

LAKE MAHINAPUA AQUATIC CLUB ANNUAL REGATTA

February 7th , 8th 2026

Organising Authority: Lake Mahinapua Aquatic Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and any amendments in these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand, (YNZ), Safety Regulations Part 1 & V, Category C shall apply.

2.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, COURSE BOARD AND NOTICES

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1000 hours on Saturday 7th February, and 0900 hours on Sunday 8th February.

2.2 The Official Notice Board and the Course Board will be located in the clubhouse basement.

2.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the clubhouse start box.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all centreboard dinghies, multihulls and trailer yachts complying with Class Rules where appropriate, and meeting YNZ safety requirements.

3.2 Entries will be accepted at the clubhouse from 0930 to 0955 on 7th February by completing the Entry Form accompanied by the entry fee of \$20 per crew member. School students are \$10 per crew member.

Signing of the Entry Form is deemed to be a statement by the skipper that the boat entered, meets the YNZ safety requirements, and Class Rules.

3.3 All boats competing as a class, shall comply with the rules of that class. NOTE: Three or more boats of one class are required to constitute a class contest within the regatta.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 REGISTRATION: Saturday 7th February, 0900 until 0955 hours at the Lake Mahinapua Aquatic Club clubhouse.

4.2 BRIEFING: Saturday 7th February at 1000 hours at the clubhouse.

4.3 RACING SCHEDULE: (May be changed by notice on Course Board).

SATURDAY

Race 1 Warning Signal – 1100 hours.

Lunch break.

Race 2 Warning Signal - time advised on Course Board.

Race 3 Warning Signal 5 minutes after last boat finishes race 2.

Afternoon tea break.

Race 4 Warning Signal - time advised on Course Board.

SUNDAY

Race 5 Warning Signal 1000 hours.

Lunch break.

Race 6 Warning Signal - time advised on Course Board.

Afternoon tea and prizegiving.

4.4 POSTPONEMENT: In case of postponement of any race from the times indicated in 4.3 or notified on the Course Board, the Answering Pennant will be flown from the start box.
(Note; The Answering Pennant is a long trapezoidal flag with red and white vertical stripes).

5.0 RACING AREA AND START FINISH LINE

5.1 All racing will be held on Lake Mahinapua with the start/finish line location adjacent to the clubhouse.

5.2 The start/finish line is between the clubhouse start box and the outer yellow start/finish mark. Boats shall start and finish between the outer yellow mark and an inner white distance mark.

5.5 After starting and before finishing, any boat sailing through the start/finish line between the outer yellow mark and the start box shall be scored NSC by the race committee. (See RRS A5.1). This includes sailing between the white inner distance mark and the shore.

6.0 STARTING SYSTEM

6.1 A warning signal will sound 10 minutes prior to the first designated class start. The class number will be displayed from the start box.

At the preparatory signal, 5 lights will illuminate on the start box with a sound signal. Lights will extinguish at 1 minute intervals. The last light extinguishing with a sound signal is the start signal.

Five lights will immediately re-illuminate for the next class countdown and the class number will be displayed.

6.2 INDIVIDUAL RECALL: A single sound signal shall be sounded if boats that can be identified are over the line at the start signal. The class number will remain displayed until the offending boat(s) restart correctly.

6.3 GENERAL RECALL: Two sound signals shall be sounded if boats unable to be identified are over the line at the start signal. The class number will remain displayed and the 5 minute countdown will be recommenced. Subsequent class starts are then delayed 5 minutes. **6.4**

CHANGES TO THE START SYSTEM: Any start system changes will be notified at the briefing and on the official Notice Board.

7.0 COURSES

7.1 The Class Number and course for each class will be displayed on Course Board in the clubhouse basement.

7.2 TIME LIMITS: Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat of its class number start will be scored as 'did not finish' (DNF).

7.3 SHORTENED COURSE: A shortened course will be notified by a patrol boat displaying code flag S stationed at a mark. Two sound signals shall be given to the first boat only. All boats shall round that mark in accordance with the course displayed on the course board and sail directly to the finish line, crossing it from the direction of the mark where code flag S was displayed.

(Note; code flag S is a square white flag with smaller blue square within it).

8.0 CLASSES AND STARTING NUMBERS

8.1 Starting order at 5 minute intervals after the Preparatory signal.

Class number 1: Trailer yachts and multihulls.

Class number 3: Junior and slower dinghies of similar performance.

9.0 SCORING

9.2 All races to count. There shall be no discards.

10 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

10.2 ARBITRATION: Arbitration (Appendix T) may be offered prior to a protest hearing. The scoring penalty shall be points halfway between the boats finishing place and DSQ. The protest time limit is 10 minutes after the last boat finishes a race or a group of back-to-back races, when boats come off the water. A verbal lodging of a protest to the Race Officer is acceptable for an arbitration hearing to proceed.

11.1 All boats shall sign on before the first race of each day and sign off after the last race of each day. The Sign On/Off form is located adjacent to the Official Notice Board in the clubhouse basement.

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