

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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STARLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

26th – 30th September 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 B.

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 The [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#) shall apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix P, *Special procedures for Rule 42*, will apply, as amended by SI 14.
- 1.6 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 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. 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.

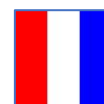
4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

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



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



- 4.4 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]



5. 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 6.1). This may change RRS 26.

6 SCHEDULE

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

Open Fleet: The welcome and briefing is scheduled for 0930hrs on Sunday 27th September at 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 1000hrs at the Nelson Yacht Club. Unless amended at this briefing these Sailing instructions will apply.

6.2 Schedule of Racing:

Open fleet

Date:	No of Races:	Time of First Warning Signal:
27 th Sept	2	1200
28 th Sept	2	1100
29 th Sept	2	1100
30 th Sept	2	1100

Development fleet

Date:	No of Races:	Time of First Warning Signal:
27 th Sept	2	1230
28 th Sept	2	1130
29 th Sept	2	1130
30 th Sept	2	1130

6.3 Up to 2 extra races 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 3.

6.4 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.

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

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags will be:-

(a) **Development Fleet:** The class flag will Green.

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

8. RACING AREAS

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

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. In the event of a Change of Course (Flag C) New Marks will be orange cylindrical marks.

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 signal vessel at the starboard end, and the staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end starting mark.

11.2 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 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.

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 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 finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

14.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.2 and 14.3.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

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>
Starling	50	20	90

15.2 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.

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 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.

16.3 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.

16.4 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.

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

16.6 A list of boats that, under SI 14, have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted by the end of the protest time limit.

16.7 Breaches of SIs 4.4, 19, 22, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.8 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.

17.0 SCORING

17.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

17.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

17.4 When 5 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 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]

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. 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 by an official measurer.

19.2 Measurement of a piece of equipment to be substituted during the regatta may be possible by arrangement with the race committee ashore.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 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.

20.2 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.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 Race committee vessels will be marked with Nelson Yacht Club Pennants.

21.2 Protest committee vessels will fly a yellow flag with a black "J".

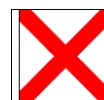
22. SUPPORT VESSELS

22.1 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]

22.2 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]

22.3 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/>

22.4 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.



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

22.6 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/>

23. LAUNCHING

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

23.2 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.

24. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

In addition to RRS55 rubbish may be handed to support and race committee vessels.

25. 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]

26. 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 boat leading the series after the middle race of the series, or if there are two middle races then after the later of these two races.

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 boat finishing nearest to the middle of the fleet. If two boats are the middle boats it shall be awarded to the lower of these boats.

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 September 30th 2020.

28. 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.

29. 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 –

Course Illustration – Trapezoid, beat to finish – signal boat for start/finish

IW

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

OW

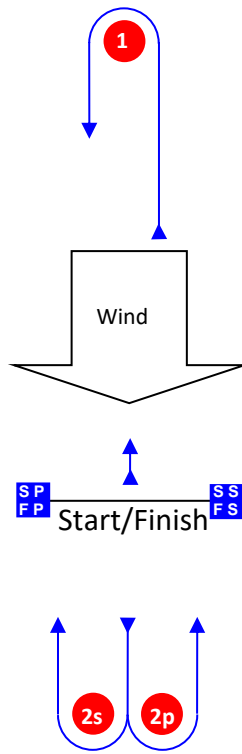
Course: Outer Trapezoid with beat to finish

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 signal vessel
FP Finishing mark port end	Race Committee vessel

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

W



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W1	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

Mark	Description
1	Red Cylindrical – Tall/narrow
2s 2p	Red Cylindrical – Short/Wide (Extraordinary Nelson Tasman)
SS Starting mark starboard end	Race Committee signal vessel
SP Starting mark port end	Race Committee vessel
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Race Committee signal vessel
FP Finishing mark port end	Race Committee vessel

Addendum B – Standard Penalties

19.2b 4pts

19.2c 4pts