

Urupukapuka Island Night Race

Friday 1st March & Saturday the 2nd March 2024

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Sailing Instructions

Open to members from any club

1 Rules

- 1.1 This races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II, Category 5 shall apply to keel yachts and multihulls.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V, Category C shall apply for trailer yachts and Sport Trailer Yachts.
- 1.4 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part VI, Category B shall apply for sport boats.
- 1.5 All other Boats shall comply with their appropriate class and safety rules.
- 1.6 It is compulsory that every boat have on board a functioning VHF radio plus two red and two orange flares (all less than three years old), all of which are readily accessible.
- 1.7 The required safety gear must be carried on board at all times and may be inspected for compliance with these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8 RRS 51 *Moveable Ballast* is modified to allow boats with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete. Boats shall comply with ISAF Special Regulations Appendix K and YNZ Safety Regulations 6.1(k) and 6.2(k).
- 1.9 RRS Rule 52 *Manual Power* shall not apply.
- 1.10 Between Sunset and Sunrise the “International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea” will apply, replacing the relevant rules of RRS Part 2 *When Boats Meet*.
- 1.11 A boat shall not discharge trash into the water.
- 1.12 The use of self steering devices is permissible where fewer than three people are aboard.
- 1.13 It is compulsory for all boats to tow a dinghy for the duration of the race.
 - 1.131 A dinghy is defined as a vessel that can be rowed, not paddled and must be able to accommodate a vessel’s entire crew.
- 1.14 Vessels may use engines for a maximum of 30 minutes at any time prior to 2030 pm
- 1.15 Engines may be used from 2.5 hours after the start (2030 pm)

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board at the Kerikeri Cruising Club and the website at www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Notice Board and web site more than three hours before any scheduled race on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races which will be posted on the club’s Race Notice Board and web site not less than four days before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Start box.
- 4.2 The AP flag will be substituted by a red light followed by two sound signals. This changes RRS 27.3 *Other Race Committee Actions Before The Starting Signal*.

5 Race Schedule

Date	Scheduled time of warning signals	Division
1 March 2024	17:55	Race Division
2 March 2024	10:00	Dinghy Race

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal is 17:55 hours.
- 5.3 The scheduled time for the Dinghy Race will be at 10:00 hours subject to weather and number of attendees.
- 5.4 The following rules refer only to races programmed to start on 2 March.

6 Fleet Board

- 6.1 This is a single fleet event.
- 6.2 The Fleet Board colour is red.
- 6.3 A minimum of two (2) yachts must enter and start to constitute a race.
- 6.4 This is a non-spinnaker division where spinnakers or extras may not be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.

7 Courses

- 7.1 The course will be: Start, Paramena (P) Finish
- 7.2 When Brothers does not conform to RRS Rule 28.2(b) *Sailing the Course* it is to be considered a fairway mark.
- 7.3. Where an automated start system is used, and the Race Committee is not present in the startbox during the race, the OD may shorten the course at the outer distance mark by calling on VHF Channel 77.
- 7.4 **Boats may not race through the passage between Roberton Island and Moturua Island due to the marine mammal sanctuary restrictions**
- 7.5 **Note that the course and finish location may change on the day due to weather conditions. Keep a watch on channel 77**

8 Areas that are Obstructions; Fairway Marks

- 8.1 Boats while racing will pass on the main navigation channel side of all mooring buoys and moored boats. These areas shall be treated as an obstruction.
- 8.2 Unless any of the following are nominated as rounding marks, yachts when racing shall pass:
 - 8.21 North of Cocked Hat Island Beacon.
 - 8.22 To seaward of all the Black Rocks.
 - 8.23 North of Flat Island.
 - 8.24 South of all the Te Pahi Islands including Motuterakihi.
 - 8.25 To seaward of Brampton Buoy.
 - 8.26 North of all rocks off Tapeka Point.
- 8.3 Yachts/Boats may sail through Kent Passage at the skipper's discretion, and delete 8.22 above

9 The Start

- 9.1 Races will start as follows: This changes RRS Rule 26 *Starting Races*.
 - 5 minutes 1 horn and display divisional board
 - 4 minutes 1 horn and display blue peter
 - 1 minute 1 horn and remove blue peter
 - Start 1 horn and remove board
- 9.2 Unless otherwise specified, the Kerikeri Cruising Club's **start line** is a transit through the pole behind the western end of the clubhouse and the white pole immediately south of the Clubhouse. The length of the **start line** is defined by inner and outer distance marks which may or may not be on the transit.
- 9.3 A yacht/boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 *Low Point System*.
- 9.4 Should a yacht/boat be judged to be over the line at the start, the committee boat will attempt to contact boats via VHF on channel 77. Boats not returning will receive a 15 minute time penalty.

9.5 An **Automated Start System** may be used. This does not alter instruction 9.1 above, however the start box will not be attended at start time by the race committee. Each yacht is required to carry a timepiece synchronised with the automated start system clock.

9.7 Where the start box, or finishing boat is unattended, 9.4 and 9.5 shall be deleted.

10 The Finish

10.1 The finish line shall be at the entrance to Urupukapuka Bay, when the south-western point of the bay and Te Hue point at the North-eastern point of the bay are in transect. Any change to the finish location due to weather conditions will be advised on channel 77. Note that this may be during the course of the race.

10.2 Boats should record their own finish time and report this to the race committee as soon as possible – please note that phone coverage may be limited in the anchorage.

10.3 Note that the course and finish location may change on the day due to weather conditions. Keep a watch on channel 77

11 Time Limits

There is no time limit for the race. This changes RRS 35 *Time Limit and Scores*, RRS A4 *Low Point System* and RRS A5 *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

12 Re-run of races

The race organisers reserve the right to rerun any postponed or abandoned races. Any rescheduling will be notified on the Kerikeri Cruising Club's website and on the club's Race Notice Board not less than four days before it will take effect.

13 Penalty System

13.1 RRS Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS Rule 31 *Touching a Mark* or Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

13.3 RRS Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 *When Boats Meet* or RRS Rule 31 *Touching a Mark* to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS Rule 44.3(c) *Scoring Penalty* equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 There will be no protests for this race.

15 Scoring

15.1 No scoring will be required for this race.

17 Safety Regulations

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by either VHF Channel 77

18 Official Boats

The yacht "To be confirmed" is the Official boat for this race.

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.

19.2 The working channel for the race will be VHF channel 77. Radios must be on at all times during the race and channel 77 monitored

19.3 The OD may communicate to the fleet via channel 77 for the purposes of shortening the course, or provide other information in relation to the running of the race.

20 Prize Giving

- 20.1 Race prize giving will be held ashore in the vicinity of the finish line after racing finishes at the conclusion of the dinghy race.
- 20.2 There will be a prize for the first yacht and first launch across the finish line.
- 20.3 All entered boats will be up for a prize. All boat names with finish times will be put into a hat which will then be drawn out at random.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in all races in this series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS Rule 4 *Decision to Race*. The Kerikeri Cruising Club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or following this race.