

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 Whakatu Regatta

15th - 17th January 2021

The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club
322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson, New Zealand



NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI 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).

Any conflict in references to RRS in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions that resulted from the publication of the new RRS that take effect from 1 January 2021 and shall not be grounds for a protest or redress request against the Organising Authority or Race Committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event 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 The [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#) shall apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900hrs 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff at Nelson Yacht Club

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



4.3 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]



5. INVITATIONAL / SHORT COURSE RACING

5.1 There will be casual short course racing in front of the club on Friday 15th January. These races will not count as part of the series, and are planned as a fun/informal warm-up for the main regatta.

5.2 The race/races will be open to all classes, and starts & courses will be decided depending on the number of competitors and types of boats wishing to race.

5.3 A briefing will be held at 1800hrs - This will detail the courses, starting sequence etc... Unless changed at this briefing, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

6 SCHEDULES

All Fleets: A Briefing is scheduled for 0930hrs on Saturday 15th January at Nelson Yacht Club.

Green Fleet: In addition, there will be a daily briefing for the Green Fleet each day of racing at 1030hrs at the Nelson Yacht Club. Unless amended at this briefing these Sailing instructions will apply.

6.1 Schedule of Racing:

Open fleet: 6 (six) races are scheduled

Date:	No of Races:	Time of First Warning Signal:
16th Jan	Up to 4 races	1200 hrs
17th Jan	Up to 3 races	1200 hrs

Green Fleet: The Green Fleet schedule, format, start, courses and type of races for each race in the Green Fleet Series will be described at the daily briefing (refer SI 6). This may change RRS rule 26.

6.2 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.

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

7. CLASS / DIVISION FLAGS

Starting Divisions	Flag
Europe Nationals	Europe class insignia on a white background
Optimist Open, P Class, O'Pen Skiff, Junior Open, Starling, Topaz etc...	Numeral Pennant 1
Laser, Laser Radial, 420, Senior Open	Numeral Pennant 2
FD, 29er, Waszp, Catamarans	Numeral Pennant 3
Green Fleet	TBA at briefing

8. RACING AREAS

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

9. THE COURSES

The diagrams in Addendum A 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.

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions see Addendum A.

10.2 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2

11. STARTS

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

11.2 A boat whose starting sequence has not commenced will avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

11.3 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.

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.

12.2 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 port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13. THE FINISH

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

14.1 For Catamarans and the 29er class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>CLASS</i>	<i>TARGET TIME</i>	<i>FINISH WINDOW</i>	<i>TIME LIMIT</i>
All	30	20	60

15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 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.

16.2 For all classes, 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.

16.3 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.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of SIs 4.3, 11.2, 18, 20, 22, and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.6 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.

17. SCORING

17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

17.3. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.

18.2 Check-Out and Check-In ashore:

a) At registration, competitors will sign on for the regatta and be issued with a TAG.

b) On each day of racing, once flag T has been displayed, competitors shall individually Check-Out by handing in their TAG to the Check-Out/In Controller before launching. [DP]

c) Competitors shall individually Check-In immediately on returning to shore after racing, no later than the protest time limit, by collecting their Tag. [DP]

18.3 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]

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20. LAUNCHING

All competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the Nelson Yacht Club, unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority [DP]

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Race committee boats will be marked with Nelson Yacht Club Pennants.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1. Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and 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]

22.2 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority on the online entry form or at registration.

22.3 All support boats 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]

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

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

22.6 Support boats shall be marked with the sail number or club of the sailor (s) being supported

22.7 **There will be a support boat briefing for all support boat skippers and crew immediately after the main briefing on Saturday 16th January 2021.**

23. 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 phones [DP]

24. PRIZES / Certificates

Prizes / Certificates will be awarded as follows:

Where possible the relevant South Island Championship Trophies will be presented to the winners of the 29er and Flying Dutchman Classes.

Prizes/ Certificates for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class.

A class will consist of 3 or more boats. Less than this number will sail as an "Open Class" and be handicapped using the Weymouth Yardstick.

Any other prizes / certificates or spot prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

26. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

By entering the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them or their equipment, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

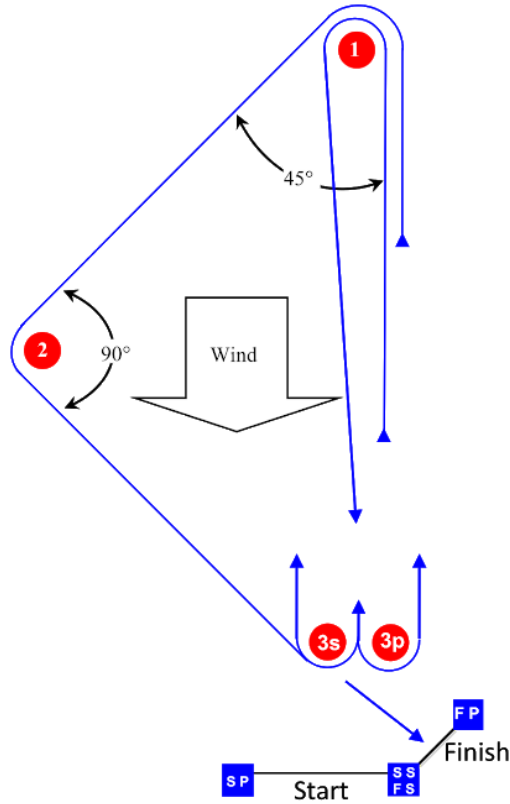
27. INSURANCE

Yachting New Zealand recommends that every boat be insured with a valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or equivalent. A certificate of insurance should be presented to the Organising Authority at registration at Nelson Yacht Club prior to the commencement of the event.

Addendum A

Course Illustration – Triangular / Windward-Leeward course, reaching finish

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TR1	Start – 1 – 2 – Finish	W1	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish
TR2	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – Finish	W2	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish
TR3	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – Finish	W3	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish
TR4	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – Finish	W4	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish

Mark	Description
1	Orange cylindrical
2	Orange cylindrical
3s 3p	Red cylindrical – “Extraordinary Nelson Tasman”
SS Starting mark starboard end	Race Committee Signal Vessel – Sailing Vessel “Coo-ee”
SP Starting mark port end	Red spherical buoy
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Race Committee Signal Vessel
FP Finishing mark port end	Red spherical buoy