

Mark Foy 'Group start' race starting procedure

'Group starts' are similar in some ways to Mark Foy starts, however rather than each yacht starting according to its race handicap all yachts will be allocated a group of broadly similarly performing yachts in which to start. In most races there will be up to three separate 'group' starts, while in other shorter races there may be only two.

The group with the lowest range of handicaps will always start first, while that with the highest range of handicaps will always start last.

Depending on prevailing weather conditions and the length of the course there may be an optional second group start sandwiched between the first and last starts (making a total of three in all), this group made up of yachts with mid-range handicaps.

Start times

All start times (not just those making the start line) will be available before each race from the club's start box. Each group will start at the intervals noted on the start sheet, which may vary from a minimum of ten (10) minutes depending on prevailing conditions and the length of the course.

The programmed start for the first group to start in the following races is:

1800 hours	Craigs Investment Partners Summer rum series
1400 hours	Beds R Us ladies series
1400 hours	Fell Engineering Winter rum series

In the event that only two starts will be programmed on any race day due to either the length of the course or prevailing weather conditions, only Groups 1 and 2 may be started.

Set you watch to match the time on the clock in the start box.

Starting procedure

Each start will use the programmed five-minute race start count down as detailed in the associated Sailing Instructions and in association with the displayed group board.

The start sheet may contain start times for more yachts that will in start each race.

The following group boards will be displayed prior to each start's preparatory signal:

Group 1 will be started with the displaying of a **RED board**.

Group 2 (optional) will be started with the displaying of an **ORANGE board**.

Group 3 will be started with the displaying of a **GREEN board**.

Entering a race

Complete the entry form in the club's start box prior to the start of the race, or contact the Kerikeri Cruising Club's start box on VHF channel 77.

Any yacht not appearing on the day's start times sheet will be issued assigned a start time for that race.

Race entry fees must be paid prior to the day's prize giving.

Race scoring

Race and series results using group starts will be scored using each yacht's elapsed **corrected time**.