

COAST NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS AND FLYING DUTCHMAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10th to 12th April 2026

The Organising Authority is the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club
Birkenhead Wharf, Birkenhead, Auckland 0626

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This sheet and Addendum A are supplements to Appendix S of the Racing Rules of Sailing (page 145 RRS 2025-2028).

NP denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat under RRS 60.1.

1 RULES (SI 1)

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as detailed in the Notice of Race ('NoR') 1.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (SI 2)

- 2.1 The race office is located on the lower floor of the Takapuna Boating Club (TBC) clubrooms, email info@takapunaboating.org.nz.
- 2.2 The official notice board is located at <https://www.takapunaboating.org.nz/clubsailing-1-2>
- 2.3 Notices to Competitors will also be posted on the skipper WhatsApp group.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SI 4)

- 3.1 Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located on the lower deck of the TBC clubrooms.
- 3.2 Signals ashore will also be posted on the skipper WhatsApp group.
- 3.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES (SI 5)

4.1

Day	Date	Number of Races	Max Number of Races	Time of First Warning Signal
Race Day 1	Saturday, 11 th April 2026	4	5	10:25
Race Day 2	Sunday, 12 th April 2026	4	5	10:25

- 4.2 The warning signal for subsequent races on the same day will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the last boat in the preceding race.
- 4.3 On Sunday 12th April no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hrs.

5 CLASS FLAG (SI 6)

5.1 The class flag will be;

Class	Class Flag
Etchells	Etchells class insignia on a pale blue background.
Flying Dutchman	FD class insignia on a fluro pink background.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The primary racing area will be centred approximately 1.5nm Nth of the Takapuna boat ramp.
- 6.2 Should conditions not be favourable the RO may choose another area nearby. This change will be notified on VHF Channel 17 and the event WhatsApp group. Code flag L will be displayed from the RC vessel.
- 6.3 If the racing area is changed to the Northern Leading area, code flag L will be displayed as per SSI 3 and the change will be broadcast on VHF Channel 17 and the event WhatsApp group.

7 COURSES (SI 7)

- 7.1 The course 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.
- 7.2 If a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying code flag “M” the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

8 MARKS (SI 8)

- 8.1 The description of the marks is in the table in Addendum A.

9 OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Large Vessel Moving Prohibited Zone:

At all times boats shall comply with the Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 Part 2, Subpart 10, clause 54 – “Moving Prohibited Zone” as described in Addendum B.

Moving Prohibited Zones are designated as Obstructions for the purposes of the RRS Definitions and RRS 19 and 20.

10 THE START (SI 9)

- 10.1 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.

11 CHANGE OF COURSE (SI 10)

- 11.1 To change the position of the windward mark, the race committee will lay a new Blue mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. A new offset mark (mark 1a) will not be laid. This replaces RRS App S, SI 10.1.

12 TIME LIMITS (SI 12)

12.1 The race time limits are as follows:

Fleet / Class	Target time for first finisher	Finishing Window	Race time limit
Etchells	40 minutes	15 minutes	70 minutes
Flying Dutchman	40 minutes	15 minutes	70 minutes

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

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For the Etchells class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 HEARING REQUESTS (SI 13)

14.1 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS App S, SI 13.2.

Hearing requests may be submitted electronically via email to the OA (djwesty@orcon.net.nz).

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

15.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval from the OA. Any request shall be submitted prior to the race in which the change is to take place.

15.2 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.

16 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

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

17 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT VESSELS

17.1 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.

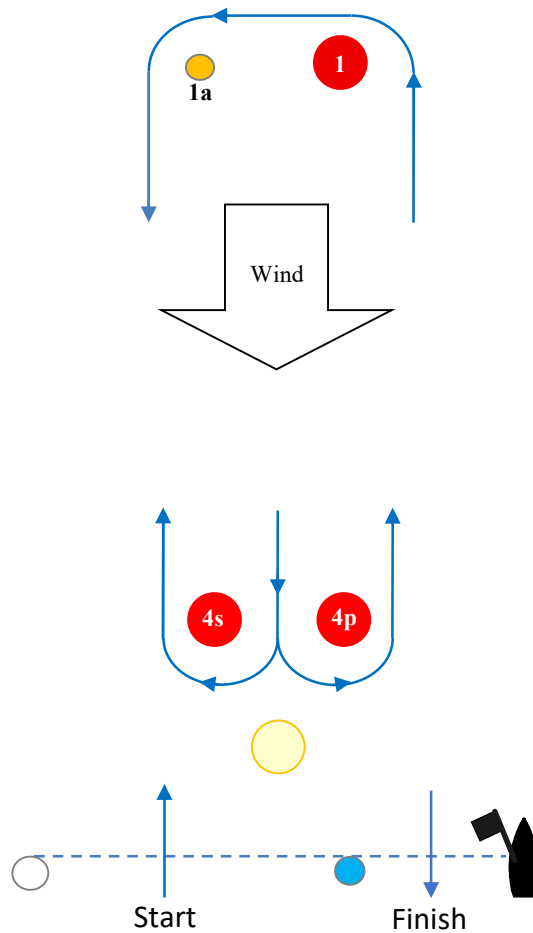
17.2 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, coach vessels, spectator vessels or supporter's vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a sequence of starts until 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.

