



Noelex 25

2026 New Zealand Noelex 25 National Championship

5th - 8th of March 2026

The Organising Authority is the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club
(TYPBC)

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Tauranga

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 III Part Category C shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 applies - Personal buoyancy aids as described in YNZ safety Regulations Part 111, 12.01 shall be worn at all times while afloat.
- 1.4 The Noelex 25 Class rules shall apply.
- 1.5 All boats must have a minimum of 10 litres of fuel at the beginning of each day of the event and an operational engine of not less than 8HP.
- 1.6 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.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF channel 77.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.yacht.org.nz/regattas/2026-nz-noelex-25-national-champs>

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel VHF channel 77

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at on the flag staff of the club tower .

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Races	First Warning	Briefing
Friday 6 th March 2026	Up to 4 races	11:25 am	09:00 am
Saturday 7 th March 2026	Up to 4 races	10:25 am	08:30 am
Sunday 8 th March 2026	Up to 4 races	10:25 am	08:30 am

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race 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.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class will be a white flag with the Noelex insignia

8 RACING AREA

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

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram 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.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions are as follows:

Mark	Description	
1	Red Cylindrical	
1a	Red Cylindrical	
4s, 4p	Red Cylindrical	
SP, FS	Orange spherical	
SS, FP	LTYC P6 Committee Boat	
Change of course mark	Yellow Cylindrical	

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 The starting line is between staff displaying orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to Broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 77. Failure to make a broadcast, failure of her to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.

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.

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 the staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** 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 Time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
50 min	90 min	20 min

- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes within the race time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one 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.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1** The protest time limit is 60 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 <https://www.yacht.org.nz/regattas/2026-nz-noelex-25-national-champs>

- 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 TYPBC 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 RRS 60.2.

17 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, or if possible, on VHF channel 77.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised 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.

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.

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

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:
31' Launch -- SHALIMAR
Club Inflatable - T1

21 [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1 Support person vessels are not allowed

22 BERTHING

22.1 Boats may be parked on the hard at the TYPBC boat/car park.

23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 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..**

24 INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Addendum A Racing Areas

- A : Approx. 2.5 NM NW off Tauranga Harbour Entrance
- B : Approx 2.5 NM NE off Tauranga Harbour Entrance
- C : Approx 1.5NM W from TYPBC

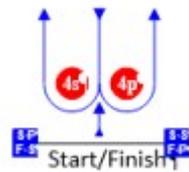
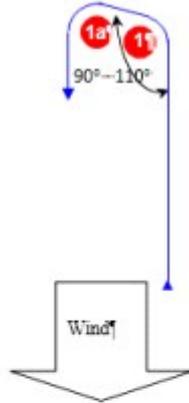
Harbour Conditions can be seen here

<https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/operations/harbour-conditions/?app=desktop>



Addendum B Courses

LA



Course: Leeward-finish

Signal	Mark-Rounding-Order
LA2	Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-Finish
LA3	Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-Finish
LA4	Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-Finish