

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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STARLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

16th – 19th April 2020



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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5. A list of standard penalties can be found in Addendum C.

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** Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.4** Appendix P, *Special procedures for Rule 42*, will apply, as amended by SI 15.
- 1.5** Rule 63.7 is changed to read, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Nelson Yacht Club.

3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Where applicable, and while racing in the open fleets, each boat shall display a coloured ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which the boat has been assigned. The ribbon shall be attached to the boat's mast or top batten. Ribbons and instructions for attachment will be available at registration. All ribbons shall be returned to the race office after the last race on the final day no later than the end of the protest time limit.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect. If a change to the schedule of races is required for the first day of racing, it will be posted no later than 1800hrs on the day before.

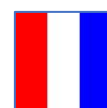
5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff at Nelson Yacht Club

- 5.2** When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal, AP.



- 5.3** When Flag T is displayed ashore, with one sound signal, the NYC Tag board will be open for sailors to Check Out.



- 5.4** A boat shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.[DP]



6. FORMAT OF RACING

6.1 Open Fleet:

The Open Fleet Series will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series described in Addendum A.

6.2 Development Fleet:

The format, start, courses and type of races for each race in the Development Fleet Series will be described at the daily briefing (refer SI 7.1). This may change RRS 26.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Welcome and Briefing: It is strongly advised that all skippers attend.

Open Fleet: The welcome and briefing is scheduled for 1800hrs on Wednesday 15th April in the Nelson Yacht Club.

Development Fleet: All Development Fleet skippers are encouraged to attend the main welcome and briefing. There will also be a daily briefing for the Development Fleet each day of racing at 0900hrs at the Nelson Yacht Club. Unless amended at this briefing these Sailing instructions will apply.

7.2 Schedule of Racing:

Open fleet

Day/Date:	No of Races:	Time of First Warning Signal:
16 April	3	1000
17 April	3	1000
18 April	3	1000
19 April	3	1000

Development fleet

Day/Date:	No of Races:	Time of First Warning Signal:
16 April	2	1100
17 April	2	1100
18 April	2	1100
19 April	2	1100

7.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 4.

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

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Class flags will be-:

(a) **Development Fleet:** The class flag will be the class insignia (a red star) on a white background.

(b) **Open Fleet:** The class flags will be Yellow or Blue for the Qualifying Series.

8.2 The class flags will be Yellow for Gold Fleet and Blue for Silver Fleet for any Finals Series.

9. RACING AREAS

The Race Area will be on the waters of Tasman Bay and the Nelson Harbour.

10. THE COURSES

The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11. MARKS

11.1 Mark descriptions see Addendum B. In the event of a Change of Course (Flag C) New Marks will be self-inflating orange cylindrical marks.

11.2 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 13.2.

12. STARTS

12.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end, and the staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end starting mark.

12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 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. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 15.1** Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 15.2 and 15.3.
- 15.2** RRS Appendix P2.2 and Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty.
- 15.3** If a boat is penalised under Appendix P2.1 after she has finished, she shall be given a scoring penalty of 10%, scored in accordance with RRS 44.3(c), without a hearing.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>CLASS</i>	<i>TARGET TIME</i>	<i>FINISH WINDOW</i>	<i>TIME LIMIT</i>
Starling	50	20	90

- 16.2** Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1** Protest forms are available at the race office, located upstairs in the Nelson Yacht Club building. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered in writing, to the protest desk in the protest room within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2** For each fleet, the protest time limit 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 later.
- 17.3** Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.
- 17.4** 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 protest room, located upstairs in the Nelson Yacht Club building, beginning at the time posted. Failure to attend will not be grounds for Redress or Reopening RRS 62 and 66. Hearings may be held before the close of protest time.
- 17.5** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6** A list of boats that, under SI 15, have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted by the end of the protest time limit.
- 17.7** Breaches of SIs 12.3, 19, 24, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

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

This changes RRS 62.2.

18.0 SCORING

Development fleet

18.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3 When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.4 When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst race scores.

Open Fleet

18.5 5 races, consisting of the qualifying races completed by each fleet and any final races completed by each fleet are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.6 Boats will be scored in the Open Fleet according to their finishing positions in their fleet in the qualifying and final series. A boat assigned to the Gold Fleet shall be scored in the final championship rankings higher than any boat in the Silver Fleet.

18.7 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired, is disqualified, or is scored a scoring penalty shall be scored according to a fleet size: (a) for races in the qualifying series, the maximum number of boats in any qualifying series fleet, or (b) for races in the final series, the number of boats in the Gold fleet.

