



Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club Inc.

## **Zephyr Nationals 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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### **Sailing Instructions (SI)**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3** The Zephyr Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4** Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower floor of the TYPBC.
- 3.2** The race office is located on the lower floor of the TYPBC.

## 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the TYPBC flagpole.
- 5.2** [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1

Day/Date	Class	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
5 March 2025	Zephyr Class	2 (q)	1255
6 March 2025	Zephyr Class	3 (q)	1155
7 March 2025	Zephyr Class	2 (f)	1155
8 March 2025	Zephyr Class	2 (f)	1155

- 6.2** One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3** 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.
- 6.4** Should the series constitute a split fleet format, then the races designated with (q) shall be a qualifying series, and those designated with a (f) shall be a final series.

## 7 SPLIT FLEET FORMAT

- 7.1** Should a qualifying and final series be sailed, the class shall be split into fleets as follows:
- 7.1.1** The qualifying series shall be sailed in two approximately evenly numbered fleets.
- 7.1.2** The fleets for day one shall be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 7.1.3** 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.

- 7.1.4** For the qualifying series, rules A4 and A5.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 7.1.5** Reassignment for day two sailing will be: 1st Red, 2nd Yellow, 3rd Yellow, 4th Red, 5th Red 6th Yellow, 7th Yellow and so on.
- 7.1.6** Sailing day three and four. 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 Red and Yellow) and Silver Fleet (lower portion of Red and Yellow Fleets).
- 7.1.7** 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%.

## **8 CLASS FLAGS**

- 8.1** The Zephyr Class flag is a Zephyr Class symbol on a white background.

## **9 RACING AREA**

- 9.1** The racing area is in the confines of the Tauranga Harbour out from TYPBC.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1** The diagrams in SI Addendum A show 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.
- 10.2** Courses to be sailed will be displayed on boards on the stern of the Committee Vessel.

## **11 MARKS**

- 11.1** Mark descriptions are as follows:

Mark	Description	New mark description as provided in SI 13
1	A yellow cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high	A red cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high
2 or 2s	A yellow cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high	A red cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high
3 or 2p	A yellow cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high	A red cylindrical buoy approx. 1.2m high
Start – Starboard End	Committee vessel	
Start – Port End	Committee vessel	

Finish – Starboard End	Committee vessel	
Finish – Port End	Committee vessel	

**12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 12.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 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.

**14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

**15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 16.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Class	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Zephyr Class	50 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course within the race time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

- 17.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office located in the lower floor of the TYPBC.
- 17.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the hall downstairs at TYPBC beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4** A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1** Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2** (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1** [DP] Check-out and check-in ashore
- (a) Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally signing check out sheets located downstairs at TYPBC.
- (b) Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by personally signing check-in sheets located downstairs at TYPBC.
- 19.2** [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1** Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 20.2** [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Measurer or Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. However, the damaged equipment must be inspected by the Measurer or Race Officer prior to replacement.
- 20.3** Equipment for the purpose of SI 20.2 is the hull, mast, boom, sail, centreboard and rudder.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2** [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

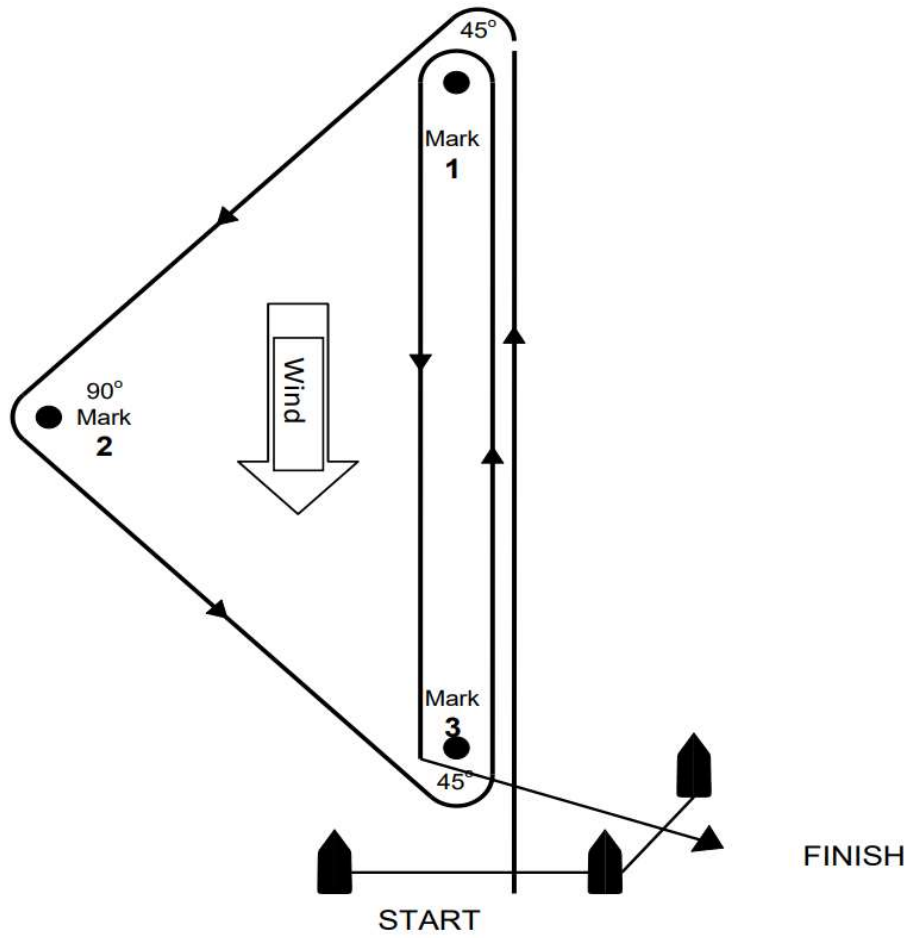
- 22.1** Official vessels will be identified as follows: the vessels will be flying the club burgee.

## **23 [DP][NP] SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 23.1** Attention is drawn to the relevant local council bylaws regarding the wearing of lifejackets and other restrictions.

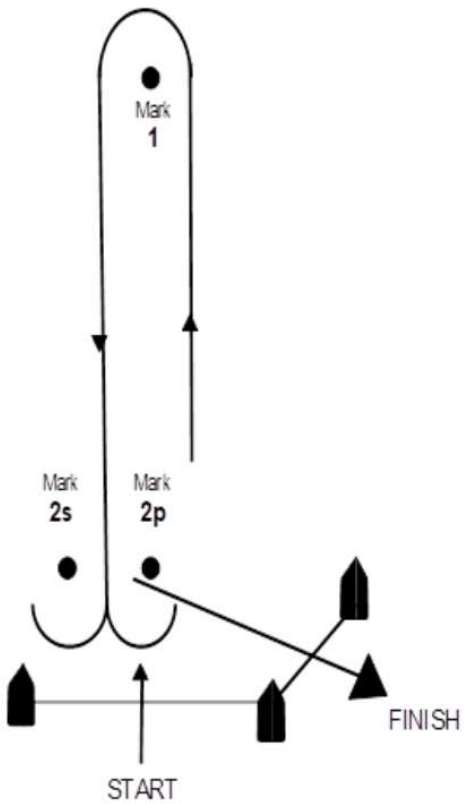
### **Addendum A Courses**

**Triangle windward – leeward course**



- T1 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
- T2 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
- T3 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
- T4 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Windward – Leeward Course



- W1 Start – 1 – 2p – Finish
- W2 Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish
- W3 Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish
- W4 Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish