

# PLIMMERTON BOATING CLUB

## NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2011 Spring and 2012 Summer Series

#### General Comments

This seasons programme is shaping up to be quite full on, with the addition of a match racing series in December – details are still to be worked out, but will be limited to the Noelex 22's. As most of you know Plimmerton Boating Club will be hosting the Noelex 22 North Island Champs in January.

This year I have had our resident expert review the NoR and Sailing instructions, so there should not be any ambiguity or misunderstandings from this version. A couple of points that were raised and consequently removed from the instructions for being unenforceable are..

1. Statement of Weather Policy: Races may be postponed should the prevailing average wind speed consistently exceed 25 knots and/or in the opinion of the Race Officer the forecast weather and or sea conditions pose a risk to competitors.
2. There is in the Safety Regulations of Sailing 2009-2012 minimum requirements for yachts competing in races. It should be each owner/skipper's responsibility to have their boat to at least a minimum standard.

On a final note, there were a couple of incidents during the last season where boats got into some difficulty when sailing off the jetty. I would like to see all boats motor away from the jetty before raising sails and conversely dropping and securing sails before motoring back to the jetty. This should help with congestion as well.

I have a request from the start box crew that when completing a race all boats clear the finish line as soon as possible so that trailing boats can be seen to finish without obstruction.

On that note I hope everyone has a successful season...

Kevin Beach

Vice Commodore Sail

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## 1 The Rules

- 1.1 The Plimmerton Boating Club racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing Part 1 shall apply to all Un-ballasted Centreboard and Open Yachts, Sailboards and Ballasted yachts not complying with Parts II – VI of the Safety Regulations.
- 1.3 YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing 2009-2012 Part V Category C shall apply to Trailer Yachts and Sports Trailer Yachts. Upgraded to include a VHF transceiver. For Sports Boats, this changes the Safety Regulation Part V, clauses 11.1 and 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 Auxiliary Power.
- 1.4 Trailer Yachts and Sports Trailer Yachts, centreboards shall be locked fully down at all times while racing. This changes the Safety Regulation Part V Clause 7.6.
- 1.5 Personal Flotation shall be worn at all times while afloat. This changes rule 40 and Part 4 preamble.

- 1.6 Rule 41 is changed to include "Except coaching of a non-tactical nature by an YNZ qualified or Club Instructor shall be permitted". Outside help from an official club rescue boat may be given to junior Optimist sailors for safety reasons.
- 1.7 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, arbitration will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

## 2 Entry & Eligibility

- 2.1 Boats intending to race shall supply the Race Committee with a completed Official Season Entry Form.
- 2.2 To be eligible for Plimmerton Boating Club trophies or prizes the skipper (owner and or helms-person) of the boat shall be a financial member of the Plimmerton Boating Club.
- 2.3 Non YNZ yacht club affiliated crew may sail in up to 4 races without affecting the boat's eligibility for Plimmerton Boating Club trophies.

## 3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the downstairs lounge, Plimmerton Boating Club.
- 3.2 A skipper's briefing will be held before racing commences each race day.

## 4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and will be detailed during the skippers briefing.
- 4.2 Any changes to the "Series Racing Calendar" Attachment 1 will be posted at least one week before the race day upon which the change is to take affect.

## 5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower.

## 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The schedule of racing is given in Attachment 1 "Series Racing Calendar".
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal of the first race each day is 0955 hours.
- 6.3 Where possible a postponed race will be rescheduled to be sailed back to back with the next available scheduled race.
- 6.4 The warning signal for a subsequent race for a division on the same day will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous race for that division.

## 7 Class and Division Flags

Class	Division	Flag
Trailer Yachts	Senior	Code flag T
Z Class & Open	Senior	Code flag Q
Optimist, P class, Starling etc	Junior	Class flag J

## 8 The Racing Area

- 8.1 On the waters adjacent to Plimmerton Boating Club.

## **9 The Courses**

- 9.1 The course and or course number for each class will be displayed on the official notice board, showing the order and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The courses will be displayed on the official notice board not later than 30 minutes before the warning signal for that class.

## **10 Marks**

- 10.1 The course marks will be orange or yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 The outer starting and finishing mark will be an orange spherical buoy.
- 10.3 The inner distance mark if laid will be a small orange spherical buoy.

