

# Muritai Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING – 2018/19

### Organizing Authority: Muritai Yacht Club Inc.

1. **Rules**

Racing will be governed by the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**) & Safety Regulations 2013-2016 (Category 5), except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. **Entries**

Eligible boats shall enter each race day by recording their details in the "Entry Book" in the Clubhouse. Any competitor who fails to enter as required will be recorded "DNE" and awarded points as in 15.1 below. Competitors shall comply with respective class rules and the rules of the Muritai Yacht Club relating to membership.

3. **Notice to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (white board) located upstairs in the Clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal of any race affected by the change.

4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board, at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the race affected by the change. Code flag L will be shown and sound signal made.

5. **Signals Made Ashore**

All signals displayed ashore will be from the start box flag pole.

6. **Schedule of Races**

The current Club Calendar is part of these Sailing Instructions. A decision on racing will be made by the Racing Committee at the Clubhouse no later 1300hrs. Courses and actual start times will be posted on the official notice board by 1315hrs. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Class	Flag	Start Time
Paper Tiger	Class flag	1400hrs
Opti Open & Open Bic	Opti Class flag (white)	1405hrs
Starling	Class flag	1410hrs
Sunburst	Class flag	1415hrs
Laser	Class flag	1420hrs
Opti Green	Class flag (green background)	1425hrs

Additional separate class start times may be added as necessary. Any individual class' restart after a general recall will occur at the end of the sequence.

If more than one race is to be sailed on a club race day, it shall be sailed back to back with the

first (scheduled) race. On a regular race day, the intention will be to sail the race scheduled for that day, followed by either a 'practice' race, or a catch-up race for any races previously not sailed in the series listed in the Club Calendar for that date. This will be notified on the notice board when the courses are posted. Race results will be announced at approximately 1700hrs.

#### 6.1 **Postponement**

Postponed races may be resailed on another scheduled race day, (2 races back-to-back. First race normal time). Postponed **Championship** races may only be rescheduled to another Championship race date as outlined in the Club Calendar.

6.2 Should a **Handicap** race be postponed it may be rescheduled on the Sunday at 1400hrs. This decision will be made at the time of the initial postponement and no later than 1300hrs. (This may only be done on 3 occasions during a season).

6.3 Days scheduled for Sweepstake Races may be used to re-sail abandoned or postponed **Handicap** or **Championship** races if necessary.

#### 7. **Racing Area**

The course area will be on Wellington Harbour in the vicinity of the Muritai Yacht Club.

##### 7.1 **The Course**

The course number and order that marks will be rounded will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal is scheduled. The course diagram is only to indicate the relative positioning of the marks and is not intended to show their actual locations.

#### 8. **Marks**

Rounding marks will be large orange cylindrical buoys. The starting and finishing marks will be spherical buoys. All marks shall be taken as un-numbered. The Optimist B fleet may use a separate top mark, which will be approximately 60% of the distance from Mark 3 to Mark 1, this will be posted on the official notice board when the full course is posted.

#### 9. **The Start**

Starts will be conducted in accordance with **RRS 26**. They may in the first instance be conducted from an M.Y.C. Committee boat; or from the start box at the clubhouse, this will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9.1 The Warning Signal for each succeeding class will be made simultaneously with the Starting Signal of the preceding class.

9.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races, Class Flags or Start Times will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal for the first class. The starting sequence for each scheduled class will be adhered to even if there are no starters for that class.

9.3 When a race is postponed, or a second or subsequent race is to be held on the same day, the postponement signal will be displayed. It will be lowered together with one sound signal, one minute before the warning signal for the next start.

9.4 The following starting lines may be used:

- 1) Between a buoy and a staff on an M.Y.C. committee boat.
- 2) Between a buoy and a flagpole near the end of the wharf.
- 3) Between a buoy and a flagpole on the starting box.

- 9.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 9.6 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal.
- 9.7 At all times, boats shall pass outside (to seaward) of the finish mark unless finishing. Any boat that sails through the finish line when not finishing a race shall be disqualified from that race.
10. **Shortened Course**  
Courses may be shortened in accordance with **RRS 32**. However, if the race committee signals a shortened course (Flag S with 2 sounds) at a rounding mark of the course, boats shall leave the mark to the required side and proceed to cross the finish line from the direction of the mark which the course was shortened at. **This changes RRS 32.2.**
11. **The Finish**  
The finishing line will be between the flagpole on the starting box and a mark in front of the Club House.
12. **Time Limit**  
The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat in each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in their race will be recorded as "DNF" and awarded points as in 15.1 below. **This changes RRS 35.**
14. **Protests & Penalty Turns at Time of Incident**  
Protests shall be written on forms available in the starting box and lodged with a club official or member of the sailing committee within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt beginning as soon as possible unless otherwise advised.
- 14.1 Penalty turns may be undertaken in accordance with **RRS 44.1**. For **multihull yachts only, RRS 44.1 is changed** to replace the 720-degree penalty turn with a 360-degree penalty turn.
15. **Scoring**  
The Hight Algorithm  $400/(3+\text{place})$  shall be used except that boats starting a race but not registering, OCS and not returning, withdrawing, disqualified by protest or not finishing shall be awarded 5 points.
- 15.2 For the overall Club Championship and Handicap series, if less than 9 races are sailed the worst performance will be discarded. If 9 or more races are sailed, the 2 worst performances will be discarded. For the various short handicap series, all races shall count.
- 15.3 Boats will be scored if two or more entries are made for that class.
- 15.4 Handicaps will be set using a percentage of the elapsed times for each boat as the basis.
- 15.5 In the event of a member and/or competitor volunteers on for patrol boat or starting box duty, they will receive the average of their series points (championship and handicap) for the race(s) missed.

16. **Retiring**

A boat that has retired or withdrawn from the race shall notify start box personnel or an MYC patrol vessel of their withdrawal at the first available opportunity.

17. **Decision to Race**

Competitors participate in races and Club activities entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to **RRS 4**, Decision to Race. The Muritai Yacht Club or its officers will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with or participation in any club activity or race.