

LBYC, EBYMBC & RPNYC

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Inshore Sailing Instructions

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1 Rules

General and Safety Rules

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing along with the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 1.2 For the purposes of the preamble to Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the government right-of-way rules include Maritime Rule Parts 22 and 91, and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, to the extent that they provide for right-of-way.
- 1.3 Compliance with Safety Regulations:
 - (a) All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver.
 - (b) Alternatively, trailer yachts may comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category C upgraded to include a VHF transceiver. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 will apply to trailer yachts.
 - (c) Alternatively, sports boats may comply with Part VI of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category A upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver, one 'First aid kit–basic' (as described in the YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix A) and at least 10 litres of fuel. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 will apply to sports boats.
 - (d) Alternatively, E6 class yachts may comply with the following:
 - (i) Crew members shall wear buoyancy vests or lifejackets in good repair properly secured about their persons and complying with YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 4, at all times while afloat;
 - (ii) Yachts shall carry a waterproof VHF radio;
 - (iii) Yachts shall collectively provide a dedicated support vessel, which shall carry a suitable first aid kit, and be crewed by a minimum of two crew.
 - (e) Yachts complying with instruction 1.3(a), (b) or (c) must carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL} (m) \times 3.28$ knots.
 - (f) Despite instruction 1.3(e), any yacht may compete without an engine with the prior express permission of the race committee. The Race Committee will only give permission if there is a support boat available, and may require an additional support boat to be available. A decision to give permission or not and any failure by the Race Committee to provide an additional support boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 1.4 There will be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
- 1.5 Crew shall wear lifejackets at all times, unless the person-in-charge of the yacht considers that conditions are such that there is no significant increase in the risk to safety to any person through not wearing a lifejacket, and expressly gives permission for lifejackets not to be worn.

- 1.6 Yachts and crew shall comply with any guidelines published by the Race Committee regarding the wearing of lifejackets.
- 1.7 PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Special rules for E6 class yachts, sports boats and classic yachts

- 1.8 E6 class yachts may compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent such a yacht to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 1.9 E6 class yachts shall not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the no 1 leading light as a rounding mark).
- 1.10 Except for the Island Bay race, the Race Committee will not set a course that requires E6 class yachts or sports boats to sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark).
- 1.11 Sports boats that do not comply with instruction 1.3(a) or (b) shall not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the no 1 leading light as a rounding mark) unless at least 2 support boats are available. The second support boat will be provided by the race committee. The failure of the race committee to provide a second support boat will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 1.12 Classic yachts may compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct one or more classic yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent classic yachts to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.13 Racing rule 51 will be changed as follows:
 - (a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing.
 - (b) Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability.
 - (c) Rule 52 will not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
 - (d) For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken. An arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

Membership requirements

- 1.14 Yachts shall abide by the membership requirements of their club of origin, that is, RPNYC, LBYC or EBYMBC as applicable.

2 Notices to competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors (NTC's) will be posted on the website and/or official notice boards of the club hosting the race. For example, if RPNYC are hosting the NTC will be posted the RPNYC website and may be posted on the official notice board located in the RPNYC Boardroom. NTC's will also be distributed to non-hosting clubs to communicate to their fleets as appropriate.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the hosting clubs website before 1000 hrs on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hrs on the day before it takes effect. Such changes will also be distributed to non-hosting clubs to communicate to their fleets as appropriate.
- 3.2 For any event, the Race Committee may issue a separate set of Sailing Instructions that may replace, modify or supplement these Sailing Instructions.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the hosting club's flagpole or usual signal system. The existence of signals having been made ashore may also be broadcast periodically on VHF channel 62, and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club.
- 4.2 When flag 'Y' is displayed ashore, rule 40 (which requires lifejackets to be worn) applies at all times while afloat. The Race Committee may also advise rule 40 is to apply by broadcast on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.3 The Race Committee may abandon a race prior to the starting signal by posting a notice on the hosting clubs website. This changes rule 27.3.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The schedule of races is detailed in the table below:

