



TAURANGA YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB

New Zealand Tornado National Championships 2026

Thursday 26th February – Sunday 1st March 2026

The Organising Authority is the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club

The Hosting Venue is the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club

Keith Alan Drive, Sulphur Point, Tauranga, New Zealand

Sailing Instructions

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 2025 – 2028 - Part 1 shall apply.
<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/sites/default/files/2025-07/Yachting%20New%20Zealand%20Safety%20Regulations%202025-2028%20-%20updated%20July%202025.pdf>
- 1.3 The International Tornado Class Association Class Rules 2025 shall apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5 Local By laws - Monitor VHF Ch 12 when using the shipping channel, keep clear of shipping movements

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 Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club Reception.

3.2 The race office is located at Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club, telephone 07 578 5512, email sailing@yacht.org.nz.

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 the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club Flagpole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 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 40 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates and number of races

Day/Date	Class	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
26 February	Tornado	1	15:00
27 February	Tornado	3	12:00
28 February	Tornado	3	12:00
1 March	Tornado	3	11:00

6.2 Two extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than four races ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 RACING AREA

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

8 COURSES

8.1 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.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark descriptions are shown in Addendum B - courses

9.2 Should a mark be missing, the race committee shall, if possible:

9.3 Replace it with a red cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high; or

Commented [RM1]: Added

9.4 In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced per SI 10.2, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finish line to a new position.

Commented [RM2]: Move rather than replace given gates etc

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 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 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
Tornado	45 minutes	60 minutes	10 minutes

14.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 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.

Commented [RM3]: Does this give sufficient time to return to shore and lodge the protest?

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from reception at Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.

Commented [RM4]: Replaced race office with reception as these are by the notice board

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 or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the TYPBC beginning at the time posted.

16 SCORING

16.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

Commented [RM5]: Drop at 4. Recommendation from YNZ for other nationals

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 [DP] Check-out and check-in ashore

(a) Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally signing check out sheets located downstairs at TYPBC.

(b) Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by personally signing check-in sheets located downstairs at TYPBC.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 [DP]Substitution of competitors is not allowed.

Commented [RM6]: Prior year permitted substitution of crew. Viewed by YNZ as inappropriate for a National Championship during recent discussions.

18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Protest Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Protest Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

Commented [RM7]: Last year was the Race Officer, but sticking with YNZ recommendation that this be Protest Committee given Gary appointed as chair

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: the vessels will be flying the burgee of the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.

Commented [RM8]: Are there burgees that can be used for this purpose?

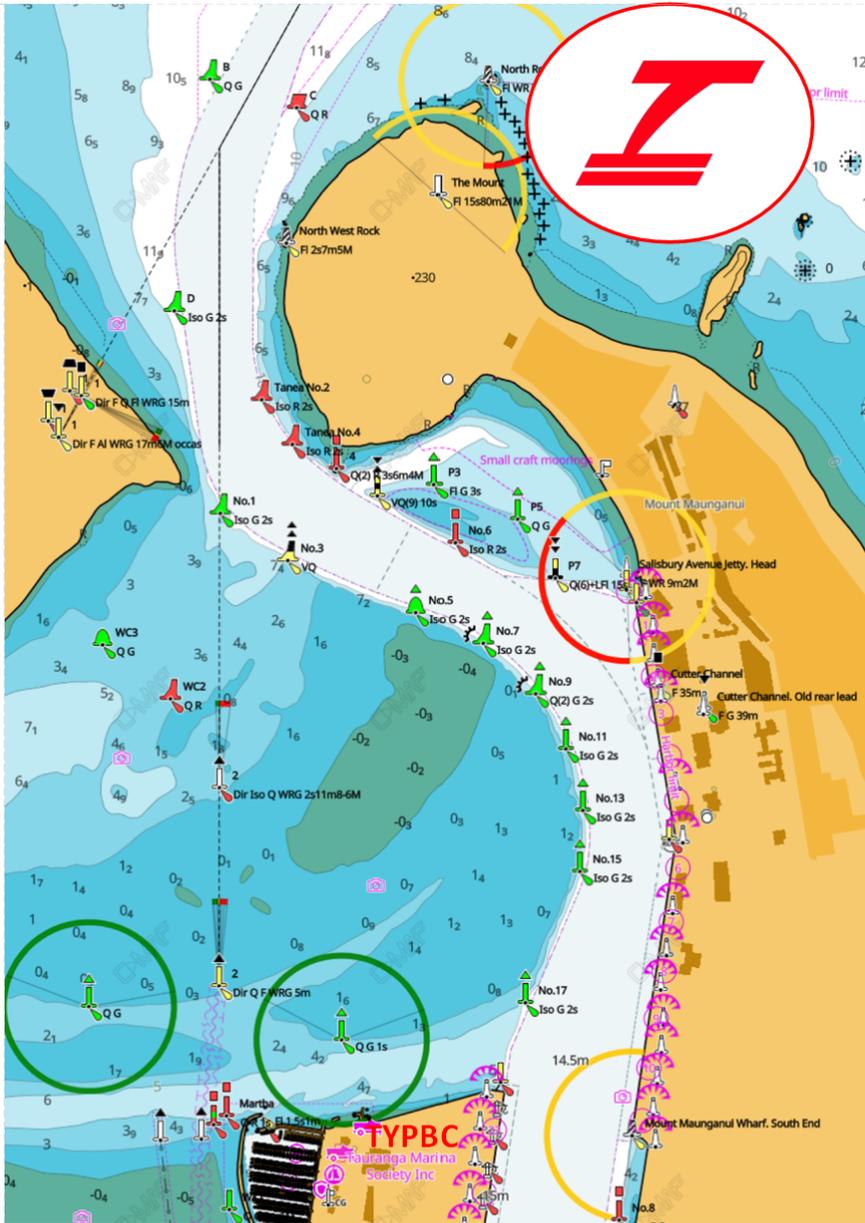
21 [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, 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 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.

21.2 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.

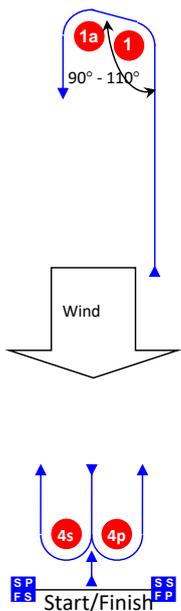
Commented [RM9]: Prizes, risk statement and insurance deleted as covered off in NOR.

Addendum A Racing Areas



Addendum B Courses

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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

Mark	Description
1	Yellow cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high
1a	Yellow cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high
4s 4p	Yellow cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high
SS Starting mark starboard end	Signal vessel with orange flag
SP Starting mark port end	Vessel with orange flag
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Signal vessel with blue flag
FP Finishing mark port end	Vessel with blue flag