

KEELER & TRAILER BOAT GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016/2017

WARNING

Do not presume to know the contents of this section, significant changes have been made to these sailing instructions and must be read thoroughly.

Organising Authority: Bucklands Beach Yacht Club Inc.

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1. RULES:

- 1.1 The series/races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined on the Racing Rules of *Sailing 2013 - 2016*. **After 1 January 2017 use the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.**, and including any amendments to the RRS that are issued and come into effect prior to each individual series commencing.
- 1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations will apply:-
Mid-Week, Winter Series, Saturday Races & Friday Rum Races
Keeler Boats – Part II Category 5
Trailer Boats & Sports Trailer Boats – Part V Category B
In addition keels shall be locked down at all times while racing.
Summer Cruising, Shorthanded Series & Around Waiheke Races
Keeler Boats – Part II Category 4
Trailer Boats & Sports Trailer Boats – Part V Category B
In addition keels shall be locked down at all times while racing.
- 1.3 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Local Harbour Regulations will apply.
- 1.4 Rule(s) of respective classes while racing as a class will apply.
- 1.5 A boat shall not discharge rubbish in to the water.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the main entrance of BBYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change made to the sailing instructions will be posted before **0900 hrs** (for Mid-Week, Summer Cruising, Shorthanded) & **1100 hrs** (for Winter) on the day it will effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **2100 hrs** on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any changes made at sea to the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by flying a flag L on the Committee Boat, and advising all boats on VHF Ch77

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Club House.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 In the event of a decision to abandon a race, (minimum of 45 minutes prior to the start) flag N over A will be displayed on the flagstaff and a notice posted on the Notice Board.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

For a full schedule of races for each series refer to the appropriate section of this Year Book.

6. DIVISIONS & DIVISION FLAGS:

Division Flags must be flown from the backstay at a height of at least 1 metre above deck. If a boat has no backstay then the port shroud.

	Mid-Week Tues	Winter	Summer Cruising	Short Handed	Saturday Series	Colour
Open	D	D		D	D	WHITE
Restricted	C	C	C	C	C	YELLOW
Class Boats - Young 88	E	E				PINK
Class Boats - FARR 1020	B	B				BLUE

7. RACING AREAS:

- 7.1 For details on the race areas for each series refer to the appropriate section of this Year Book.
- 7.2 Rum races starting at Granger Point will be signalled from BBYC Race Control Tower.

8. THE COURSES:

- 8.1 For details on courses for each series refer to the appropriate section of this Year Book.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number and/or the approximate compass bearing from the boat to Mark 1 (for windward/leeward courses).
- 8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4 At his/her discretion the Race officer has the right to change the Windward/Leeward Courses on the nominated dates to an appropriate Harbour Course by displaying Flag C 10 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day, which indicates the schedule of races for the day has been changed from Windward/ Leeward to a Harbour Course.

9. MARKS:

- 9.1 Windward/Leeward Course
 - Mark 1 will be a red or orange inflatable buoy.
 - Mark 1a if used will be a red or orange teardrop buoy.
 - Mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable buoy.
 - The Start and Finish marks will be spherical orange buoys or a tall red pin marker.
 - New mark, as provided in 12.1, will be a black buoy.
- 9.2 Harbour Courses – Course marks will be fixed harbour marks.
 - Start mark will be between race committee boat and a spherical orange buoy or a tall red pin marker.
- 9.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10. THE START:

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given '5' minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The start line will be between the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.3 The start line for races starting from the BBYC Race Control Tower will be a transit line consisting of a pole and or painted line on the sea wall, and the Flag Pole on the BBYC Race Control Tower.
- 10.4 The start line for races starting from the BBYC Marina will be a transit line consisting of a white reflective stripe on the outside of the marina sea wall and the pole displaying an orange flag on the upper deck.
- 10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the last starting signal for that boats division will be scored **Did Not Start**. This changes rule A4.1. Except for Summer Cruising races, starters must advise the Race Committee Boat by VHF Radio Channel 77 of their late start.
- 10.7 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 re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 **Individual:** In addition to Rule 29.2 VHF Radio Channel 77 may be used to identify recalled boats.
- 11.2 **General:** The division recalled shall start after the starts of all other divisions for that race. Starts for all other divisions will continue at the required intervals, if no other division is to start a new warning signal for a restart will be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered. This changes Rule 29.2 and Race Signals, First Substitute. If more than one division is recalled, they will be restarted in the order that they were recalled.

12. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK:

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in the position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat sailing the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12.3 WINDWARD/LEEWARD

A race may be abandoned prior to the leading boat rounding the first mark should the RO decide that the weather conditions have so changed that the course does not provide a reasonable windward beat. Such decision shall be taken at the complete discretion of the RO and shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). Abandonment of a race will be signalled by a Race Committee Boat in accordance with Race Signals N.

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1 The finish line shall be between the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark. (As described in the course instructions).
- 13.2 In the event the Race Committee Boat is not on station at the Finish Line, the first boat to finish should record its own finish time and remain on the finish line to record all subsequent finishers.
- 13.3 The finish line for races finishing at the BBYC Race Control Tower will be a transit line consisting of a pole and or painted line on the sea wall, and the Flag Pole on the BBYC Race Control Tower.
- 13.4 The finish line for races finishing at the BBYC Marina will be a transit line consisting of a white reflective stripe on the outside of the marina sea wall and the pole displaying an orange flag on the upper deck.
- 13.5 All race finishers will be signalled in accordance with Race Signals except for races finishing at night when the Race Committee Boat may be identified by a Blue Flashing Light. This changes rule 28.1.
- 13.6 All competitors must record their own finishing times for all races and if requested by the Race Committee, the skipper must declare the boat finishing time on the BBYC Declaration Form.
Forms available from the BBYC Office.
- 13.7 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S with two sound signals and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks.

