

2026 Whakatu Regatta

Presented by



10th – 11th January 2026

Incorporating,

Paper Tiger South Island Championship

NZIODA South Island Optimist Traveller Series Event

Starling Traveller Series Event — Zephyr Traveller Series Event

The 2026 NZ Europe Nationals will also be sailed in conjunction with this event but has separate SSIs.

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI)



The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club (Inc.)

322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson 7010, New Zealand.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction

This sheet and Addendum A are supplements to [Appendix S of the Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS 2025-2028\)](#).

RULES (SI 1)

SSI 1 The [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#) shall apply.

When transiting the Cut, no boat shall pass between the 'Mole' breakwater and the Green Pile.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (SI 2)

SSI 2 The race office is located in the Nelson Yacht Club Control Room.

Telephone 03 548 7501, Email info@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz

The official notice board is located at the Nelson Yacht Club Lower Lounge.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SI 4)

SSI 3 Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located at Nelson Yacht Club.

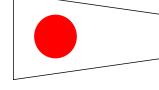
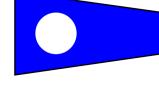
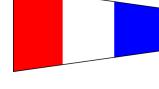
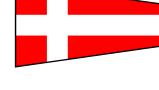
SSI 4 [DP][NP] Flag D will be used. Boats shall not leave the shore until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal.

For sailing **outside** the Boulder Bank, the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

For sailing **inside** the Boulder Bank, the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 15 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

SCHEDULE OF RACES, STARTING DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS (SI 5 & 6)

SSI 5

Division	Example classes	Class Flag / Starting Flag	First Warning Signal each day	No. races	
				10th	11th
Europe Nationals		Class Insignia	1300	4	3
Paper Tiger SI		Class Insignia	1305	3	3
Div 1 - Fast Handicap	FD, Catamarans, Waszp, 29er etc.		1310	3	3
Div 2 - Medium-Fast Handicap	ILCA 6, ILCA 7, OK, 420, Zephyr		1315	3	3
Div 3 - Medium-Slow Handicap	Starling		1320	3	3
Div 4 - Slow Handicap	Optimist Open / Optimist White		1325	3	3

Whilst this sequence of starts will be used for the first race of the day, subsequent races may be started in any order.

SSI 6 On 11th January 2026, no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs.

COURSES (SI 7)

SSI 7 The courses to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are shown in Addendum A.

SSI 8 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.

MARKS (SI 8)

SSI 9 The description of the marks is in the table in Addendum A.

THE START (SI 9)

SSI 10 When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 50 metres from the starting line and marks in all directions.

SSI 11 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2.

TIME LIMITS (SI 12)

SSI 12

Fleet/Class	Target time for first finisher	Finish Window	Race time limit
All classes	30	10	45

There is no prescribed time limit for the first boat to pass mark 1.

PENALTY SYSTEM

SSI 13 For the 29er, Zephyr, Paper Tiger, any other catamaran classes, and any classes racing in an Open Division One, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

SSI 14 For WASZP RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 'Two-Turns' penalty is replaced by a 270° degree turn. On a windward leg the turn must comprise of a gybe, and on a downwind leg, the turn shall comprise a tack.

CHECK OUT AND CHECK IN

SSI 15 Boats shall comply with the following check out and check in procedure:

- a) [DP][NP] On each day of racing, competitors shall individually Check-Out using the NYC digital Check-Out/In system before launching.
- c) [DP][NP] Competitors shall individually Check-In immediately on returning to shore after racing, no later than the protest time limit, using the NYC digital Check-Out/In system.

SUPPORT VESSELS

SSI 16 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.

