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2027
NZ Zephyr National Championships
4th – 7th March 2027

The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club (Inc.)
322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson 7010, New Zealand

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

1.3 The Zephyr Class rules will apply.

1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration may apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be displayed on the Nelson Yacht Club Notice Board.

2.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available from 25th January 2027 on the Nelson Yacht Club website: https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/2027-zephyr-national-championship-4th-7th-march/

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official website is here: https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/2027-zephyr-national-championship-4th-7th-march/ and the event WhatsApp group.

3.2 The official notice board is located on the door of the lower lounge at Nelson Yacht Club.

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3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Zephyr Owners' Association that comply with the Class Rules. See Zephyr Owners' Association website - Zephyr Class Rules

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the contest Entry Form on the Nelson Yacht Club website https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/2027-zephyr-national-championship-4th-7th-march/ and depositing the required Entry Fee as per instructions on the Entry Form.

4.3 Entries will be accepted until the closing date of 11th February 2027 at 2000hrs. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority, until 1 March 2027 at 2000hrs.

4.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

4.5 Each competitor shall be a member of the Zephyr Owners' Association. See the Zephyr Owners' Association website for membership registration - Membership Registration Form

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee - until 2000hrs 11th Feb 2027	Late Entry Fee - post 2000hrs on 11th February 2027
Zephyr	$200	$265

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 **Registration and Measurement**

Registration and measurement will take place at Nelson Yacht Club.

Event	Day / Date	Time
Registration Equipment Inspection	Thursday 4th March	0800-1130hrs

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7.2 **Welcome and Sailors Briefing**

There will be a welcome and sailors briefing at 1200hrs Thursday 4th March in the Aurora Lounge, Nelson Yacht Club. Support vessel briefing to follow immediately after.

7.3 **Race day schedule**

Event	Day / Date	Time/Warning signal	Race Schedule
Welcome / Sailor Briefing	Thursday 4th March	1200hrs	
Racing	Thursday 4th March	1400	2 races
Racing	Friday 5th March	1300	3 races
Racing	Saturday 6th March	1300	3 races
Racing	Sunday 7th March	1300	1 race

7.4 **Number of races:**

Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Maximum	Target Time Minutes
9	4	45

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat must have a valid Measurement Certificate issued in the name of the current owner.

8.2 Spars and foils must each have an oval 'Zephyr Class Checked' mylar/chrome label attached.

8.3 Hulls will be weighed at the event and shall be a minimum of 58kg.

9 VENUE

9.1 The venue is the Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson.
https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/the-club/location/
https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/racing-and-regattas/visitor-information/
NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

9.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the sailing/racing areas.

10 COURSES

10.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be triangle and/or windward/leeward.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

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12 SCORING

12.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

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

13 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

13.1 Support vessel skippers should be familiar with Local Body by-laws regarding the wearing of PFDs. https://www.nelson.govt.nz/6environment/harbour/recreational-boating/lifejackets Support vessels should be familiar with Local Body by-laws regarding the **Navigation Safety – Harbour Transit Lane and Exclusion Zone**. Review in link below. https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/the-club/location/

13.2 All support vessels and the person in charge shall register with the Organising Authority at Registration.

13.3 All support vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

13.4 All registered support vessels will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on regatta VHF Channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

13.5 There will be launch and retrieval facilities available at Nelson Marina launching ramp, Akersten St for support vessels.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP][NP]

14.1 Unless otherwise directed, competitor's boats must launch and be retrieved from Nelson Yacht Club slipway.

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

16.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

17.1 Drones / RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft System) under the control of the organising authority may be used during the event. Participation in the event will be taken as agreement and consent to be overflown by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Yachting New Zealand highly recommends that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Zephyr Championship Trophy
- Zephyr Championship Runner-Up
- Zephyr Handicap Trophy
- Zephyr Championship Female
- Zephyr Grand Master Trophy 75 + years
  - Only required to do the first two races each day for the 75 + category
- Zephyr Master Trophy 70 – 74 years
- Zephyr Master Trophy 65 – 69 years.
- Zephyr Master Trophy 60 - 64 years
- Zephyr Master Trophy 50 - 59 years.
- Zephyr Female Master Trophy 50 + years
- Zephyr Trophy 40 - 49 years.
- First Townson Trophy
- Most Improved Trophy
- Whanau Trophy (Family related entries)
  - At least 2 people from different generations of an immediate family (not siblings only).
  - Best 2 positions per family per race recorded, worst can be dropped (as per usual rules).
- Heavy Weight Trophy. To be eligible, a contestant's body weight shall be above 95kg. Entrants must opt-in to be eligible.