14. TIME LIMITS:

14.1 Mid-Week Series	2100 hrs	
Friday Rum Race	1830hrs (Summer Hours)	1730 hrs (Winter Hours)
Winter Series	1700 hrs	
Two Handed Friday Night Race	4 hours after start time.	

Time limit for winter windward/leeward courses will be two hours for each race. No windward/leeward race will be started after 1530 hrs.

Boats not finishing within the time limit defined will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

15.1 Protest Forms are available from the foyer of BBYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time.

15.2 **Protest Time Limits:-**

Races held on Friday, Saturday or Sunday by 1200 hrs the following Monday.

Races held Mid-Week by 1200 hrs the following day.

15.3 All protests will be heard at BBYC on the following Monday commencing at 1930 hrs unless otherwise notified.

15.4 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, this posting will constitute notification under RRS 63.2.

16. SCORING:

16.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A& A9 will apply.

16.2 **Mid-Week:**

4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. (Pre-Xmas & New Year)

- When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst results.

16.3 **Summer Cruising:**

2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.4 **Winter:**

4 races are required to be completed to constitute a Full series.

- When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's Full series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's Full series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- c) When 9 races or more have been completed, a boat's Full series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - d) Separate scoring for Windward Leeward and Harbour course series apply, see appropriate NOR.
- 16.5 **Single Handed Gulf Alone Series & Two Handed Series:**
1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- a) A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 16.6 If the number of races required to complete the series have not been sailed, for any reason, the Race Committee may declare that the number of races which have been sailed and completed are sufficient.
17. **SAFETY REGULATIONS:**
Boats withdrawing (retiring) from a race **MUST** notify the Race Committee Boat by VHF Radio Channel 77 or by telephone Race Officer, as soon as possible. Boats failing to advise the Race Committee Boat of their withdrawal and receive acknowledgement may be protested.
18. **FAIRWAY MARKS – RESTRICTED AREAS:**
- 18.1 **Boats racing must observe:** All Tamaki River Fairway Marks
Pass: South of Sandspit Buoy (Torpedo Bay)
North of Bastion Beacon
North of Orakei Sewer Beacon
North of Browns Island Beacon
North of Doris Rock Beacon (located approx. 50m North of Bean Rock Light)
North of Sandspit Light (located South of Ponui Island in Sandspit Passage)
South of Devonport Cable Beacons
East of Yellow Buoy in the Whangaparaoa Passage (Navy Buoy)
- 18.2 **Boats must not pass between:**
Karaka Light and West Tamaki Head
Iliomama Rock Beacon and Rangitoto Island (except when Iliomama Beacon is nominated as a rounding mark)
Emu Rock Beacon and Motutapu Island
Any of the Red Buoys on the Eastern Side of Motuihe Channel all reef markers and Motuihe Island
Rangitoto Beacon and Rangitoto Island
While racing boats shall not sail inside Tamaki Estuary mooring areas. The outer limits are defined by the outer line of moored boats and mooring buoys and are deemed to be a *continuing obstruction* and shall not be entered.
19. **CHANGE OF TRIM, SAILS AND PROPELLERS:**
After the first race of the series any change of trim, sails, spars, variation to hull, rudder, keel or propeller must be declared on the BBYC Declaration Form and lodged with the BBYC Office by 1600 hrs on the Thursday preceding the race.
20. **RESTRICTED DIVISIONS:**
No Spinnakers, Gennakers, Code Zeros or Jibtops shall be set, and headsails shall be hanked on in their normal position.
21. **KEELS:**
All boats with centreboard or lifting keels, must have such devices fixed in the fully down position for the duration of all races, except in the Tamaki River South of Karaka Light.
22. **LADIES CREWED RACES:**
One male may be aboard each boat, he may give advice only if requested and he shall not, except in case of emergency, give physical assistance.
23. **IDENTIFICATION:**
- 23.1 It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure his/her boat has been correctly identified at the start and finish of all races.
- 23.2 Boats finishing at night **must** illuminate sail numbers on the side facing the Race Committee Boat/Race Control Tower, for a distance of 100 metres prior to and until the boat has crossed the finish line.

24 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

25. RACE RESULTS:

Provisional results of races will be posted on the BBYC Notice Board as soon as practicable after each race. Results cannot be finalised until protests have been heard and the results ratified.

26. PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVINGS:

Prize allocation will be at the discretion of the Race Committee for each event.

Mid-Week Races:

Prizes will be presented at the BBYC Clubhouse as soon as practicable after the finish of all boats racing. Prizes are at the discretion of the race committee and are subject to change at any time. Recipients of prizes must be at the prize giving to collect or they will be forfeited to the race committee.

Summer Cruising Races:

Trophies for Overall Series will be awarded at the Summer Prizegiving.

Short Handed:

Prizes will be awarded at the Summer Prizegiving.

Rum Races:

Prizes will be presented at the BBYC Clubhouse as soon as practicable after the finish of all boats racing. **Competitors must be present and have paid the race entry fee, otherwise the prize will be forfeited to the race committee.**

Winter:

Prizes will be presented at the BBYC Clubhouse as soon as practicable after the finish of all boats racing. Prizes are at the discretion of the race committee and are subject to change at any time. Recipients of prizes must be at the prize giving to collect or they will be forfeited to the race committee. Boats entered for a single race are eligible for prizes awarded for that race only.

27. Annual Prize Giving:

All Summer Series Races
Winter Series Prizegiving

Saturday - 29th April 2017
Sunday - 1st October 2017

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the series 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 series.

