

Burnsco HYC Regatta, Hamilton Yacht Club 2nd – 3rd Mar 2024, Lake Rotoroa

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1	RULES
1.1	In each series racing will be governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024</i> and Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
1.2	<p>Under rule 86 racing rules 26, 32, 33, 35, 41, 44.1, 62 will be changed as follows:</p> <p>RR26 Starting Races. The period between the preparatory signal and the starting signal may be less than four minutes, and the starting signal of one fleet may also be the combined warning and preparatory signal for the next fleet scheduled to start. This rule change implies that the second fleet to start, and each subsequent fleet after this, actually begins ‘racing’ at the starting signal of fleet starting immediately before them. See starting instructions (section 11) for further detail.</p> <p>RR28 Sailing the course. If flag ‘I’ (yellow flag with central black disc) is displayed at the finish – from the tower for a tower finish, or from the committee boat for a boat finish - then after finishing a boat must sail completely across the finish line and then must not ‘recross’ this line while other boats are still racing. Boats that break this rule will be disqualified for the race without a hearing.</p> <p>RRS32 Shortening or abandoning after the start. This rule is changed to allow an additional way to shorten the course and allows the race committee to shorten the course for individual classes. If a patrol boat displaying code flag “Q” (yellow flag) is stationed at a mark and making periodic sound signals, then all boats will round that mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish. If a patrol boat displaying code flag “Q” and one or more boat class flags is stationed at a mark and making periodic sound signals, then only boats of the classes indicated will round that mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish. If a patrol boat displays a boat class flag or flags when signalling a shortened course with flag “S” (blue square inside white square flag) only the class(es) displayed will finish at that mark.</p> <p>RRS33 Changing the next leg of the course. Small changes in a mark position will not be signalled. Large changes may be signalled with a green or a red flag indicating a change in position to starboard or to port respectively.</p> <p>RRS35 Time limit and scores. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat of their class to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.</p> <p>RRS41 Outside help. Where a boats mast has become stuck in lake bottom mud outside assistance may be given, under the direction of the Race Officer, to bring the boats mast to the horizontal.</p> <p>RRS44.1 Taking a penalty. When a protest is lodged against a boat for breaking a rule of Part 2 (<i>When Boats Meet</i>) or rule RRS31 (<i>Touching A Mark</i>) an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5 will apply. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB. 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.</p> <p>RRS62 Redress. Part 62.1a is changed such that a race duration falling outside the target time will not be grounds for redress.</p>
2	NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the HYC clubrooms.
3	CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the warning signal for the first race affected.
4	SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagstaff or balcony.
4.2	Flag AP displayed (with two sound signals) means the next scheduled race has been postponed. Flag AP lowered (with one sound signal) means the postponement has finished. The warning signal for the postponed race will be made not less than 10 minutes later.
4.3	Flag AP over flag B displayed means the same as 4.2 with the additional requirement that all boats shall come ashore and not leave the shore while the postponement is in place.
4.4	Flag L displayed (with two long sound signals) means that notices have been placed on the official noticeboard.

5	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY			
5.1	The regatta is open to junior and senior centreboard classes up to 4.5m in length. The following classes are regularly sailed on Lake Rotoroa: Laser, Laser Radial, 3.7, Zephyr, Starling, P Class, and Optimist.			
5.2	For a boat class to form a fleet at least three boats of that class must enter. Classes with fewer boats entered will be combined in an open fleet with suitable boat based handicaps applied and scoring based on corrected times. At the discretion of the Race Officer if either the ILCA7 or ILCA6 have less than three boats entered then these two classes may be combined in a single fleet with a boat based handicap applied to the ILCA6 (typically 3.5% less than elapsed time) and scoring based on corrected time for this fleet.			
5.3	To be eligible competitors must be members of a yacht club or class affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.			
5.4	Fees: Single-handed boats: Senior \$30, Intermediate and Junior \$20 Double-handed boats: All \$40 (note: maximum entry fee for a family limited to \$50 and a \$5 affiliation fee will apply for sailors not already affiliated to a sailing club or Yachting NZ)			
5.5	When racing skippers have an obligation to make sure that their boats are readily identifiable by the tower staff. In general this means having a unique number and class insignia on their sail.			
6	SCHEDULE OF RACES			
6.1	Registration: 0900-1000hr Saturday 2 nd March at the HYC Clubrooms			
6.2	Briefing: 1000hr Saturday 2 nd March at the HYC Clubrooms			
6.3	Racing Schedule: Up to seven races are scheduled with up to three races back to back. The prevailing wind conditions may influence the distribution of races over the two days.			
6.4	At the discretion of the Race Officer, if conditions have made racing difficult, then an early dinner break may be scheduled on Saturday with one or two races held in the evening following this break.			
6.5	On each day of racing at least one briefing will occur and this will be not more than 45min before the listed warning signal time.			
6.6	No warning sound for races will be made after 1400hr on Sunday 21 st February.			
6.7	Planned schedule			
	Sat 2 nd March	Registration	0900hr	Continues until briefing
	Sat 2 nd March	Briefing	1000hr	
	Sat 2 nd March	First warning signal	1045hr	Expect 4 - 5 races over the day
	Sun 3 rd March	Briefing	0945hr	
	Sun 3 rd March	First warning signal	1030hr	Expect 2 - 3 races over the day
7	CLASS FLAGS Where used Class flags will be the class insignia unless otherwise noted by the RO at the briefing:			
8	VENUE All racing will occur within the confines of Lake Rotoroa, Hamilton.			
9	THE COURSES Due to the tight confines and variable winds of this sailing venue non-standard course layouts will often be used. These will be explained at the race briefings.			
10	MARKS			
10.1	Starting line and finish line pin marks will be a yellow buoy.			
10.3	The course marks will be spherical red buoys about 1m in diameter.			
10.4	Alternative or replacement will usually be spherical green buoys about 400mm in diameter.			
10.5	Variations on these generally used marks will be explained at the briefing.			
11	THE START			
11.1	Starts will be boat starts, or tower starts. Any changes to the starting sequences listed below will be explained at the briefing.			
11.2	Boat Start: The start line shall be between an orange staff on the committee boat and the yellow starting mark. The first fleet will be started with a standard starting signal sequence (<i>RRS</i>). Succeeding classes will start at three-			