18.8 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.9 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.10 When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst race scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1** Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 19.2** Check-Out and Check-In ashore:
- a) At registration, competitors will sign on for the regatta and be issued with an ID Tag.
 - b) On each day of racing, once flag T has been displayed, competitors shall individually Check-Out by handing in their ID Tag to the Check Out/In Controller before launching.[SP]
 - c) Competitors shall individually Check-In on returning to shore after racing, no later than the protest time limit, by collecting their Tag, except for the final day of racing when they will sign off for the regatta instead.[SP]
- 19.3** A boat retiring from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore. [DP]

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. Equipment other than the hull may be changed at any time under the Class Rules, however a boat shall not use any equipment which has not been measured.
- 20.2** Measurement of a piece of equipment to be substituted during the regatta may be possible by arrangement with the Race Committee ashore.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1** On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21.2** Ashore, the Race Committee can request equipment for inspection or measurement at times specified in the Class Rules and Notice of Race, and between 1500hrs and 1800hrs on any day of the contest.

22. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. [DP]

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1** Race Committee Vessels will be marked with Nelson Yacht Club Pennants.
- 23.2** Protest Committee Vessels will fly a yellow flag with a black "J".

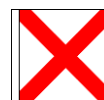
24. SUPPORT VESSELS

24.1 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, and other support persons/vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and when the wind strength is <10kts are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a sequence of starts until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all races. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail. [DP]

24.2 All support vessels shall have a kill-cord attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been granted by the organising authority. [DP]

24.3 Attention is drawn the relevant local council bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other restrictions.
<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/council/bylaws/bylaw-218-navigation-safety/>

24.4 When flag V (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat, all support vessels are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors.



24.5 Support vessels shall be marked with the sail numbers or club of the boats being supported. [DP]

24.6 Support vessels shall not be launched from the Nelson Yacht Club ramp. Provision has been made for launching of support vessels at the Nelson Marina public ramp. More details can be found on the Nelson Yacht Club website:
<http://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/support-boat-information/>

25. LAUNCHING

25.1 All Starlings shall be launched from the Nelson Yacht Club ramp unless instructed otherwise.

25.2 Beach trollies shall be clearly marked with the sail number of the boat and shall be stored in the space indicated at the top of the ramp.

26. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

In addition to RRS55 rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee vessels.

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

28. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: (Open Fleet Under 19 unless stipulated otherwise)

John Peet Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor in the overall open fleet results and they shall be awarded the title – Starling National Champion.

Kohi Cup shall be awarded to the second highest placed competitor in the open fleet.

Murrays Bay Cup shall be awarded to the third highest placed competitor in the open fleet.

Alan Sayer Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed female competitor in the open fleet.

John Binsley Trophy shall be awarded to the second highest placed female competitor in the open fleet.

Chris Timms Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed under 16 year old in the overall open fleet.

The Harken Trophy shall be awarded to the youngest skipper in the first 10 places overall in the open fleet.

The Cooke Trophy shall be awarded to the leading competitor at the end of the qualifying series.

The Brian Peet Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed wooden boat in the open fleet.

The Howick Cup shall be awarded to the winner of the Silver division of the open fleet.

The Queen Charlotte Trophy shall be awarded to the most improved skipper in the open fleet throughout the championship.

The Graeme Leonard Hays shield shall be awarded to any skipper, who in the opinion of the host club, showed exceptional courage and effort during the event.

Open fleet Over 19

The Des Townson Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor over 19 in the open fleet.

Development Fleet

The Development Fleet Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor under 19 years old in the Development Fleet.

The age date for prizes is April 19th 2020.

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance is to be presented at registration.

30. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

ADDENDUM A – Format of Racing

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This addendum applies when boats are divided into fleets to sail a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

2. Qualifying Series

- 2.1 For the Qualifying Series boats will be assigned to fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability.
- 2.2 Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the organizing authority and will be available at registration.
- 2.3 In the Qualifying Series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned based on their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets.

- 2.4 Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	TWO Fleet Assignments
1st	Yellow
2nd	Blue
3rd	Blue
4th	Yellow
5th	Yellow
6th	Blue
7th	Blue
8th	Yellow
And so on	

- 2.5 Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 2000 hours that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 2.6 If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.
- 2.7 If fewer than three races have been completed for all qualifying fleets at the end of the second to last racing day, there will be no Finals Series and the final racing day will be used exclusively for Qualifying Series races.

2.8 If at the end of the Qualifying Series some qualifying fleets have more race scores than others, the most recently sailed race will be abandoned so that all boats in the Qualifying Series have the same number of race scores.

