



Platu 25 Auckland Championships 2009

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Waitemata Harbour, Auckland, New Zealand

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Sailing Instructions

1.0 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

1.2 Platu 25 International Class Rules shall apply.

1.3 Under rule 87, rules B.2.2 and C.5.1 of the 2008 International Platu 25 Class Rules are changed as follows:

B.2.2 *All masts shall carry the Platu 25 class mast sticker* has been deleted.

C.5.1 *Mandatory Safety Equipment: Fire Extinguisher*, is deleted. This supersedes the NOR.

C.5.1 is re written to say:

Engines: *An engine on board is not compulsory.*

However if an engine is fitted it shall be a minimum 21 kg without fuel. The minimum nominal power of the engine, if fitted is 2.5 hp. If an engine is not fitted onboard then the boat shall carry 21kg of corrector weights, attached to the engine bracket in the engine bay.

The engine bracket shall be bolted at standard position, if there is no engine bracket, 1.5 kg of correcting weights must be carried.

Motor well, cover plate and hatches: *The motor well cover plate shall be removable at all times. A hole may be drilled on the cover plate. Fairing the cover plate is permitted. Engine well and engine locker covers may be waterproofed using any method from the interior. The space between the engine well and the engine locker may be closed non permanently.*

D.5.1 *Bilge pump and its 2m pipe shall be installed as per building specifications* is deleted.

2.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the RAYC foyer.

3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours 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.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a pole erected on the seawall in front of RAYC Clubrooms.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal, AP.

5.0 Schedule of Races

5.1	Race Day	Date	First Warning Signal	No of Races
		Saturday 17 October	0855	Up to 6
		Sunday 18 October	0855	Up to 6

5.2 No race shall start after 1600 hours on Sunday 18 October

6.0 Class Flags

6.1 Class flag will be:

Platu 25 White

7.0 Racing Areas

Racing will be held in the area bounded by Mechanics Bay, Rangitoto Channel, Rangitoto Island, St Helliens and Browns Island.

8.0 The Courses

8.1 Windward Leeward courses shall be sailed.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from boat to Mark 1.

9.0 Marks

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow conical buoys.

Mark 1A will be an orange teardrop buoy

- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be black cylindrical buoys.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at one end and an orange buoy with black markings at the other end.
- 9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change in course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2

10.0 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11.0 The Finish

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark and the finishing mark at the other end.

12.0 Penalty System

- 12.1 For the Platu 25 Class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2, or rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

13.0 Time Limits and Target Times

- 13.1 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	80	20	40

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).

- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1 (a), inform the race committee at the finish 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 rule 61.
- 14.2 For protests where only a rule of part 2 and/ or rule 31 are alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand regulation 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1).
- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.4 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the RAYC Club rooms, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.7 Breaches of instructions 4.2, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23 & 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under rule 60.1(a). This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 14.7 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.
- 14.8 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

15.0 Scoring

- 15.1 A total of 12 races are scheduled.
- 15.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 (b) When between 6 and 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 (c) When more than 10 races have been competed, a boats series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores

16.0 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race should notify the race committee as soon as possible, either directly or via VHF channel 77. Call sign 'Akarana Patrol'.

17.0 Replacement of Equipment

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.0 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 appointed measurer or representative to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.0 Official Boats

Official boats will be marked with an RAYC pennant.

20.0 Support Boats

20.1 Team Leader, 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.

20.2 Support boats shall be marked with the boats Sail Number. This supersedes the Notice of Race.

21.0 Trash Disposal

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

22.0 Haul – Out Restrictions

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee

23.0 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

24.0 Radio Communication

24.1 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.

24.2 All radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through VHF Channel 77, unless the Race Officer advises otherwise.

25.0 Prizes

25.1 Prize giving will be at the RAYC clubrooms as soon as practicable after the commencement of racing

26.0 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

Attachment A – Laid Courses

All rounding marks left to port

Course Number to be sailed will be signalled on the start boat by flying the appropriate numeral pennant not later than the warning signal.

Course 1	(WWL)	Start – 1 – 1A - Finish
Course 2	(WWL-WWL)	Start – 1 – 1A – 2 – 1 - 1A – Finish
Course 3	(WWL-WWL-WWL)	Start – 1 – 1A – 2 – 1 – 1A – 2 – 1 – 1A – Finish