GREEN FLEET

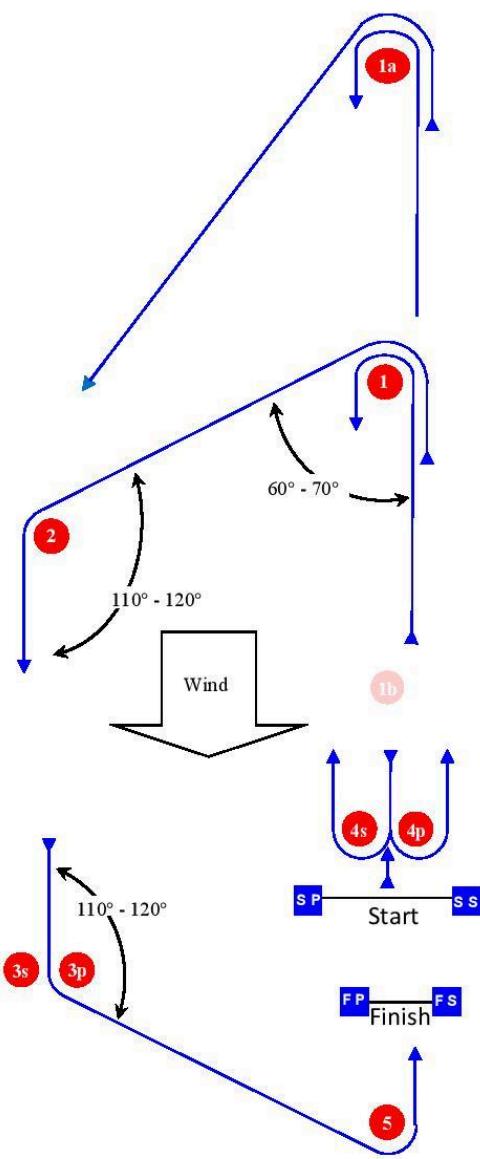
SSI 17 For the Optimist Rainbow and Green Fleet, the NZIODA Optimist Green Fleet Rules for Racing will apply: <https://optimist.org.nz/green-fleet/>

SSI 18 The schedule and format of racing will be communicated at the daily Green Fleet Briefing at 1230 hrs.

Addendum A

For clarity, all courses are shown below. The Race Committee will give an indication of likely courses for each class or starting division at the briefing. The courses for each start will be indicated on a whiteboard on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

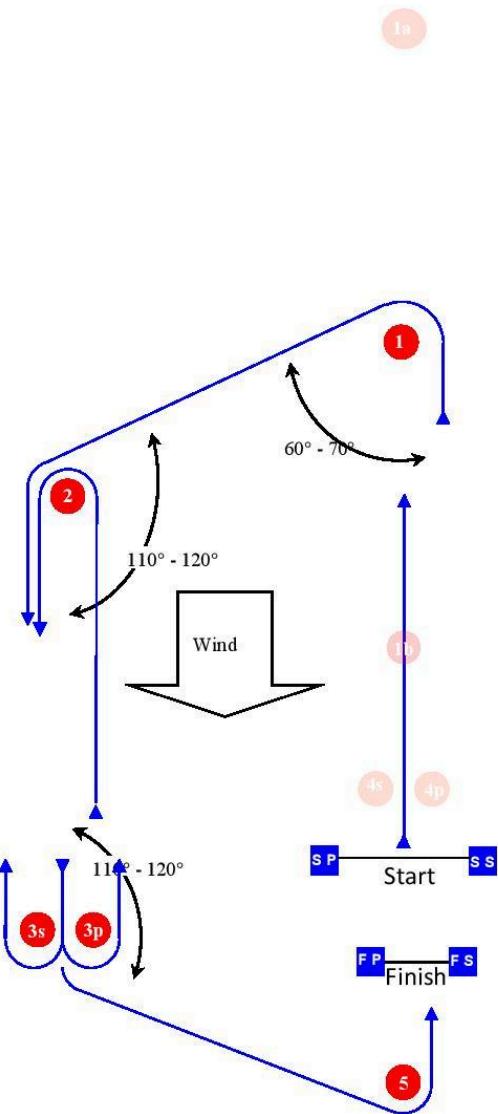
IW & IWa



Course: Inner Trapezoid with beat to finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IW1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
IW2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
IW3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
IW2a	Start - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
IW3a	Start - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
IW4a	Start - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

