EBYMBC, LBYC and RPNYC

2022-2023 Racing Season

Interclub Sailing Instructions

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NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 [DP][NP]The Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws will apply.

(a) There shall be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.

(b) A boat shall be disqualified without a hearing if a vessel larger than 500 GRT reports to the Organising Authority, to the harbour master, or to Maritime New Zealand, that the boat has either:

(i) entered her moving prohibition zone; or

(ii) impeded her navigation (including but not limited to requiring her to take avoiding action).

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2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RPNYC website at least two hours prior to it taking effect on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it takes effect.

2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be distributed to the non-hosting clubs' sailing committee and may be posted on their respective websites.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors (NTCs) will be posted on the official notice board located at rpnyc.org.nz and may also be posted on the notice board located in the RPNYC wardroom.

3.2 NTCs will be distributed to the non-hosting clubs' sailing committee and may be posted on their respective websites.

3.3 Unless the Race Committee determines otherwise, all radio communication between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through:

(a) VHF channel 62 for races hosted by RPNYC and LBYC.

(b) VHF channel 77 for races hosted by EBYMBC.

3.4 [NP] Boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF as determined by SI 3.3. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4.3 Boats may be required to operate a smartphone-based tracking device at the boat's own cost. If so required, boats shall follow the operating instructions provided by the Race Committee.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RPNYC flagpole, or on the deck or flagpole of the other host clubs. The existence of signals having been made ashore may also be broadcast periodically on VHF as determined by SI 3.3.

5.2 The Race Committee may postpone a race prior to the starting signal by posting a notice on the RPNYC website. This changes RRS 27.3.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The racing schedule is as follows:

Date	Start location	Warning signal	Race type
Sunday, 25 Sep 2022	LBYC	1255 hours	Short harbour
Saturday, 1 Oct 2022	EBYMC	1310 hours	Short harbour
Saturday, 8 Oct 2022	RPNYC	1255 hours	Short harbour

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Subject to entries received, the following divisions are proposed:

Class/Division	Class Flag
Spinnaker	K
Non-Spinnaker	E
Combined	T

7.1 Boats must self-declare their division upon entry.

7.2 The combined division will comprise all boats.

7.3 Spinnakers and multi-purpose sails shall not be used in the non-spinnaker division. A boat that uses a spinnaker or multi-purpose sail in breach of this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 All races will be held within Wellington harbour.

9 COURSES

9.1 For races being hosted by RPNYC, the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are published on the RPNYC website.

9.2 For races being hosted by LBYC, the courses available to be used are published on the LBYC website.

9.3 For races being hosted by EBYMBC, the course for the day will be posted on the EBYMBC noticeboard and will be broadcast on VHF channel 77.

9.4 Courses will be identified by displaying the course number as follows:

(a) For RPNYC starts, the course for each division will be displayed in or underneath the start box windows.

(b) For LBYC starts, the course for each division will be displayed on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat.

(c) For EBYMBC starts, the course for each division will be displayed in or underneath the start box windows.

9.5 When flag F is displayed, the course will be a special course and will be broadcast on VHF as determined by SI 3.3, approximately 15 minutes prior to the start time.

10 MARKS

10.1 RPNYC marks are published on the RPNYC website. RPNYC marks will be used by races hosted by EBMYBC.

10.2 The LBYC marks are described on the LBYC website in a document entitled LBYC race course marks.

10.3 A Race Committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark, as provided in SI 13.2.

10.4 The Race Committee may advise yachts of the approximate location of a laid mark on VHF as determined by SI 3.3. A failure to so advise will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:

(a) A line between the Mokopuna Island fairway mark and nearest point of land at Mokopuna Island. The Mokopuna Island fairway mark is a virtual mark at 41 14.900S 174 51.970E.

(b) A line between Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.

(c) A line between the Steeple Rock/Te Aroaro-o-Kupe light and Steeple Rock/Te Aroaro-o-Kupe.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting lines are:

(a) RPNYC: a line between the start box flagpole and the starting mark laid to the north of the clubhouse. If no mark is laid, the line is an extension of the line between the start box flagpole and the light on the outer end of the boat harbour entrance.

(b) LBYC on the water start: a line between an orange staff on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the start mark at the port end.

(c) EBYMBC: the starting line will be between a vertical red line on the eastern wall of the start box and the outer starting mark.

12.2 An inner distance mark may be laid at any starting line at which a starting mark has been laid. When the inner distance mark is laid to starboard of the starting mark, it shall be passed to starboard either when approaching the starting line to start or after having started. When the inner distance mark is laid to port of the starting mark, it shall be passed to port either when approaching the starting line or after having started.

12.3 The Race Committee may alter the start location by broadcasting the new start location on VHF as determined in SI 3.3 not less than 45 minutes prior to the warning signal. The Race Committee may postpone racing in order to maintain the 45-minute notice required.

12.4 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of another race.

12.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the start signal, and she is identified, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF as determined by SI 3.3. Failure to make a broadcast, or 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 62.1(a).

