

# WANAKA YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## SPRING 2024/SUMMER 2025



### 1.0 Rules

- 1.0 All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 except where changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.1 The Yachting New Zealand safety regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all classes.
- 1.3 In the event of a protest RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4 A boat shall not discharge rubbish into the water.
- 1.5 Eligibility to compete for points and trophies is restricted to boats sailed by a financial member of WYC. Visitors who are not members of WYC but are financial members of another YNZ affiliated club are eligible to sail but are not eligible to compete for points and trophies of WYC.
- 1.6 All Competitors must complete an entry form, available at WYC clubhouse, and pay appropriate entry fees.

### 2.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the club house.

### 3.0 Changes to Sailing instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1730 hrs on the day it will take effect.

### 4.0 Signals Made Ashore & VHF Radio

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be made at the club.
- 4.2 When flag AP over B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.
- 4.3 Race control and Rescue Boats will be using **VHF channel 6**
- 4.4 Competitors must maintain radio silence after the Division 1 five minute signal till race completed unless assistance required.

### 5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The schedule of races is included in the WYC calendar of events 2023/24
- 5.2 Division 1 five minute warning at 1755 hrs on each scheduled race day.

### 6.0 Division Starts and Signals

1800	Divison 1	Flying Fifteens	Board 1
1805	Division 2	Trailer Sailors	Board 2
1810	Division 3	Etchells & Multihulls	Board 3
1815	Division 4	Centreboarders	Board 4

Centreboarders start time may vary from above if starting from an anchored patrol boat.

## **7.0 Racing Area**

The racing area is Roys Bay and the waters of Lake Wanaka

## **8.0 Courses and Marks**

- 8.1 Courses and marks will be as described in Appendix- 'A'
- 8.2 The course to be sailed for each race will be indicated by a flag flown at the yacht club prior to the 1st warning signal on any given race day.
- 8.3 In the event a course from Appendix – 'A' is not used the 'L' flag will be flown prior to the race indicating you should go to the clubhouse for instructions. These will not be available by radio.
- 8.4 Courses and course area for centreboarders will be displayed on the notice board before every race.

## **10.0 The Start/Finish**

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 unless otherwise indicated
- 10.2 The start and finish will be between a vertical white line on the front of the race control building and an outer mark.
- 10.3 A distance mark will be laid between the outer starting mark and the shore. Boats must sail between the distance mark and the outer starting mark when starting and finishing.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5 Any boat which, having finished racing, re-crosses the finish line or sails between the distance mark and the shore shall be scored DNF.
- 10.7 A boat while racing may NOT sail through the finish line.

## **11.0 Shortening the course**

- 11.1 A shortened course will be signaled by a sound signal and Flag "S" being displayed by a Race Committee boat stationed near the rounding mark at the beginning of the last leg to be sailed. If only one Division is being shortened the Flag "S" over the Numeral pennant for that Division will be displayed. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the Finish Line. This changes Rule 32
- 11.2 Yachts may be given verbal instructions to head directly to the finish even if it means they are already sailing the last leg.

## **12.0 Scoring**

- 12.1 The low point scoring system shall apply
- 12.2 When 5 races or fewer have been sailed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When 6 to 8 races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 When more than 8 races have been sailed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 12.5 For Club Championship points a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores over the Spring and Summer series excluding her three worst scores of both the Spring and Summer series respectively.

## **13.0 Penalties**

- 13.1 Refer rule 1.2

## **14.0 Time Limits**

- 14.1 A maximum time limit of 2 hours from the start of that Division shall apply to all races. All boats finishing outside this time limit shall be scored DNF.
- 14.2 If no boat has reached the first mark within 30 minutes of their division start

- then the race may be abandoned at the discretion of the race offices.
- 14.3 A boat must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat. Recording of finish times after the 30 minutes will be at the discretion of the race officers.
  - 14.4 The Race committee may shorten the course at their discretion to suit the circumstances of the day. As an approximate guide that would typically be if no boat has completed a complete lap of the course within 60 minutes of the Division start but the race officers need only use this as a guideline. The race will then be shortened at the first possible opportunity in accordance with clause 11

### **15.0 Protests and requests for Redress**

- 15.1 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 has been alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 For each division the time limit for protests will be 60 minutes after the last boat in its division has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee room at the Wanaka Yacht Club rooms
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 15.6 For the purpose of rule 64(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

### **16.0 Safety**

- 16.1 Boats shall Sign On before going afloat and Sign Off after coming ashore on the Sign on/ Sign off sheet in the clubhouse. Radio sign on is not acceptable.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with relevant Safety Regulations
- 16.3 Wanaka Yacht Club Incident Plan provides the details of Wind Strength and Safety Boat cover under which sailing may occur.
- 16.4 Should a Flag L be displayed then all yachts should note that a Notice has been placed on the Yacht Club Notice Board
- 16.5 Should a Flag N over Flag A be displayed all racing is abandoned for the day

### **17.0 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See RSS 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 racing.