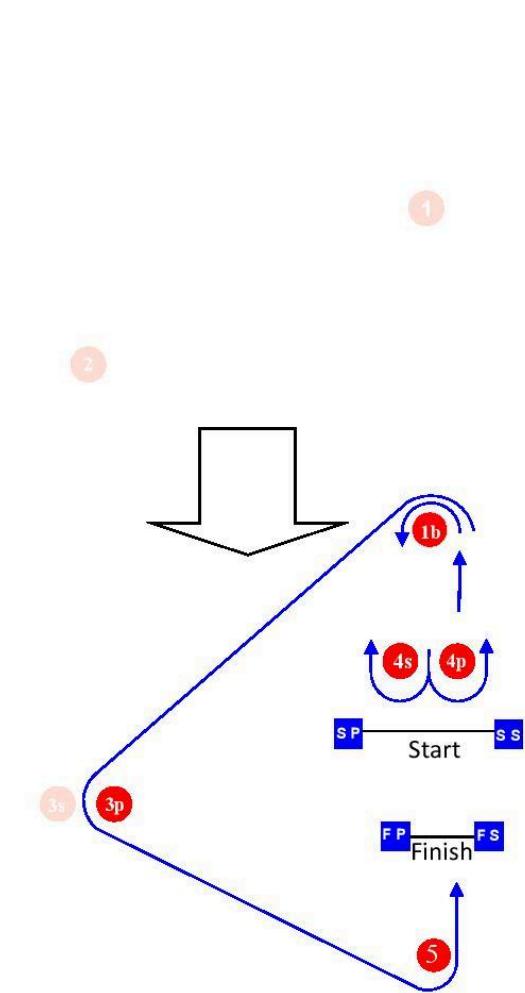
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Course: Outer Trapezoid with beat to finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OW2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
OW3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
OW4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

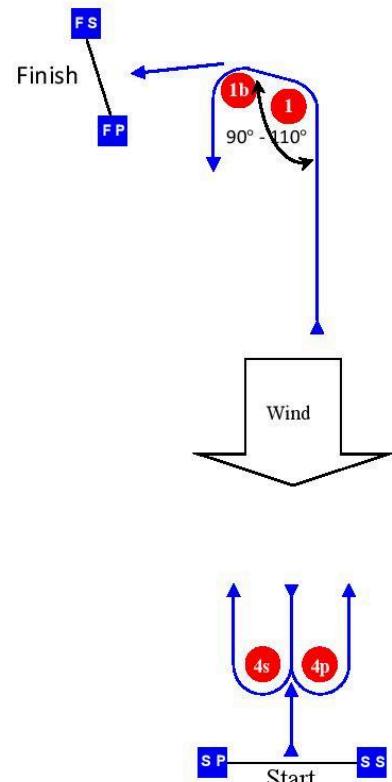
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Course: Triangle with beat to finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TR1	Start - 1b - 3p - 5 - Finish
TR2	Start - 1b - 4s/4p - 1b - 3p - 5 - Finish
TR3	Start - 1b - 4s/4p - 1b - 4s/4p - 1b - 3p - 5 - Finish

WR



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WR2	Start - 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - Finish
WR3	Start - 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - Finish
WR4	Start - 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - Finish
WR5	Start - 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - 4s/4p- 1 - 1b - Finish

Mark	Description
1 2 5	Orange truncated, self-inflating
3s 3p	Red cylindrical (tall) marked "Aflex"
4s 4p	Red cylindrical (short) marked "Extraordinary Nelson Tasman"
1a	Orange truncated with yellow band, self-inflating
1b	Yellow cylindrical, self-inflating
SS Starting mark starboard end	Race Committee Signal Boat
SP Starting mark port end	Orange/Pink buoy
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Race Committee boat
FP Finishing mark port end	Orange/Pink buoy