



2026 New Zealand Starling National Championship



Worsler Bay Boating Club, Seatoun, Wellington

8th - 12th April 2026

The Organising Authority is *Worsler Bay Boating Club, Karaka Bay Road, Seatoun, Wellington, NZ*

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSI)

This sheet and Addendum A are supplements to Appendix S of the Racing Rules of Sailing (*page 176 RRS 2025-2028*).

SSI 1 RULES

SSI 1.1 *Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" shall apply as amended in SSI 14 & 15.*

SSI 1.2 *The Starling Class Rules including 18.1 and 18.2 will apply*

18.1 RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the start signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above. This changes rules 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

18.2 The Starling Class recommends that race committees apply Rule 18.1 in winds 15 knots and above, measured as deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark.

SSI 1.3.3 *Starling Class Rule under "Regatta Management / Trophies", the Age date for prizes is 31 January 2026.*

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (SI 2)

SSI 2 The race office is located in the Clubhouse Worsler Bay Boating Club

The official notice board is located at In the Clubhouse, Worsler Bay Boating Club.

On line notices will be posted as per the NOR 3.1 and 3.2

SSI 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI 3)

SSI 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **09:00** on the day it will take effect.

SSI 3.2 The Open Fleet Series will be sailed as a single fleet.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SI 4)

- SSI 4** Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located beside the launching ramp to the south of the Clubhouse.
- SSI 5** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- SSI 6** [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 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

SSI 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAGS (SI 5 & 6)

Briefings:

SSI 7.1 Development Fleet:

There will be daily briefings at 1000 in the Clubhouse. All development fleet sailors should attend every day as it may contain information about the format of the days racing. There may be post-race de-briefs in the Club house.

SSI 7.2 Open Fleet:

There will be sailors briefing immediately after the Opening Welcome at 0900 on Thursday 9th April 2026.

SSI 7.3 Race Schedule

Development Fleet: Class Flag = Red Star on Green Background			
Event	Date	Time / First Warning Signal	Race Schedule
<i>Informal Practice Races</i>	<i>Wednesday 8th April 2026</i>	1500	See NOR 8.3
<i>Welcome & Initial Sailor Briefing</i>	<i>Thursday 9th April 2026</i>	1000	
<i>Support Boat Briefing</i>	<i>Thursday 9th April 2026</i>	1030	
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Thursday 9th April 2026</i>	1130	Up to 3 races
<i>Daily Briefing</i>	<i>Friday 10th April 2026</i>	1000	
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<i>Daily Briefing</i>	<i>Saturday 11th April 2026</i>	1000	
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Saturday 11th April 2026</i>	1130	Up to 3 races
<i>Daily Briefing</i>	<i>Sunday 12th April 2026</i>	1000	
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Sunday 12th April 2026</i>	1100	Up to 2 races

Open Fleet: Class Flag = Red Star on White Background			
Event	Date	Time / First Warning Signal	
<i>Informal Practice Races</i>	<i>Wednesday 8th April 2026</i>	1500	See NOR 8.3
<i>Welcome & Sailor Briefing</i>	<i>Thursday 9th April 2026</i>	0900	
<i>Support Boat Briefing</i>	<i>Thursday 9th April 2026</i>	0930	
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Thursday 9th April 2026</i>	1100	3 races
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Friday 10th April 2026</i>	1030	3 races
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Saturday 11th April 2026</i>	1030	3 races
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Sunday 12th April 2026</i>	1000	3 races

SSI 7.4 One extra race may be sailed, provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and that the change is made according to SSI 3.1

SSI 7.5 On Sunday 12th April 2026 no warning signal will be made after 14:30

SSI 8 COURSES (SI 7)

SSI 8.1 The courses will be laid in the waters off Worser Bay Boating Club and west of the “narrow” shipping channel. Ref NOR 1.4 and NOR page 10. “Shipping Channel”

SSI 8.2 Development Fleet

SSI 8.2.1 The Courses to be sailed, the start, the finish and any rounding marks will be described in the daily briefing Ref SSI 7.1.

SSI 8.2.2 Courses may be “laid” or “adventure” courses.

SSI 8.3 Open Fleet

SSI 8.3.1 The courses 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.

SSI 8.3.2 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.

MARKS (SI 8)

SSI 9 The description of the marks is *below each course diagram in Appendix A.*

THE START (SI 9)

SSI 10 When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 50 metres from the starting line and marks in all directions.

SSI 11 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

TIME LIMITS (SI 12)

SSI 12.1 Time Limit Table

Fleet/Class	Target time for first finisher	Finish Window	Race time limit
Open Fleet	45 minutes	20 minutes	70 minutes
Development Fleet	30 minutes	20 minutes	50 minutes

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

SSI 12.3 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, A51. And A5.2.