17.3 Large Vessel Moving Prohibited Zone:

At all times coach and support vessels shall comply with the Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 Part 2, Subpart 10, clause 54 – “Moving Prohibited Zone” as described in Addendum B.

ADDENDUM A

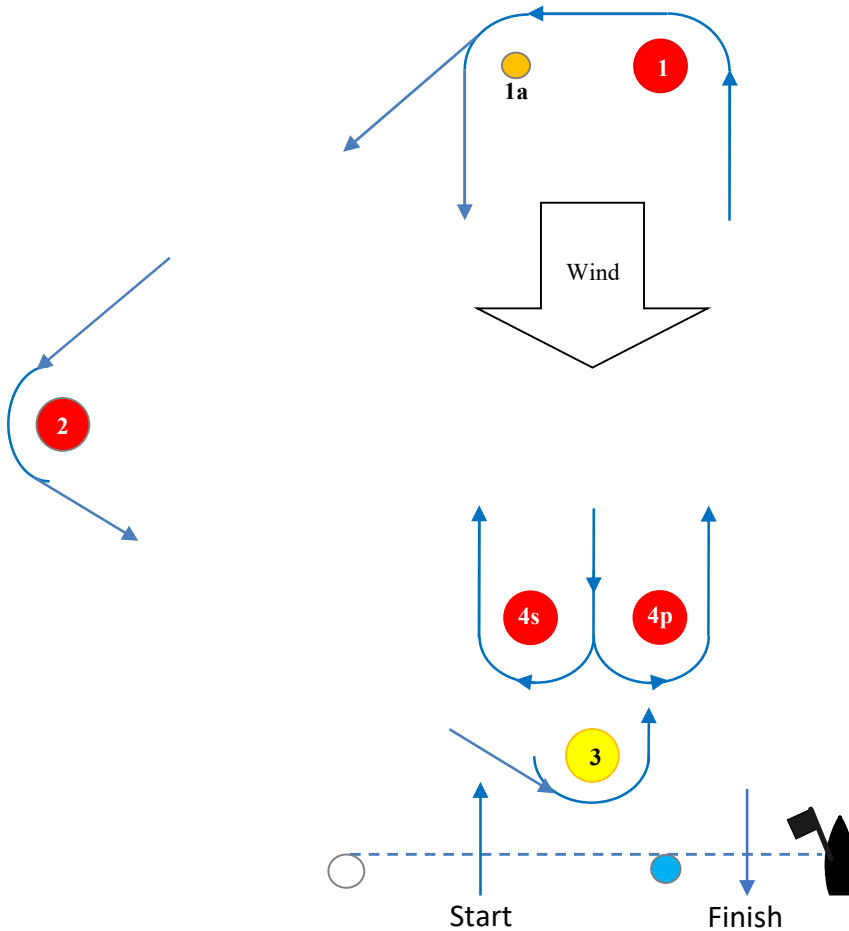
Course Illustration – Windward / Leeward



Course	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA1	1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA2	2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

Mark	Description
1, 4s, 4p	Red inflatable cylindrical buoy
1a	Orange inflatable teardrop buoy
Starting mark starboard end	Race committee vessel
Starting mark port end	White inflatable cylindrical buoy
Finishing mark starboard end	Blue inflatable cylindrical buoy
Finishing mark port end	Race committee vessel
Change of course	Blue inflatable cylindrical buoy

Course Illustration – Triangle – W/L



Course	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TA2	2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3 – 1 – 1a – Finish
TA3	3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3 – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a - Finish

Mark	Description
1, 2, 4s, 4p	Red inflatable cylindrical buoy
1a	Orange inflatable teardrop buoy
3	Yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy
Starting mark starboard end	Race committee vessel
Starting mark port end	White inflatable cylindrical buoy
Finishing mark starboard end	Blue inflatable cylindrical buoy
Finishing mark port end	Race committee vessel

ADDENDUM B

Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 – Part 2, Subpart 10 –

54 - Vessels Must Not Impede a Large Vessel In A Pilotage Area,

1. *The person in charge of a vessel under 500 gross tonnage in a pilotage area must not allow that vessel to impede the navigation of any vessel of 500 gross tonnage or more.*
2. *The person in charge of a vessel must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited zone of a large vessel that is in a pilotage area.*
3. *A moving prohibited zone is an area of navigable water around a large vessel that –*
 - a. *extends 100 metres to each side or the width of the marked channel, whichever is the lesser distance; and*
 - b. *continues at the width in (a) to 100 metres astern and 500 metres ahead of the vessel; and*
 - c. *follows the line of the marked or buoyed channel when changing course.*
4. *However, (2) does not apply to the pilotage area within the Tamaki River.*