



## **AIMS GAMES REGATTA** **With mtf finance MT MAUNGANUI**

**The 2024 Aims Games Regatta will be hosted by the  
Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club (Inc)**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**at**

**Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club (Inc)**

**The Organising Authority is Tauranga Yacht and  
Power Boat Club Inc,  
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### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the class rules.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board downstairs in the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions or Regatta Specific Schedule will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours or the end of protest time whichever is the earlier on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the club.
- 4.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not to leave the beach until this signal is made.

## **5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. Regatta schedule:

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	1300 – 1600	Registration and Boat Safety checks
		1630 Managers Briefing
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	0830	Sailors Welcome and Briefing
		0930 warning signal Race 1, Races 2 and 3
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	0930	warning signal Race 4, Races 5 and 6
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	0930	warning signal Race 7, Races 8 and 9
- 5.2. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided the schedule becomes no more than two races ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.
- 5.3. The warning signals for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable but not sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.
- 5.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed, with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5. The Race Committee may schedule a rest period between back-to-back races.
- 5.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs

## **6. FORMAT**

### **6.1 OPTIMIST CLASS – SPLIT FLEETS**

- a) Sailing day one and two will be sailed in two approximately even numbered fleets.
- b) The fleets have been allocated for day one sailing by the Race Committee
- c) Boats will be reassigned to fleets for day two sailing racing, provided two or more races in the series have been sailed. Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 on day one regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. If the fleets have completed an

unequal number of races, the reassignment will be based on those races completed by all fleets.

- d) For the qualifying series, rule A4 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- e) Reassignment for day two sailing will be: 1<sup>st</sup> White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pink, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pink, 4<sup>th</sup> White, 5<sup>th</sup> White 6<sup>th</sup> Pink, 7<sup>th</sup> Pink and so on.
- f) Sailing day three Sailors will be ranked from the results after two day's racing and split approximately in half to form a Gold (approx. top half of White and Pink) and Silver Fleet (lower portion of White and Pink Fleets).
- g) Note: For the purposes of safe fleet management, numbers in the gold fleet may be changed to ensure sailors are reasonably able to finish Gold Fleet races within the time limits. The maximum separation of the split shall be 60% / 40%.

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flags for Optimist will be.

White and Gold fleets will race under a white flag. Pink and Silver Fleets will race under a pink flag.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are included in an appendix to the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee vessel will display the course to be sailed as a letter and number (Black letters on a white background) on the course board on the back of the race committee vessel.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. The marks will be Yellow Cylindrical Buoys approx. 1.2m high.
- 9.2. New mark, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be Red Cylindrical Buoy approx. 1.2m high.
- 9.4. The starting and finishing marks will be Race Committee vessels.
- 9.5. A Race Committee vessel signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in SI 11.2

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the starting marks.
- 10.2. As the fleets are split, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3. The start sequence will be, Optimist White, Optimist Pink.

- 10.4. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, Low Point System and A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

- 11.1. 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 practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1 Sailing the Course.
- 11.3. The Race Committee may designate a Race Committee vessel displaying flag L to lead the first boat to the new mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. Appendix P will apply.
- 13.2. When Appendix P applies RRS P 2.2, Second Penalty, and P 2.3, Third and Subsequent Penalties, are deleted and RRS P2.1, First Penalty, is amended to "When a boat is penalised under rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two - Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing."
- 13.3. When Appendix P applies, on the first penalty for infringements under RRS P1, Signalling A Penalty, (and subsequent penalties under RRS P1, Signalling A Penalty), if penalised after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of points of 10% of her fleet size without a hearing although her score will not be worse than the score for a DSQ.
- 13.4. RRS P4, Redress Limitation, is replaced with "An action by the Protest Committee or its designated observer under Appendix P1, Signalling a Penalty, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule. The Protest Committee may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action by a member of the Protest Committee or its designated observer under rule P1". This changes RRS 60.1(b), Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action.