12.6 A boat that did not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.7 If fewer than two (2) boats start within 10 minutes of their starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark, or the finishing line, to a new position.

13.2 The Race Committee may announce a change of the position of the next mark on VHF as determined by SI 3.3. Such an announcement will include the approximate position of the new mark, or the approximate distance and approximate bearing from the previous mark. This changes RRS 33.

13.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

14 MISSING MARK

14.1 If a mark is missing or out of position, the Race Committee may replace it and announce the new mark's description and approximate position on VHF as determined by SI 3.3. The new mark may or may not display flag M. This changes RRS 34.

15 SHORTENING THE COURSE

15.1 A race may be shortened by an announcement on VHF as determined by SI 3.3 or by displaying flag 'Q' at a mark, directing boats to round a specified mark of the course and proceed directly to and cross the course finishing line for that race. In this case, RRS 32.2 will not apply.

16 THE FINISH

16.1 The Finishing lines are:

(a) RPNYC: a line between the start box flagpole and the finishing mark laid to the north of the clubhouse. If no mark is laid, the line is an extension of the line between the start box flagpole and the light on the outer end of the boat harbour entrance.

(b) LBYC on the water finish: a line between an orange staff on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the finish mark at the port end.

(c) EBYMBC: The finishing line will be between a vertical red line on the eastern wall of the start box and the outer finishing mark.

16.2 An inner distance mark may be laid at any finishing line at which a finishing mark has been laid. When the inner distance mark is laid to starboard of the finishing mark, it shall be passed to starboard either when approaching the finishing line to finish, or after having finished. When the inner distance mark is laid to port of the finishing mark, it shall be passed to port either when approaching the finishing line or after having finished.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of the RRS part 2 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. The penalty will be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.

18 TIME LIMITS

18.1 Any boat failing to finish a race within 120 minutes of the first boat finishing the race will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

18.2 Any boat that finishes after 1800 hours will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19 HEARING REQUESTS

19.1 The protest time limit for a protest by a boat is 90 minutes 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 61.3 and RRS 62.2.

19.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at rpnyc.org.nz. Hearing requests shall be submitted to the Race Committee in person or via protest@rpnyc.org.nz within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.

19.3 The protest time limit for a protest by the Race Committee or protest committee (known as the extended protest time limit) is 48 hours after the end of the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.

19.4 If the Race Committee or protest committee intends to protest a boat, it shall inform her within 24 hours of the end of the extended protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.1(b).

19.5 The protest committee will be made up of a representative from each of the hosting clubs. The chairman of the protest committee will be the representative from the club that hosted the race under protest.

19.6 Protests will be held in the Noel Manthel Boardroom at the RPNYC clubhouse at 1800 hours on the first Tuesday after the race unless otherwise notified. If the hearing is to be held at an alternative time and place, the parties will be advised of the changes as early as possible.

19.7 The protest committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for RRS 64.1(a). The alternative penalty may be a warning, a scoring penalty or an elapsed time penalty. The quantum of a scoring penalty or elapsed time penalty shall be determined by the protest committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI. This changes RRS A10.

19.8 The Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of SI 20, or for any matter related to safety, on the basis of a report from an interested party. This changes RRS 60.2(a).

19.9 Reopening a hearing:

(a) On the last scheduled day of racing for a series, a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered:

(i) within the protest time limit when the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous race day; or

(ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

20 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 A boat that withdraws or retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20.2 All boats shall check in and check out via VHF as determined by SI 3.3:

(a) Boats shall radio in stating their intention to race and number of persons on board prior to the race start.

(b) Boats shall radio in confirming they have returned to the marina. For boats from Seaview Marina or Evans Bay Marina, skippers may need to inform the race officer via mobile phone once safely berthed at their respective marina.

(c) Boats failing to radio in prior to the race start or after returning to the marina may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

20.3 Boats shall report the following incidents which occur while racing to the Race Committee as soon as possible:

(a) Man overboard.

(b) An injury requiring treatment from a doctor, nurse, ambulance, or in a hospital.

(c) Contact with another boat during a race causing serious damage.

(d) Loss of a keel, rudder or mast, or damage which materially adversely affects the seaworthiness of the boat.

(e) An inrush of water into the boat.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with safety requirements, class rules, notice of race, or the Sailing Instructions.

21.2 A boat required by the Race Committee to conduct compliance checks on another boat is deemed to be a Race Committee measurer.

21.3 If required by a Race Committee measurer, a boat must:

(a) Proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

(b) Leave all equipment including sails, sheets and lifelines in the configuration in which it completed the race.

21.4 The Race Committee may require a boat to undertake a compliance check on itself. If so required, the boat will complete the compliance check form and return it to the Race Committee by the time specified.

21.5 A boat that is racing in a measurement configuration that is at variance to the issued PHRF certificate or these Sailing Instructions may be subject to protest.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information, please contact sailing@rpnyc.org.nz or visit www.rpnyc.org.nz.