Date	Start Location	Start time	Race type
1-Oct-17	LBYC	2.00 pm	Harbour
7-Oct-17	EBYMBC	2.00 pm	Harbour
14-Oct-17	RPNYC	1:15pm	Harbour
29-Oct-17	LBYC	1.00 pm	Harbour
4-Nov-17	EBYMBC	Varies	Harbour Pursuit
18-Nov-17	RPNYC	Varies	Island Bay pursuit

- 5.2 To alert yachts that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 Classes and Class Flags

- 6.1 Divisional racing will be for Spinnaker division and Non-spinnaker division including Classic yachts.
- 6.2 The class flags are as follows:

Division	Flag
Spinnaker division	K
Non-spinnaker division	E

7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 The races will be held within Wellington Harbour, and up to 10 nm outside Wellington Harbour.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams and course descriptions will be placed on the RPNYC and LBYC websites and show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 EBYMBC will post the course for the day (using the RPNYC buoy diagram as per the RPNYC website) on their noticeboard and will broadcast it on VHF channel Channel 77. The course will also be distributed to non-hosting clubs to communicate to their fleets as appropriate.
- 8.3 All courses will be harbour courses.

9 Marks

- 9.1 The course marks are described on the RPNYC, LBYC and EBYMBC websites.

- 9.2 A Race Committee boat signalling a change to a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.1.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be broadcast by the Race Committee on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may advise yachts of the approximate location of a laid mark on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club. A failure to so advise will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1 The following areas are obstructions:
- (a) a line between the Mokopuna Island fairway mark and nearest point of land at Mokopuna Island; and
 - (b) a line between Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Any race in which fewer than two yachts start will be deemed to have been abandoned.
- 11.2 A yacht will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) if she starts later than the earlier of:
- (a) ten minutes after her starting signal; or
 - (b) the preparatory signal for the next start.
- This changes rule A4.
- 11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 If any part of a yacht's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start signal, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.5 The location of the starting line for each race will appear in the diagrams and course descriptions published on the RPNYC, LBYC and EBYMBC websites.
- 11.6 An inner distance mark may be laid at any starting line at which a starting mark has been laid. When the inner distance mark is laid to starboard of the starting mark, it shall be passed to starboard either when approaching the starting line to start or after having started. When the inner distance mark is laid to port of the starting mark, it shall be passed to port either when approaching the starting line or after having started.
- 11.7 An inner distance mark may be laid at any finishing line at which a finishing mark has been laid. When the inner distance mark is laid to starboard of the finishing mark, it shall be passed to starboard either when approaching the finishing line to finish, or after having finished. When the inner distance mark is laid to port of the finishing mark, it shall be passed to port either when approaching the finishing line or after having finished.
- 11.8 The Race Committee may alter the start location by broadcasting the new location on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club, not less than 45 minutes prior to the warning signal. The Race Committee may postpone racing in order to maintain the 45-minute notice required.
- 11.9 Mark Foy/Pursuit starts:
- (a) Start times will be posted on the RPNYC, and EBYMBC websites, and may be posted on the official notice boards, not later than 1700 hrs on the day before the race.
 - (b) For yachts starting after the limit yacht, a preparatory signal consisting of flag 'P' accompanied by one sound signal will be displayed one minute before each yacht's starting time. Each start will be indicated by the lowering of flag 'P' accompanied by one sound signal. This changes rule 26.
 - (c) The Race Committee may broadcast details of yachts due to start on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club.

12 Change of the Position of the Next Mark

- 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. Yachts shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 12.2 Alternatively, the Race Committee may announce a change of the position of the next mark on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club. Such an announcement will include the approximate position of the new mark, or the approximate distance and approximate bearing from the previous mark. This changes rule 33.

13 Missing Mark

- 13.1 If a mark is missing or out of position, the Race Committee may replace it and announce the new mark's description and approximate position on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club. The new mark may or may not display flag 'M'. This changes rule 34.