## WHISTLE SYSTEM

**To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, judges may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.**

**No flag will be displayed.**

## 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 50 minutes with a target time of 30 minutes.

## 15. STILL RACING SCORE

- 15.1. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in its fleet finishes and is still sailing the course will be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score". This changes RRS 35, Time Limit and Scores, and A4, Low Point System and A5, Scores determined by the Race Committee. The start of the 20-minute time limit will be signalled by the raising of a White Flag for White or Gold Fleet and a Pink flag for pink or silver fleet. The end of the 20-minute time limit will be indicated by the removal of the fleet specific flag with one sound on the Race Committee vessel at the finish line.

The score of SRS will be calculated to be 3 points more than the last boat to finish in the fleet of that race but not more than DNF.

- 15.2. Boats will be given a SRS if they are within the race area. The area the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 **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 finishing 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 RRS 61.**
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in its class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. Protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board by the Protest Committee.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. The notice will include the order and location of the hearing.

- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) - Informing the Protestee.
- 16.6 A list of boats that, under SI 13.2, that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 - Propulsion, will be posted.
- 16.7 For the purpose of RRS 64. - Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules, the 'authority responsible' is the Equipment Inspector appointed by the organising authority.
- 16.8 Breaches of SIs 10.2, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under RRS 60.1(a). This changes RRS 60.1(a), Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action.
- 16.9 Penalties for breaches of SIs 10.2, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, Class Rules and Safety Regulations 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.
- 16.10 On the last scheduled day of racing of a regatta 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 15 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66 - Reopening a Hearing

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When between four and nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. **Competitors** shall sign - on each time they leave the shore to enter the course and shall sign - off each time they come ashore from the course. The location of sign - on / sign - off register are by the Race Office.
- 18.2 All Optimist competitors must uplift a fleet ribbon at sign on. This must be attached to the top of the sprit. It is to be returned at sign off. A new ribbon is to be picked up each sailing day. A White ribbon for White or Gold fleet and a Pink ribbon for Pink or Silver fleet.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she finished the last race of the day shall notify the Race Committees soon as possible.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. The person on board shall be the person named on the entry form.

- 19.2. Competitors shall use only one hull, mast, main sail, boom, centreboard, and rudder.
- 19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Office at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.4. Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.5. No change of equipment other than as provided in Instructions 19.1 and 19.3 will be allowed.

## **20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 20.1. 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 the Race Committee appointed Equipment Inspector or representative to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. ADVERTISING**

- 21.1. Boats will display event advertising supplied by the organising authority. Such advertising shall be placed near the bow on each side of the hull.

## **22. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1. Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or an abandonment (but not a general recall). The areas the boats are racing in, is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing, is sailing or may sail. During any starting sequence, support boats in the vicinity of the start line, shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions.
- 22.2. All occupants of support boats shall wear an appropriate size personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Each PFD shall comply with Maritime Rules Part 91, Navigation Safety Rules. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs. For support boats 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the boat to carry sufficient personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location.
- 22.3. When a support boat has a sole capable occupant the outboard kill cord shall be attached to the driver.
- 22.4. When the wind is less than 10 knots support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing at other times vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

- 22.5. When flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats shall remain afloat and assist all sailors.
- 22.6. The Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instruction 22. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule will result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.
- 22.7. Attention is drawn the relevant local authority bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other restrictions.
- 22.8 Support boats if they wish to enter the marina MUST have insurance with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent and a Certificate of insurance MUST be presented at registration.

### **23. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

- 23.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Sailors, coaches and supports person shall not intentionally put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee vessels.

### **24. LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVAL RESTRICTIONS**

Unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the beach area in front of the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club.

### **25. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

### **26. PRIZES**

#### **Optimist class**

Medals will be as awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall individual Championship

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year group 7 and 8 male and female, overall individual.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> School team's championship.

See details for school team championship in Notice of race.