SSI 12.4 For the Development Fleet the Race Time Limit, Target time, and Finishing Window may be altered at the daily briefing Ref SSI 7.1.

SCORING (NOR 12)

SSI 13 In accordance with RRS A4 , low points Point System, boats will be scored points based on their finishing position in their fleet.

PENALTY SYSTEM

SSI 14 RRS Appendix P2.2 and Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.1 is changed so that it will apply the P2.1 penalty to the first and all subsequent penalizations.

SSI 15 If a boat is penalized under Appendix P2.1 after she has finished, she shall be given a scoring penalty of 10%, scored in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c), without a hearing.

SSI 16 CHECK OUT AND CHECK IN

Boats shall comply with the following check out and check in procedure:

SSI 16.1 [DP] Competitors or their representatives shall sign-on each time they leave the shore to enter the course and shall sign-off each time they come ashore from the course. The sign on/off Boards with Tags are either in the "PD Shed" (boat shed on the walkway between club and beach) or in a Tent on the grass behind the beach, depending on the weather.

SSI 16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she finished shall promptly notify the race office or the Sign-on/off team at the Sign on/off Board.

SSI 16.3 [DP] Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office or the Sign-on/off team at the Sign on/off Board.

SSI 17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS (SI 13)

SSI 17.1 Hearing Request, Protest forms and Scoring Enquiry Forms are available at the Race Office in the Club House.

SSI 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that fleet 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 noticeboard.

SSI 17.3 Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 60.2(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.

SSI 17.4 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 names as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the adjacent Scout Hall.

SSI 17.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

SSI 17.6 Breaches of SSI 10, SSI 16, NOR 13 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

SSI 18 PRIZES (NOR 20.2)

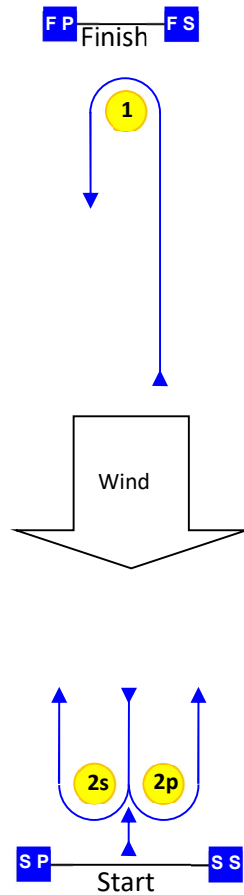
Clarification, changing NOR 20.2:

The Cooke Trophy shall be to the boat leading the series after the middle race of the series, or if there are two middle races then after the later of these two races.

The Howick Cup shall be awarded to the boat finishing nearest to the middle of the fleet. If two boats are the middle boats, it shall be awarded to the lower of these boats.

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

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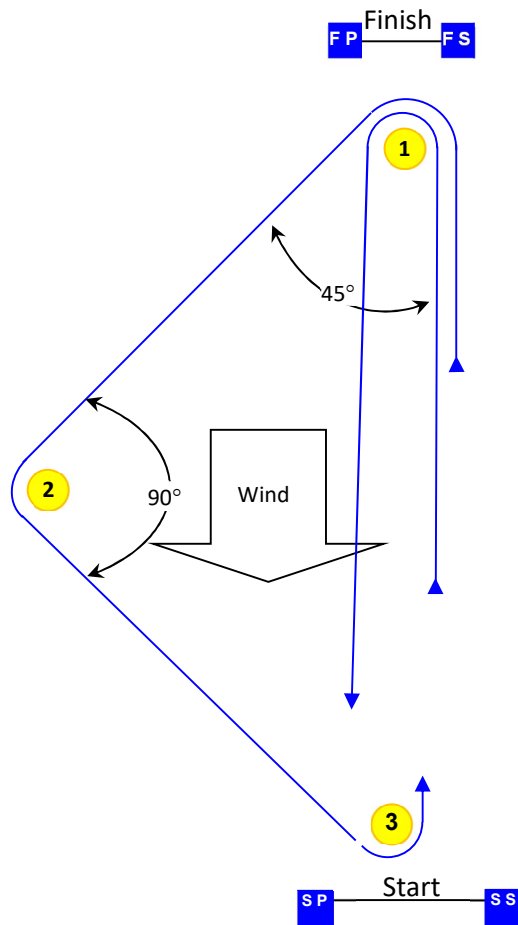
Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

Mark	Description
1	Large Yellow Cylindrical
2s 2p	Large Yellow Cylindrical
SS Starting mark starboard end	Committee Signal Boat. Orange Flag
SP Starting mark port end	Red Triangular “Fanatic”
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Committee Finish Boat. Blue Flag
FP Finishing mark port end	White Spherical

Course Illustration – Triangular course

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Course: Triangular Upwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
T4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

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