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- Fresh Breeze Trophy. To be eligible, contestants must correctly answer NO to all the following questions:
    1. Have you, as skipper, ever won a national sailing championship, in any country, any class of boat?
    2. Have you ever finished in the top 5 in a Zephyr National Championship?
    3. Have you ever been a member, in any capacity, of an Olympic, Americas Cup, or professional sailing team?
    4. Have you ever won the Zephyr Class Fresh Breeze Trophy?

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Club Manager, Tim Fraser-Harris:

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Website: https://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/

Addendum A: EVENT VENUE

Nelson Yacht Club
322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson 7010, New Zealand

Nelson Yacht Club – Regatta site plan

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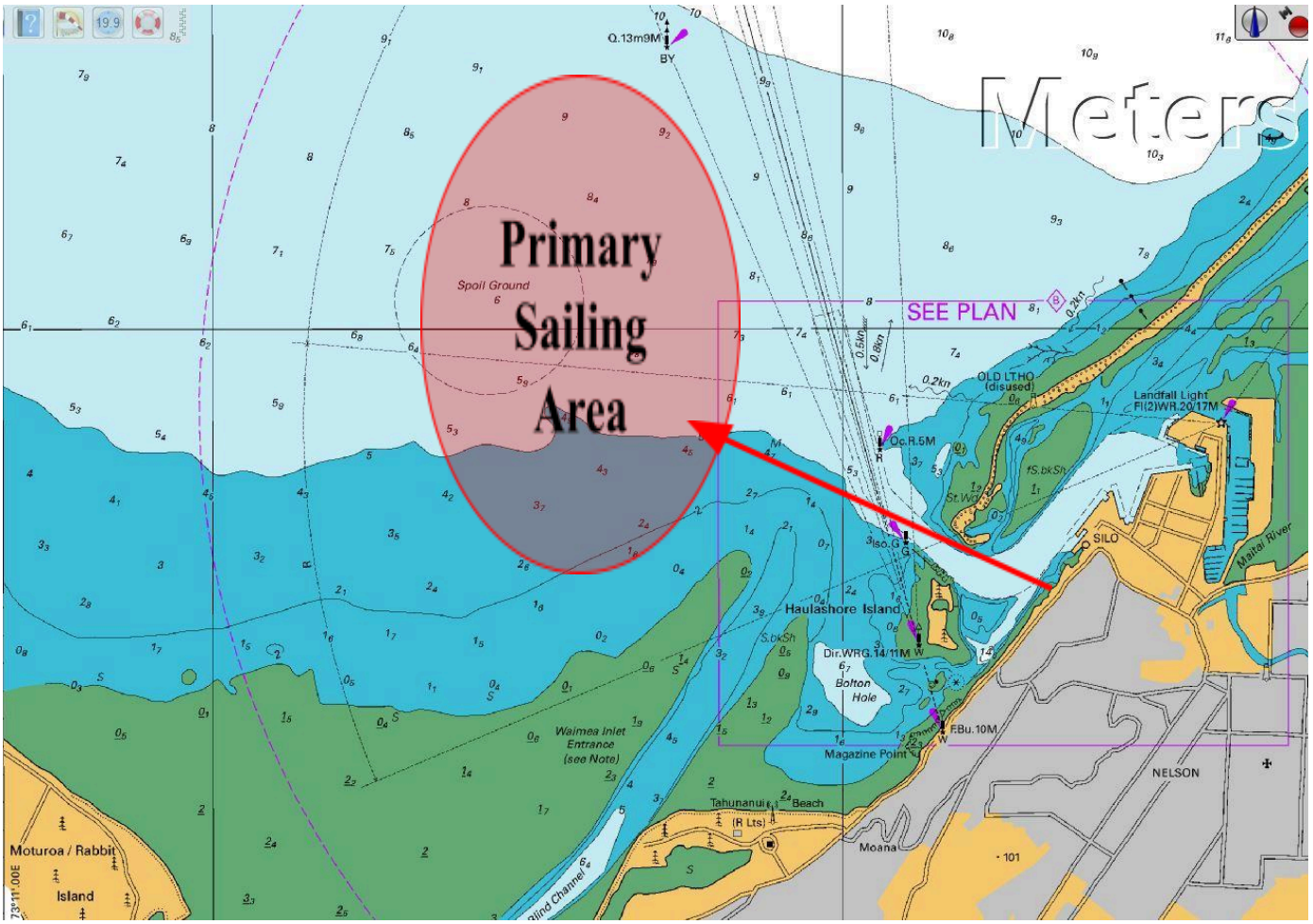


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Addendum B: LOCATION OF SAILING/RACING AREA

The location of the primary sailing/racing area:

Tasman Bay – see diagram below.



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