

SAIL 
AKARANA
SPRINT RACING

Incorporating the Flying Fifteen Auckland Championship
18-19 February 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised & Hosted By
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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 to all centerboard and open yachts.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 5; Category C shall apply for Elliott 5.9,
- 1.4 Class Safety Rules shall apply to all Platu 25 yachts.
- 1.5 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 2; Category 5 shall apply to all other keelboats.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board inside the RAYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RAYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND RACES

5.1

Date	Event	Time / First Warning Signal
Saturday 18 February	Breakfast @ RAYC (\$10 per person)	From 0800 hours
	Compulsory Competitors Meeting	0930 hours
	Racing (Up to 5 sprint races)	1100 hours
	BBQ	1700 hours
Sunday 19 February	Breakfast @ RAYC (\$10 per person)	From 0800 hours
	Racing (Up to 5 sprint races)	1030 hours
	Presentation and BBQ	1630 hours

5.2 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.3 On the 19th February no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class/ Divisional flags will be:

Division	Class	Flag
1	A class, F18, F16 and other Multihulls	Numeral Pennant 1
2	Skiffs etc	Numeral Pennant 2
3	Lasers etc	Numeral Pennant 3
4	Elliott 5.9's, Platu's, M-Class and other Keelboats	Numeral Pennant 4
ff	Flying Fifteens	ff Pennant

6.2 Divisions may be added and/or adjusted depending on entries received.

7. RACING AREA

The races will be held in the area bounded by Mechanics Bay, Rangitoto Island and Browns Island.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and on the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The marks are outlined in Attachment A.
- 9.2 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall keep clear of all boats starting in later divisions.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.. This changes rule 28.1,*Sailing The Course*.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limits and target times in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
All Classes	60	20	35

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes 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 RAYC Administration Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 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 Hyundai M-Class Lounge located in the RAYC Clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices or protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 10.3, 17, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing 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 requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING – Note: this changes the NOR

- 16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When from seven (7) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). Forms will be available outside the RAYC Clubhouse.
- 17.2 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore. Failure to comply may result in protest by the race committee.
Please Note: Failure to SIGN OFF may result in a full safety alert with all race committee vessels and patrol boats remaining on course until the vessel is found.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. 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 a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 21.2 The Race Channel will be VHF 77 unless the Race Officer advises otherwise.

22. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on final entries received.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

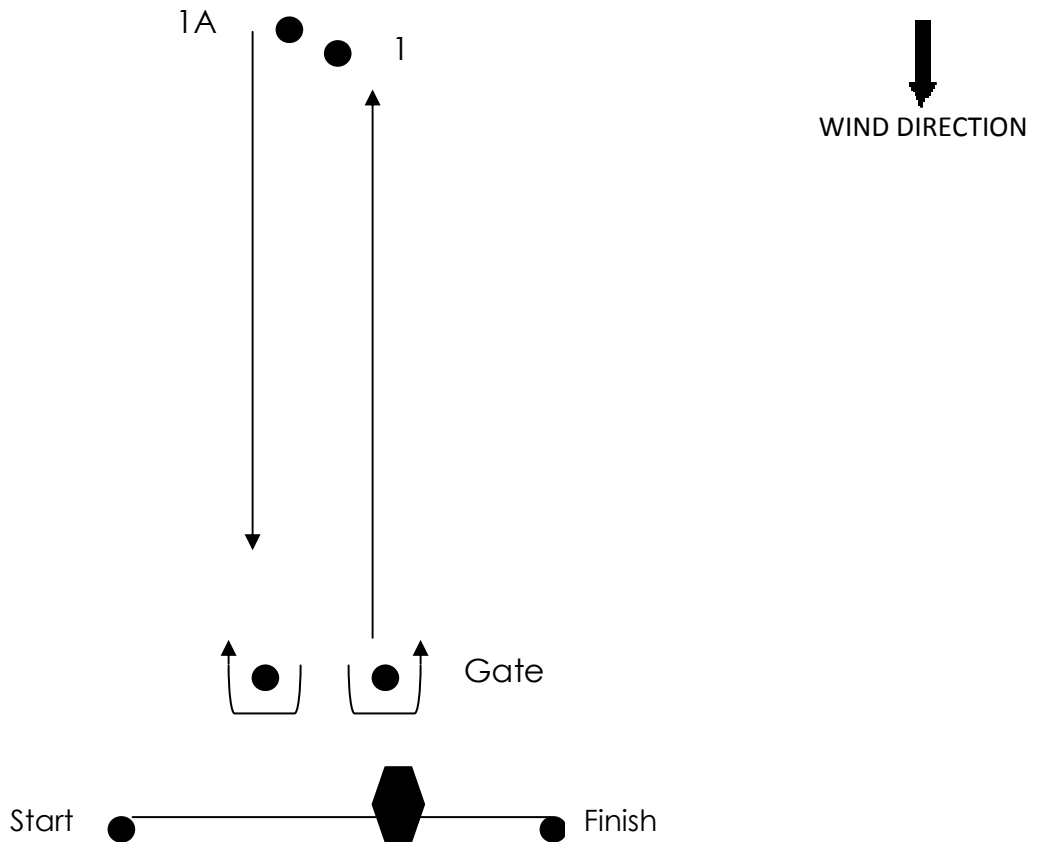
24. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

ATTACHMENT A :- COURSES

All marks (except gate marks) shall be rounded to port, and the course sailed in the following order:

Signal	Course
L2	Start – 1 - 1A – Gate – 1 - 1A – Finish
L3	Start – 1 - 1A – Gate – 1 - 1A – Gate – 1 - 1A – Finish
L4	Start – 1 - 1A – Gate – 1 - 1A – Gate – 1 - 1A – Gate – 1 - 1A - Finish



Mark	Description
1	Yellow tetrahedral buoy
1A	Orange teardrop buoy
Gate (port & starboard)	Yellow tetrahedral buoys
Starting mark – starboard end	A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat
Starting mark – port end	Orange teardrop buoy with black markings
Finishing mark – starboard end	A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat
Finishing Mark – port end	Orange tetrahedral buoy