## **11 The Start**

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the Black and Yellow Striped Board on the start tower and outer end starting mark.
- 11.3 An inner distance mark may be laid, boats when approaching the line to start shall sail between the inner distance mark, if laid, and the starting mark.
- 11.4 Five lights may be lit from the start tower at the warning signal with one lamp extinguished every minute, the final lamp extinguished on the start. Times shall be taken from the flag signals. The incorrect timing or absence of a light signal shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

## **12 Change of the position 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. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Rule 33 is changed so that instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee boat signal may display a green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red flag if the direction is changed to port.
- 12.3 In addition to flag S, when numeral pennant 1 is displayed with flag S at a rounding mark, before the leading boat has begun the leg, boats shall leave this mark on the required side and proceed to the finish line.

## **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the Black and Yellow Striped board attached to the rail on the Start Box and the nearby outer finishing mark. An inner distance mark may be laid, boats when finishing shall pass between the inner distance mark, if laid, and the nearby finishing mark.

## **14 Penalty System**

- 14.1 For the Catamaran classes rule 44.1 *Taking A Penalty* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 The Scoring Penalty rule 44.3 shall apply.

## 15 Time Limits

15.1 The time limits for the first boat to sail the course and finish are as follows

<u>Division</u>	<u>Time Limit 1 Race Scheduled</u>	<u>Time Limit 2 Races Back to Back</u>
All	120 minutes	90 minutes

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes the rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 16 Protests

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit for each class is 90 minutes after the last boat of that class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the place and times of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1(a)

16.5 For arbitration Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5 will apply (This changes Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty*). The scoring penalty for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.

16.6 Breaches of instructions 2.2, 11.5, 16.5 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. 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.

## 17 Scoring

17.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply except as changed below.

17.2 Four races are required to constitute a series.

17.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 When from six to eight races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.5 When nine or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 18 Safety Regulations

18.1 Each race day prior to racing all boats intending to race shall fill in the race day Sign-on/Safety Sheet. A boat failing to comply will be penalized. This changes rule A4.1.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 19 Radio Communications

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

19.2 The Call Sign for the Start Box is "PLIMMERTON SPORTS RADIO". On Channel 17

## 20 Trophies and Prizes

20.1 No Trophies are to leave the Club Rooms

20.2 Visiting boats are not eligible for Club Racing Season trophies or prizes.

20.3 Series trophies are

- Spring Series
  - Championship Vickery Cup
  - Handicap Alan Francis Gray Knowles Memorial Cup
- Summer series
  - Championship Sullivan Cup
  - Handicap Noelex Cup
- Twilight Series Suridge Rose Bowl
- Line Honours – all series Wikstrom Cup
- Open Class - all series Plimmerton Cup
- Winter Trailer yacht series Waddel Memorial Trophy

## 21 Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 Competitors participate in the Plimmerton Boating Club Racing entirely at their own risk. Refer rule 4, Decision to Race.

21.2 The Organising Authority, Race Committee, individuals appointed and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after club racing or a race series or at any other time, nor are they responsible for the sea-worthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency, or adequacy of it's equipment.

21.3 Races may be postponed should the prevailing average wind speed consistently exceed 25 knots or in the opinion of the Race Officer the forecast weather and or sea conditions pose a risk to competitors.

## Attachment 1 "Series Racing Calendar"

<b>October 2011</b>	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 1 & Opening day race
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 2
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Labour Day WE)	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 3 & 4
<b>November 2011</b>	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 5
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 6
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Trailer Yacht Training Clinic
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 7
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 8 & 9
<b>December 2011</b>	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Race 10
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Noelex 22 Match racing weekend, tba
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Crews Race (May be used as a spare day, depending on completed races)
Christmas break	
<b>January 2012</b>	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Race 1
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wellington Anniversary Weekend, Proposed dates for N22 North Island Champs @ Plimmerton
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Race 2 & 3
<b>February 2011</b>	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> (Waitangi Day Weekend)	Summer Race 4
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Race 5
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Race 6 & 7
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Race 8
<b>March 2011</b>	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Race 9 & 10
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Schools one day Regatta
	PIBc Annual Fishing Competition
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Crews Race (May be used as a spare day, depending on completed races)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	WYA Trailer Yacht Championship
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Round Mana Races
<b>April 2011</b>	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	PIBc Annual one day Regatta.

## **Twilight Series 2011**

<b>January</b>		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Series Race 1	18:15
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Series Race 2	18:15
<b>February</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Twilight Series Race 3	18:15
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Series Race 4	18:15
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Series Race 5	18:15
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Twilight Series Race 6	18:15
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Series Race 7	18:15