

Muritai Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING 2010-2011

Organising Authority: Muritai Yacht Club Inc.

1. **Rules**

Racing will be governed by the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing & Safety Regulations 2009-2012, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. **Entries.**

Eligible boats may enter each race day by recording their details in the "Entry Book" in the Clubhouse. Should you not the details in the "Entry Book" you shall be treated as a non starter. 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 located upstairs in the Clubhouse, at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the race affected by the change. Code flag L and attendant sound signal will be shown.

5. **Signals Made Ashore**

All signals will be displayed ashore from the start box except as noted in clause 10.4 & 11
All sound signals will be made from the start box.

6. **Schedule of Races**

The current Club Calendar is part of these Sailing Instructions

Racing is scheduled as follows:

Class	Flag	Start Time
Optimist A & P Class	D	1400hrs
Starling	Class	1405hrs
Sunbursts	Class	1410hrs
Lasers	Class	1415hrs
Open & Paper Tigers	T	1420hrs
Optimist B	Class	1425hrs

The advertised race will not start **before** the above times.

Additional separate class start times may be added as necessary.

Decision on racing will be made at the Clubhouse no later 1300hrs by the Racing Committee. If there is an indication that conditions may change, a further decision may be made at 1530 hrs.

Courses and actual start times will be posted on the race notice board inside the Clubhouse by 1300hrs or by 1530hrs should the conditions change.

The Class restart after a general recall will be 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. The starting order and time for each class for the second race will be indicated by the flags displayed from the start box with the first start being the first class to complete the scheduled race followed by the other classes as they finish.

Subsequent races will be regarded as re-sails for any races previously not sailed in the series listed in the Club Calendar for that date.

Race results will be announced at approximately 1700hrs.

6.1 **Postponement**

A race postponed on Saturday afternoon 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.

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. Decision on this race will be made at 1300hrs. (This may only occur on 3 occasions during a season).

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 will be set directly off the Muritai Yacht Club with the start and finish lines close to the Rona Bay Wharf.

8. **The Course**

The course 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.

9. **Marks**

Marks will be large orange buoys. The starting and finishing marks will be small spherical buoys. All marks shall be taken as un-numbered. If separate marks are set for Junior classes they will be smaller spherical buoys and the Junior course will be drawn on the official notice board.

10. **The Start**

- 10.1 The **Class Flag** will be raised with **One Sound** as the **Warning Signal** 5 minutes before the start for that class. Three red lights above the start box will come on three minutes before each class start, and this has the same status as the **Preparatory Signal**. The lights will be progressively be extinguished at one minute intervals until the last one goes off at the start time for that class with **One Sound Signal**. This is the **Starting Signal** for that class.

The Warning Signal for each succeeding class will be made simultaneously with the Starting Signal of the preceding class. (The extinguishing of the last light accompanied by removal of the preceding class flag and replacement with the succeeding class flag and one sound). **This changes RRS 26.**

- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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, not less than five minutes before the warning signal for the next start. **This changes RRS Race Signals**

10.4 The following starting lines may be used.

(A) Between a buoy and the flagpole on the starting box.

(B) Between a buoy and a flagpole near the end of the wharf.

(C) Between a buoy and a flagpole on a MYC support boat.

The Starting Line to be used will be noted on the official notice Board. Whichever starting line option is used, starting signals will be made from the start box except that Individual and General Recall signals will be made from the end of the starting line for options B and C.

10.5 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.

10.6 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

10.7 At all times, boats shall pass outside (to seaward) of the finish mark unless finishing.

11. **Shortened Course**

The Race Officer may shorten the course by displaying code flag S at a rounding mark of the course, before the leading boat has rounded that mark. Yachts shall leave the mark on the required side and proceed to cross the finish line from the direction of the shortened course mark. The shortened course shall only apply to yachts sailing the course that uses that mark. If both senior and junior fleets have shortened courses, code flag S will be displayed on both courses. Both fleets shall sail the shortened course if the mark is common to both courses. **This changes RRS 32**

12. **The Finish**

The finishing line will be between the flagpole on the starting box and a mark directly in front of the Club House.

13. **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**

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.

15. **Scoring**

15.1 The Hightet algorithm 400/(3+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 an average of the elapsed times for each boat as the basis
- 15.5 In the event of members being rostered for patrol boat 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 the start box personnel 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 rule 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.
18. **Paper Tiger Penalty Turn**
Any Paper Tiger or other Catamaran be required to do a penalty turn for any rule infringement, shall do a 360° penalty turn. This rule does not apply to any other class who are governed by clause 1 of these sailing instructions.