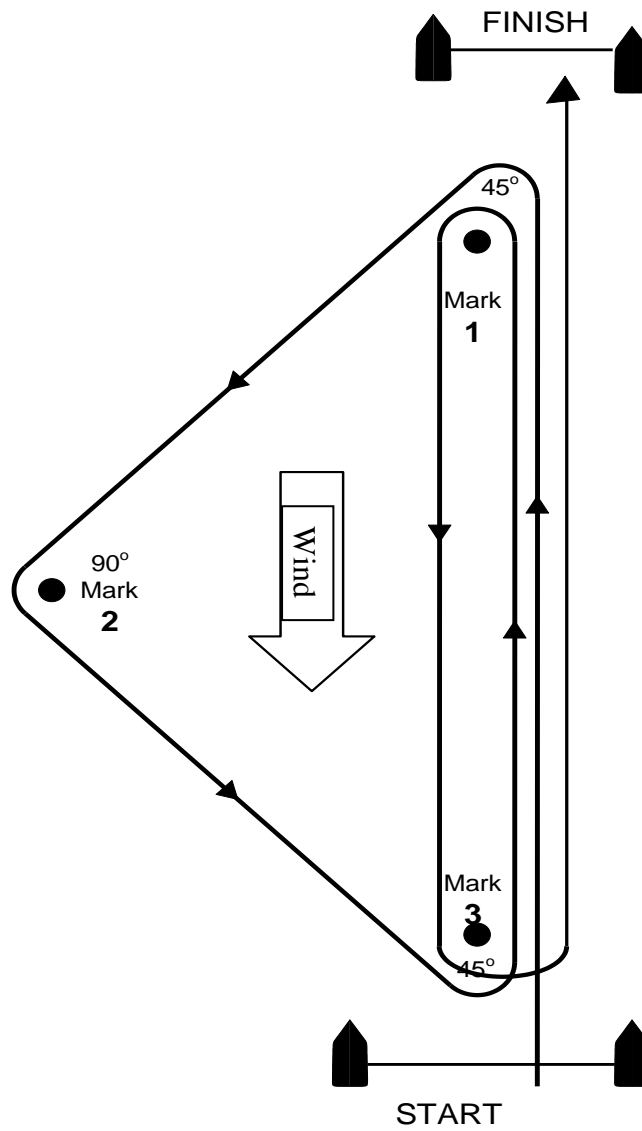
### **27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.



## Attachment A – Illustrating the Course

### A Triangle Course- Windward-Leeward

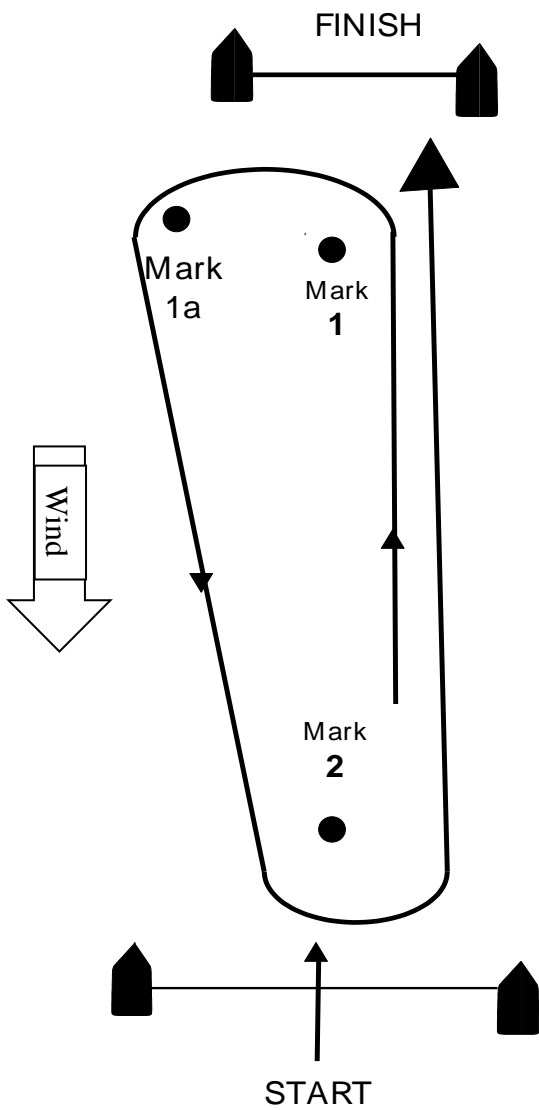


**T 1 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish**

**T 2 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish**

**T 3 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish**

## A Windward-Leeward Course



**W1 START, 1, 1a, 2, FINISH.**

**W2 START, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, FINISH.**

**W3 START, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, FINISH.**