRS 33. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1** The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 14.2 Grand Prix Finish** – When the leading boat completes the course and finished, the Race Committee Signal vessel at the finish will immediately display a Pink Flag with one sound signal. The pink flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.

Addendum C provides further information on Grand Prix Finishing.

All boats that:

- a) Have completed a lap before the Pink Flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- b) Cross the finishing line while the Pink Flag is displayed,
Shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps.
This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1** RRS 44 is deleted and replaced as follows:

44.1 A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31, in an incident while racing. The penalty is:

As soon after the incident as possible:

- a) When on a leg of course to a windward mark, she shall gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, luff to close -hauled course.

- b) When on a leg of the course to a leeward mark or the finishing line, she shall tack, and as soon as reasonably possible, bear away to a course that is more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

However,

- 1) When a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- 2) If the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1** 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
Waszp	20 minutes	40 minutes	10 minutes

- 16.2** Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finished and who have not completed one lap will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.3** Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat 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.
- 17.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office at Naval Point Club Lyttelton.
- 17.3** 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 Naval Point Club Lyttelton beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4** Noticed of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 17.5** Breaches of instructions 19, 23 & 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), the protest committee may make any determination in respect of penalties for a breach of a rule other than Part 2.
- 17.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

18 SCORING

- 18.1** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.5** (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 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19 [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1** RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 19.2** Competitors shall, sign on and sign off at the designated table at the top of the launch ramp.
- 19.3** The penalty for failing to sign on or sign off as instructed above will be three points added to the boat's series score, non-excludable for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.4** Boats not leaving the shore for the day's racing shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 19.5** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.6** Competitors shall wear helmets at all times while afloat.
- 19.7** When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support vessels shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.
- 19.8** VHF Channel 77 will be used by the Race Committee
- 19.9** When Flag F is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, the official communication channel via VHF shall be changed to channel 17.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1** Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 20.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 20.3** Replacement sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Officer.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.1** Measurement is not required but each boat must comply with the Wazsp Class rules at all time of the event.
- 21.3** Competitors are required to complete a declaration at the time of signing on stating that their boat complies with class rules, including any exemptions published by the Wazsp Association of NZ for the 2025 Nationals.
- 21.4** Competitors may choose to sail with either a 6.9m² or an 8.2m² rig. The rig to be used for the event shall be declared at the time of signing on. No swapping of rig sizes during the National Championships will be permitted.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 22.1** Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Signal Vessel	Yellow Flag with text 'Alpha Signal'
Mark Vessel	White Flag with text 'Mark #'
Safety Vessel	White Flag with text 'Safety #'

23 [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 23.1** Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, 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 300 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing, is sailing or may sail.

- 23.2** Support vessels servicing their athletes in or around the starting area shall restrict their speed to five knots.
- 23.3** 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.
- 23.4** All support vessels must register with the organising Authority and must adhere to all local bylaws. Support vessels must carry a VHF capable of making and receiving transmissions on the VHF channel designated by the Race Committee.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1** Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed on race committee boat when not racing.

25 PRIZES

- 25.1** Prizes will be given

- 1st Overall Andrew McDougall Trophy
- 1st Youth (under 19) Henry Haslett Trophy
- 1st Master (over 40) Jon Bilger Trophy
- 1st Female Sara Winther Trophy

For age divisions the skipper shall be under or over the age group as of 14th March 2025.

