



Worser Bay Boating Club, Seatoun, Wellington

NZ 12 Foot Skiff Nationals & 29er Invitational Series

March 2016

Organising Authority, Worser Bay Boating Club, P. O. Box 15 030, Wellington 6243

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Code of Conduct: Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubrooms of the Worser Bay Boating Club (WBBC).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the main entrance to WBBC clubrooms.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. When AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.

5 BRIEFING

- 5.1 A briefing will be held on Friday 11th March 2016 at 2.30pm.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Number of races: 8 races.
- 6.2 Races 1 & 2 Friday 11 March, warning signal for first race at 1600 hrs
Races 3 & 4 Saturday 12 March, warning signal for race three at 1000 hrs
Races 5 & 6 Saturday 12 March, warning signal for race five at 1400 hrs
Races 7 & 8 Sunday 13 March, warning signal for race seven at 1000 hrs
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday 13th March.

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The race area will be in the vicinity of Worser Bay, Wellington Harbour.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 A diagram of the course will be displayed on the notice board in the WBBC clubrooms not less than 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

Areas That Are Obstructions:

The following areas are designated as obstructions: Sunken Rock, off the point to the North of Worser Bay Boating Club.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 A description of the marks will be displayed on the notice board in the WBBC clubrooms not less than 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end, when on the water starts, or between an orange spherical buoy and the start box red vertical line when off the club start.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. There will be a 12 flag and a 29er flag for the 5 minute signals.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark. When off the club start it will be between a red vertical line on the start box and an outer orange spherical buoy. A white spherical inner distance mark may be laid between the red vertical line on the start box and the outer distance mark. Where such a mark is laid boats approaching the line shall pass between this mark and the outer distance mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

- 11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26 Starting Races. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes rule A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.
- 12.2 The race committee may decrease the number of legs of the course being sailed at a rounding mark or at a gate. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg.
- (a) The signal shall be the display of Flag S over Numeral Pennant One with repetitive sounds.
- (b) The next leg is changed to be the final leg and boats will sail to the finish.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a vertical red line on the start box and the outer distance (finishing) mark when off the club finishes. When boat start/finishes, the finish line will be between the start boat and the port end start/finish buoy.
- 13.2 A white spherical inner distance mark may be laid between the start box and the outer distance (finishing) mark. Where such a mark is laid boats approaching the line to finish shall pass between this mark and the outer distance (finishing) mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.2 is changed; Two-Turn penalty replaced by One-Turn penalty. A One-Turn penalty comprises one tack and one gybe. 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit. 14.3 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 At mark 1: 30 minute time limit. Race course limit is 120minutes.
- If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. This does not apply to races sailed on the harbour courses.
- 15.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a), *Redress*.

- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, *Time Limit and Scores*, A4, *Low Point And Bonus Point Systems*, and A5, *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 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.
- 16.2 For protests where only a rule of Part 2, When Boats Meet, or Rule 31, Touching A Mark, is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1, Taking A Penalty). The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the start box Worser Bay Boating Club rooms. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.4 For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as advised by the protest committee as soon as practicable.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b), *Informing the Protestee*.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 20, 21 and 22, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a), *Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress* or Rule 69 *Action*. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17 SCORING

- 17.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 5 races a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races , a boats series score will be the total excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors 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 sheets are located in the WBBC clubhouse.
- 18.2 A boat that does not start or retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from Worser Bay Boating Club or nearby Worser Bay Beach.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.