3. Final Series

3.1 The Qualifying Series will be deemed to be finished at the end of the day the 6th race is completed by both fleets; or, if three or more races have been completed by the end of racing on Saturday 18th April (Race Day 3), at the end of that day. I.e. the Finals Series will follow on Sunday 19th April.

3.2 Boats will be assigned to Final Series fleets based on their ranks in the Qualifying Series.

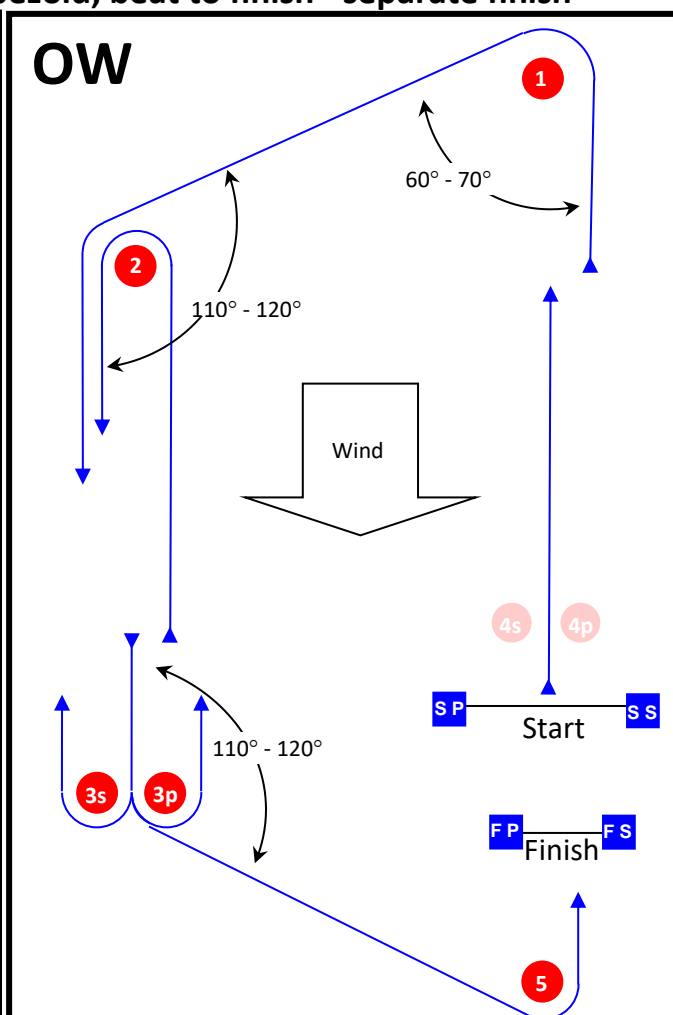
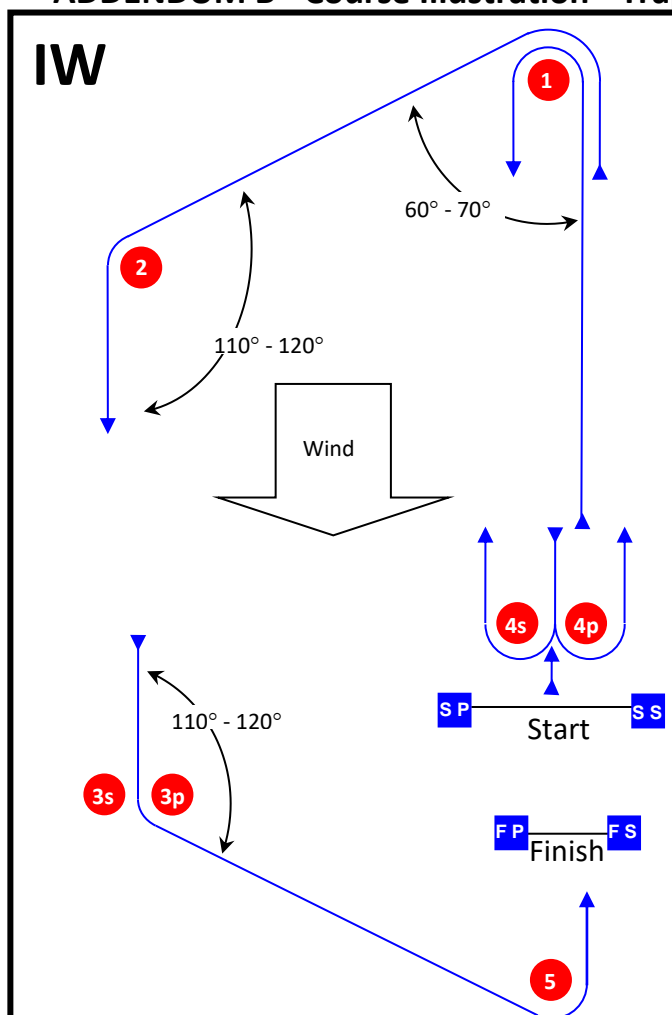
3.3 There will be the same number of fleets in the Final Series as there were in the Qualifying Series.

