



Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club

2017-18 Sailing Season

1st October 2017 to 28th April 2018



Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority is the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club (EBYMBC)

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1. Rules

- 1.1. Club Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).
- 1.2. The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 1 (published in Racing RRS, 2017-2020) shall apply to all centreboard and open yachts, sailboards and ballasted yachts not complying with the YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing 2017-2020, (SRS), Parts II – VI.
- 1.3. The SRS Parts V & VI, Category C, shall apply to all trailer yachts and all sports trailer yachts.
- 1.4. Ballasted centreboards shall be locked fully down at all times while racing. This changes SRS Part V, Clause 7.06.
- 1.5. All cruising boats shall comply with SRS Part II Category 5, except that all boats shall, while racing, operate a VHF radio capable of receiving Race Committee instructions on VHF channel 77. This changes SRS Part II Category 5, Clause 18. Failure to receive instructions will not be grounds for redress.
- 1.6. RRS 41 is changed to include:

“coaching of a non-tactical nature by a YNZ Instructor or YNZ coach”.
- 1.7. For protests where only a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.
- 1.8. The Race Committee shall comprise the Vice Commodore of the Club, the General Manager of the Club, a nominated representative of the Cruising Division, the Race Officer and the Race Officer’s support people on the day, and any shore-based member of the Sailing Committee of the Club.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located externally on the ground floor of the Clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first scheduled warning signal of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the race day before the race day upon which the change is to take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club Start Box.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’. This changes *RRS Race Signals*.
- 4.3. When using the Start Box for starting, flag AP may also be used as a postponement to the Starting procedure.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. The Schedule of Races is given in Attachment 1.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the Cruising/Keeler Division will be at 1315hrs each race day. The first warning signal for all other Divisions will be at 1325 hours each race day.
- 5.3. For multi-hull classes, more than 2 races may be sailed each race day, at the discretion of the Organising Authority. When more than 2 races are to be sailed, the intended number of races shall be detailed on the Course Board.

- 5.4. The warning signal for a subsequent race for a division (or class) on the same day will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous race for that division (or class).
- 5.5. When code flag “L” over the numeral pennant “three” is displayed before or with the first warning signal of the day, from either the Club Start Box or the Race Committee Boat, one race in addition to the races scheduled for that day may be sailed. The additional race shall be the re-scheduling of a postponed race.

6. Class and Division Flags

Boat Class	Designation	Class Flag	Division Flag
Cruising/Keeler	CD	G	Fluro Green
Trailer Yachts 1, & Sports Trailer Yachts	TY1	T	Yellow
Trailer Yachts 2, & Flying Fifteen	TY2	V	
Trailer Yachts 3	TY3	W	
Centreboard Non-Trapeze	CBNT	F	Purple
Centreboard Trapeze	CBT	K	
Centreboard Javelin, Skiff	CBS	G	
International 420	420	420 Class Flag	
Paper Tiger	PT	PT Class Flag	White
Catamarans Open	AC	Tornado Class Flag	
Junior: Optimist, P Class & Access	JN	J	Pink
Junior: O'pen BIC	OB	O'pen BIC Class Flag	
Junior: Starling	JN	Starling Class Flag	

7. Racing Area

Racing will be within Wellington Harbour Limits and generally on the waters of Evans Bay.

8. Courses to be sailed

- 8.1. Courses will be detailed on the Course Board, showing the order in which marks are to be passed. The Course Board will be located on the eastern deck of the Clubhouse.
- 8.2. Except where there is a gate or unless otherwise stated on the Course Board, all marks shall be left on a boat's port side when passed.
- 8.3. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks designated on the course board as 1, 2 and 3 or G, will be orange **cylindrical** buoys.
- 9.2. Marks designated 6, 7 and 8 will be orange **spherical** buoys.
- 9.3. All marks on the water may (but shall not necessarily) be numbered in accordance with mark numbering on the course board.
- 9.4. Harbour marks will mean the permanent racing marks as per the Course Board.
- 9.5. New marks, as provided for in instruction 12.1, will be green cylindrical or spherical buoys.
- 9.6. Orange dan-buoys will be used as marks for the port or outer ends of the starting and finishing lines.
- 9.7. A Race Committee Boat signaling a change of course is a mark as provided for in instruction 13.3.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started using *RRS 26*, except for multi-hull classes as detailed in SI 10.5.
- 10.2. The on-the-water starting line will be between an orange staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end, and the port end starting mark.
- 10.3. The Start Box starting line will be between a vertical red line on the eastern wall of the Start Box and the outer starting mark.
- 10.4. For the Cruising Division, in addition to *RRS 26*, races may be started by using lights displayed on the Start Box, or by VHF on channel 77 or by any combination of these.
- 10.5. For the Hurricane Rigging Sprint Series races, and for all multi-hull class races, the warning signal, preparatory signals and start signal will be made at one minute intervals. This changes *RRS 26*.
- 10.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.7. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes *RRS A4 and A5*.