	minute intervals, and each starting signal will be the combined warning and preparatory signal for the succeeding class.		
	W = time of warning signal Preparatory flag = P, I, Z, Z with I, or Black Flag		
	Step	Timing	Flag signal
	1	W	1 st Class flag raised
	2	W + 1 min	Preparatory flag raised
	3	W + 4 min	Preparatory flag lowered
	4	W + 5 min 1 st Class starts	1 st Class flag lowered, 2 nd Class flag & Preparatory flag raised
	5	W + 7 min	Preparatory flag lowered
	6	W + 8 2 nd Class starts	2 nd Class flag lowered, 3 rd Class flag & Preparatory flag raised
	Step 5 & 6 are repeated at 3 minute intervals for each subsequent fleet until all fleets are started.		
11.3	Tower Start: The start line shall be between a green mark closer to the tower and the yellow starting mark. Instead of class flags and preparatory flags the tower lights will be used as described below. The first fleet will be started with a five minute long signal sequence. Succeeding classes will start at three-minute intervals and each starting signal will be preparatory signal for the succeeding class.		
	W = time of warning signal Lights are on the lake side of the tower No class or preparatory flags will be used. Other flags e.g. recall, postponement, may be used.		
	Step	Timing	Light signal
	1	W	4 lights on
	2	W + 2 min	3 lights on
	3	W + 3 min	2 lights on
	4	W + 4 min	1 light on
	5	W + 5 min 1st Class starts	All lights off momentarily then 3 lights on
	6	W + 6 min	2 lights on
	7	W + 7 min	1 light on
	8	W + 8 min 2nd Class starts	All lights off momentarily then 3 lights on
	Step 6, 7 & 8 are repeated at 3 minute intervals for each subsequent fleet until all fleets are started.		
11.4	Classes starting under a general recall shall restart after all the other classes have started.		
12	CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. See section 1.4 for notes on changes to rule RRS33.		
13	THE FINISH Generally the finishing line will be the between a green buoy closer to the tower and a yellow buoy further away. Any variation to this will be explained at the briefing.		
14	TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES		
14.1	The target duration for all races is 30 – 60 minutes. Note: any failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.		
14.2	If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes of their fleet's start the race will be abandoned.		
15	PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS		
15.1	For protests where a boat is alleged to have broken a rule of part 2, or rule RRS31 arbitration will be offered (see section 1.2).		
15.2	For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.		

15.3	Protest 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 named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the HYC tower unless otherwise stated on the protest notice.		
16	SCORING		
16.1	The Low Point scoring system (<i>RRS</i> Appendix A4) will apply.		
16.2	Three races must be completed to constitute a valid regatta. If more than four races are sailed a boat discards her worst score.		
17	SAFETY REGULATIONS		
17.1	Buoyancy vests or lifejackets, complying with the requirements of the YNZ Safety Regulations shall be worn at all times while sailing. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without protest.		
17.2	Boats retiring shall advise the committee boat or the RO as soon as possible when retiring from a race. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from the series without protest.		
17.3	Boats must sign-on, using the sheet provided, before the start of racing each day. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without protest.		
17.4	At the discretion of the RO there may also be a requirement for boats to sign-off when a boat comes ashore at the conclusion of racing or when retiring. If a sign-off is required a notice to this effect will be posted on the club noticeboard and the requirement will be noted at the briefing. Failure to comply with a requirement to sign-off may result in disqualification without protest.		
18	REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the RO. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RO at the first reasonable opportunity.		
19	SUPPORT BOATS No support boats will be allowed on the lake.		
20	PRIZES		
20.1	Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race. Prizes will be awarded to each class and additional spot prizes may also be awarded. Fleet winners in the Starling, P Class, and Optimist will be awarded trophies as listed.		
20.2	Starling	Trophy	2023 winner
	Top Skipper	Caird Trophy	Aidan Lee
	Top HYC Skipper	F. E. Lee Trophy	Aidan Lee
	P Class		
	Top Skipper	Purchase Trophy	Lucy Coley
	Top HYC Skipper	Wald Cup	Lucy Coley
	Optimist		
	Top Skipper	Faire Cup	<i>Not awarded</i>
	Top HYC Skipper	Saunders Cup	<i>Not awarded</i>
21	SOCIAL FUNCTION HYC will host a post race dinner on Saturday evening. There will be a small charge to cover costs for this dinner.		
22	DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, <i>Decision to Race</i> . The organizing 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.		
23	INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.		