

2026 58th Mount Gay New Zealand Hartley 16 National Championships

Manukau, Auckland

18th – 21st February 2026

The Organising Authority is Manukau Yacht and Motor Boat Club

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.

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 0900 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 at Manukau Yacht and Motor Boat Club.
- 3.2** The race office is located at Manukau Yacht and Motor Boat 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 Manukau Yacht and Motor Boat Club.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Day/Date	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
Thursday 19 th February 2026	3	1057 hrs
Friday 20 th February 2026	3	1127 hrs
Saturday 21 st February 2026	3	1157 hrs

- 6.2** One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.



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 1 minute before a warning signal is made.

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

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Hartley 16 Class flag is the class insignia on a white background

8 RACING AREA

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

9 COURSES

9.1 SI Addendum B shows the course(s), 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 - courses

10.2 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.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using a 3 minute sequence, this changes RRS 26.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class Flag	One	Warning
2	P, U or Black	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Signal removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

11.2 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.

11.3 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.

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.

12.2 When Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.



13 THE FINISH

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

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For the Hartley 16 class, 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 Times are shown in the table below.

Class	Target Time	Race Time Limit
Hartley 16	35-40mins	60mins

15.2 The race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer 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. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

15.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 30 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.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at Manukau Yacht and Power Boat 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 Manukau Yacht and Power Boat Club, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS60.2(a)(1), inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS60.2.

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 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.



18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. 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 [DP][NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Line Honours

Handicap

First Family crewed boats

First Female competitor

Other prizes may also be awarded

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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..



Addendum A Racing Areas

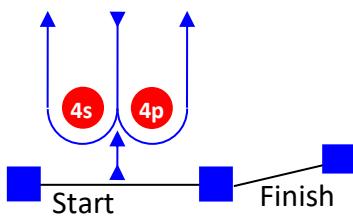
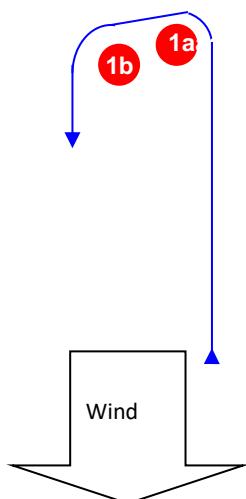




Addendum B Courses

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward with offset

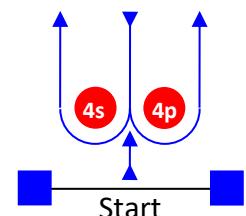
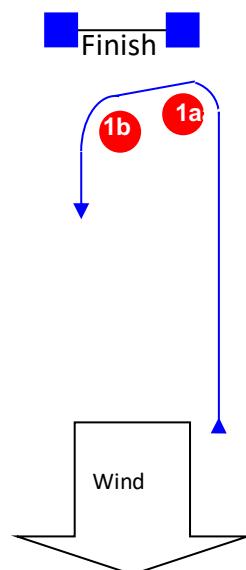
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
2	Start – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – Finish
3	Start – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – Finish
4	Start – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – Finish

WA



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
5	Start – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – Finish
6	Start – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – Finish
7	Start – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – 4s/4p – 1a – 1b – Finish

Mark

Description

1a	Orange Cylindrical Buoy
1b	Orange Spherical Buoy
4s 4p	Orange Cylindrical Buoy
Start/Finish Vessel	Race Committee Vessel
Start/Finish Pins	Orange Spherical Buoy