3.4 The Final Series fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold. Boats with the best Qualifying Series ranks will race all Final Series races in the Gold fleet; boats with the next best Qualifying Series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.

3.5 Any recalculation of Qualifying Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Final Series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

3.6 Different Final Series fleets need not have completed the same number of Final Series races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest, except for a boat disqualified from a finals race under RRSs 5, Anti-Doping, or 69, Allegations of Gross Misconduct.

ADDENDUM B - Course Illustration – Trapezoid, beat to finish - separate finish



Course: Inner Trapezoid with beat to finish

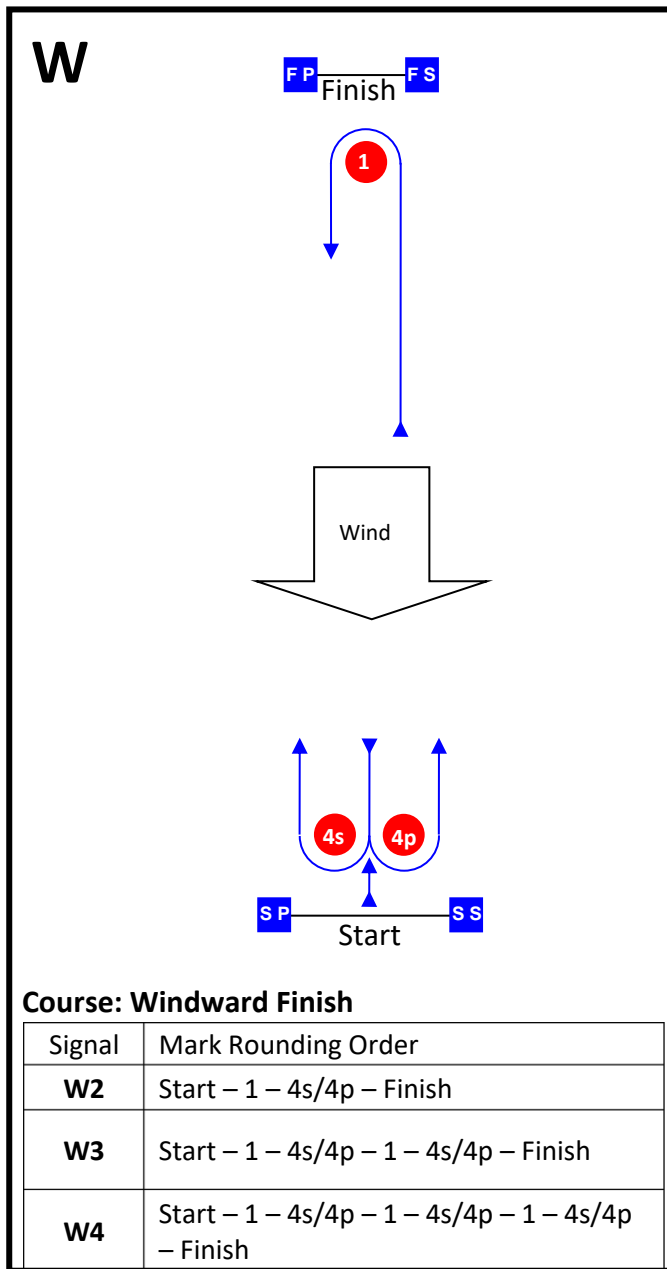
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IW1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IW2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IW3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IW4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

Course: Outer Trapezoid with beat to finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OW2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OW3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OW4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

Mark	Description
1 2	Red Cylindrical – Tall/narrow
3s 3p	Red Cylindrical – Tall/narrow
4s 4p	Red Cylindrical – Short/Wide (Extraordinary Nelson Tasman)
5	Red Cylindrical – Tall/narrow
SS	Starting mark starboard end Race Committee signal vessel
SP	Starting mark port end Race Committee vessel
FS	Finishing mark starboard end Race Committee vessel displaying a blue flag
FP	Finishing mark port end Pink spherical buoy with a blue flag on a pole

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward



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Addendum C – Standard Penalties

19.2b 4pts

19.2c 4pts