26 RISK STATEMENT

- 26.1** 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.**

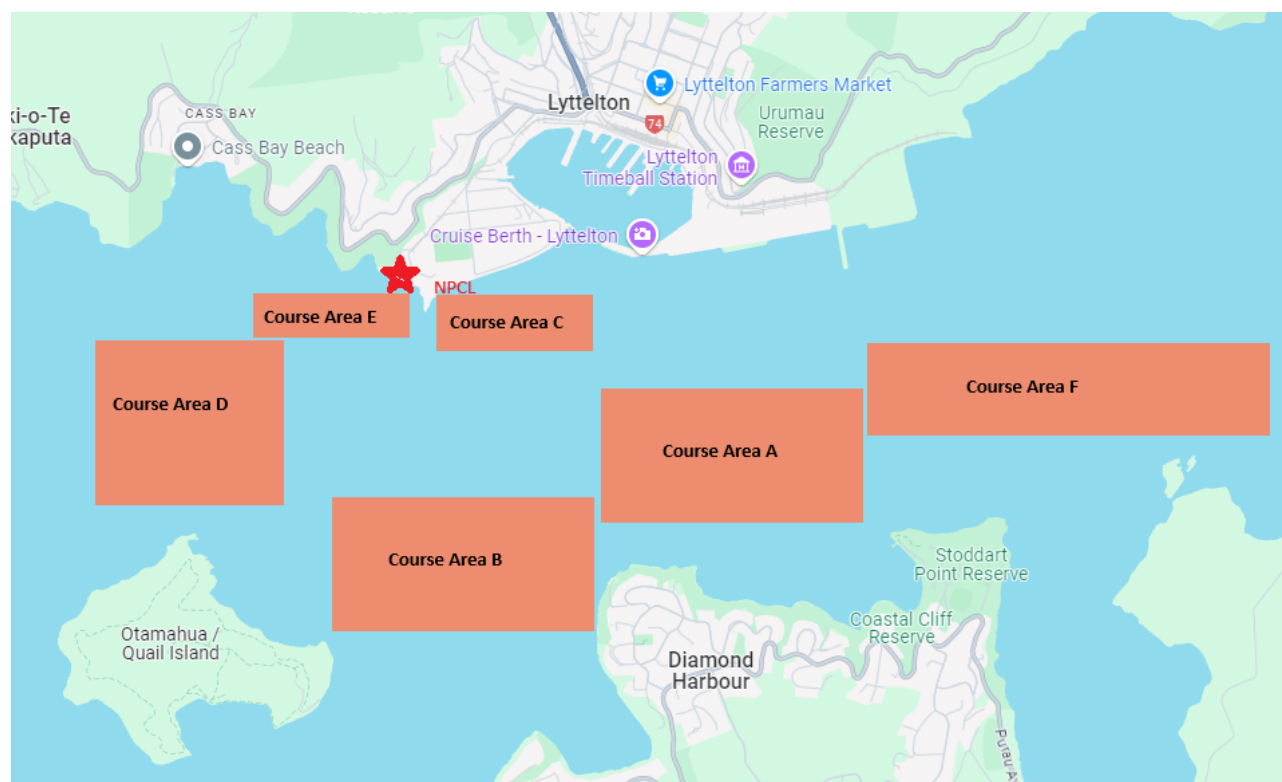
27 INSURANCE

- 27.1** 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.

28 ADVERTISING

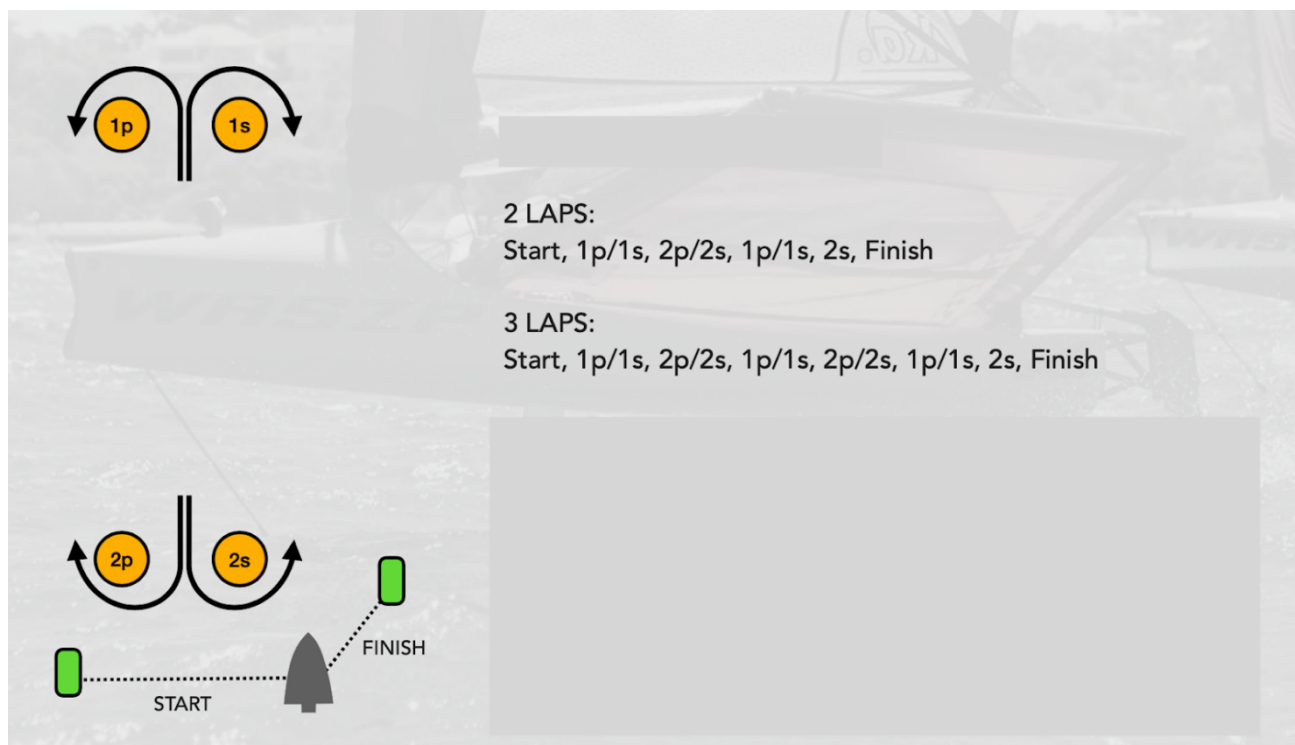
- 28.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

Addendum A Racing Areas



Course areas, A, B & D will be used in this event.

Addendum B Courses



ADDENDUM C – Grand Prix Finishing

Each race will consist of the number of laps designated by the course signal displayed at the start.

A lap consists of sailing from the start (or from Gate 2 in subsequent laps) through Gate 1 and back through Gate 2.

When the first boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee vessel will immediately display a pink flag with a sound signal. This indicates that the Finishing Time Window is open.

From this time, all boats shall continue sailing the course but when on a downwind leg shall sail through the finish line regardless of the number of laps completed. All boats which cross the finish line whilst the Finish Time Window is open shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps they have completed.

Their position in the race will be determined from their finishing order and number of completed laps, with those have completed the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps. Boats which have completed 1 lap will be ranked behind those that have completed 2 laps. Boats which have completed 2 laps will be ranked behind those that have completed 3 laps.

To assist the Race Committee, when crossing the finish line, boats should indicate how many laps they have completed

Lowering of the pink flag shall indicate that the Finishing Time Window has closed.

Boats failing to cross the finish line within the Finishing Time Window, will be scored after those finishing as described above. These boats will be scored according to their relative positions and number of laps completed at their last passing through gate 2 (before the Finish Time Window closed).

Boats who have not completed one lap by the time the Finishing Window closes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.