14 Shortening the Course

- 14.1 Instead of displaying flag 'S' with two sounds, a race may also be shortened in accordance with rule 32.2 by an announcement on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club. This changes rule 32.2.
- 14.2 Alternatively, a race may be shortened by an announcement on VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club, directing yachts to round a particular mark of the course and proceed directly to and cross the finishing line. In this case, rule 32.2 will not apply.

15 The Finish

- 15.1 The location of the finishing line for each race will appear in the diagrams and course descriptions published on the RPNYC, LBYC and EBYMBC websites,

16 Time Limits

- 16.1 Yachts failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first yacht in their division sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

17 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 The protest committee will be made up of a representative from each of the hosting clubs. The chairman of the protest committee will be the representative from the club that hosted the race under protest.
- 17.2 The protest time limit for a protest by a yacht is 90 minutes after the last yacht, regardless of its division, has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to all classes or divisions. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 The protest time limit for a protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee (extended protest time limit) is 48 hours after the end of the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.3.
- 17.4 If the Race Committee or Protest Committee intends to protest a yacht, it shall inform her within 48 hours of the end of the extended protest time limit. This changes rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 17.6 Protests will normally be held in the Noel Manthel Boardroom at the RPNYC clubhouse at 1800 hrs on the first Tuesday after the race unless otherwise notified. If the hearing is to be held at an alternative time and place, the parties will be advised of the changes as early as possible.
- 17.7 The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1(a).

- 17.8 Breaches of Notice of Race paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6, or instructions 1.3-1.8, 1.10, 1.11, 1.13, 1.14, 1.16-1.21, 4.2, 11.3, 15.3, 19, 20.3, 20.4, 21, 22, 23, and 26, or an equivalent rule in the Notice of Race, will not be grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 17.9 The Race Committee may protest a yacht for a breach of the instructions listed in instruction 17.7, or for any matter related to safety, on the basis of a report from an interested party. This changes rule 60.2(a).
- 17.10 Reopening a hearing:
- (a) On the last scheduled day of racing for a series, a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered:
 - (i) within the protest time limit when the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous race day; or
 - (ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.

18 Scoring

Divisions

- 18.1 The Organising Authority will allow yachts to choose to sail in one of two divisions. Skippers must decide which division listed below they intend to race in and advise the organising authority.
- (a) Spinnaker division and
 - (b) Non-spinnaker division including Classic yachts.
- 18.2 For the purpose of scoring, a boat will only be deemed to be entered in the series if it has come to the starting area for at least one race.
- 18.3 Six race days are scheduled, with a maximum of one race per day.
- 18.4 If all six races are completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores, that is, there are no "drops".
- 18.5 The minimum number of races to be completed to constitute a series is three.

19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 No yacht shall sail between:
- (a) the Mokopuna Island fairway mark and nearest point of land at Mokopuna Island; or
 - (b) the Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.
- 19.2 The Mokopuna Island fairway mark is a virtual mark at 41° 14.90'S, 174° 51.97'E.
- 19.3 A yacht that withdraws or retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20 Advertising

- 20.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

21 Trash Disposal

- 21.1 Yachts shall not put trash in the water.

22 Radio Communication

- 22.1 All radio communication between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through VHF channel 62 and/or Channel 77 if EBYMBC are the hosting club, unless the Race Committee determines otherwise.

22.2 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 62. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

23 Prizes

23.1 The Individual clubs may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions or sections within a race or series. The Individual clubs shall issue a schedule of trophies prior to their end-of-season prize-giving.

23.2 Only yachts registered with the club that is hosting each days racing will be eligible for any trophies for that individual race that the hosting club would normally present to their registered yachts. All entered yachts will be eligible for prizes (if any).

23.3 If, but for 23.2, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting yacht, then the trophy will instead be awarded to the highest placed host club yacht.

23.4 Eligibility for class trophies requires yachts to comply with their class rules.

24 Disclaimer of liability

24.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to rule 4. 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 race.

25 Insurance

25.1 Each yacht that races must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per event or the equivalent.