11. Change of the next leg of the course and Shorten Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, a 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 signaled 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 signaling to maintain the course configuration.
- 11.2. For Cruising Division only, the Race Committee may change, or shorten the course to be sailed by instructions transmitted on VHF Channel 77. This changes *RRS Race Signals*, and *RRS 32.2*.
- 11.3. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee Boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark. This changes *RRS 28*.
- 11.4. When flag "1st Substitute" is displayed with flag "S" at a rounding mark, boats shall leave the mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish line. This changes *RRS Race Signals* and *RRS 32.2*.

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The on-the-water finishing line will be between an orange staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the port, or outer, end finishing mark.
- 12.2. The Start Box finishing line will be between a vertical red line on the eastern wall of the Start Box and the outer end finishing mark.

13. Penalty System

- 13.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 'Two-Turns' penalty is replaced by the 'One-Turn' Penalty.

14. Time Limits

- 14.1. The time limit for back-to-back races will be 120 minutes. For all classes except Cruising Division, boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes *RRS 35*.
- 14.2. Unless otherwise stated on the course board, the time limit for Harbour, Mark Foy and Cruising Division races is 1700 hours. This changes *RRS 35*.
- 14.3. For Cruising Division races, all boats finishing before 1700 hours shall receive their score.

15. Protests and requests for redress

- 15.1. Protest forms are available from the Club Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee. This changes *RRS 61.3*.
- 15.3. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of *RRS 61.1(a)*, inform the Race Committee at the finish line (Committee Boat or Start Box) of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgment from the Race Committee. This changes *RRS 61*.
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. Breaches of SIs 10.6, 17, 19 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes *RRS 60.1(a)*.
- 15.6. The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in *RRS 64.1*.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. The Low Points scoring system of *RRS Appendix A* will apply.
- 16.2. For Cruising Division, all completed races (including the Combined Keelboat Series races held at RPNYC & LBYC) shall constitute a series. This changes *RRS A2*.
- 16.3. For all other divisions the following series will be scored:
 - (a) Spring Series: All racing completed on days scheduled "Spring Series" and all "Hurricane Rigging Sprint Series" race days completed before 31 December 2017.
 - (b) Summer Series: All racing completed on days scheduled "Summer Series" and all "Hurricane Rigging Sprint Series" race days completed between 1 January and 25 April 2018.
 - (c) Season Championship: All races scored for the Spring and Summer Series
- 16.4. For all other divisions, the number of races to constitute a series is:
 - (a) Spring or Summer Series Championship & Handicap – 2 races

(b) Season Championship & Handicap – 4 races

16.5. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her discards. The number of discards is as follows:

No. of races completed	0-5	6-9	10-12	13+
No. of drops	Nil	1	2	4

16.6. For scoring purposes, all races completed on a "Hurricane Rigging Sprint Series" race day (up to 5) will be tallied together using SI 16.1 & 16.5 and will then count as one race towards a competitors Spring or Summer Series score.

16.7. A Club Handicap will also be scored.

17. Safety Regulations

17.1. Each race day, prior to racing, all boats, intending to race shall fill in the sign-on portion of the Safety Sheet, located on the eastern deck of the Clubhouse, or within the ground floor of the Clubhouse if inclement weather. After racing all boats shall fill in the sign-off portion of the Safety Sheet within 45 minutes of the last boat finishing. Safety Sheets will be on a board in or near the Club Start Box.

17.2. Cruising boats shall sign on by filling in the sign-on portion of the Safety Sheet, or by a signal to the Race Committee using VHF Channel 77. Cruising boats shall sign off by filling in the sign-off portion of the safety sheet or by a signal to the Race Committee using VHF Channel 77. The Race Committee person receiving the VHF call shall immediately complete all relevant details on the Safety sheet.

17.3. A boat failing to sign on or sign off within the time limits in SI 17.1 or 17.2 shall be scored DSQ for all races on that day. Any second or subsequent failure to comply with SI 17.1 or 17.2 shall be scored DNE for all races on that day. This changes *RRS 60.1(b) and A5*.

17.4. A boat retiring from racing shall, as soon as possible, advise the Race Committee, and complete the sign off portion of the Safety Sheet.

18. Coaching and Support Boats

18.1. All coaching and support boats must carry a VHF radio transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting VHF channel 77 and must assist the Race Committee as directed if required.

18.2. Further information will be provided to registered boats by the Organising Authority or Race Committee.

19. Radio Communication

19.1. 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.

20. Prizes

20.1. Prizes and trophies will be awarded as per Attachment 2.

20.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

21. Miscellaneous

Boats shall not put trash in the water

22. Disclaimer of Liability

22.1. Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS rule 4. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

22.2. Competitors accept that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
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