



Winter Series – 2013 Kerikeri Cruising Club

Sailing Instructions

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013–2016*.
- 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 to Trailer Yachts and Sports Trailer Yachts.
- 1.4 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part VI, Category B shall apply to Sport Boats.
- 1.5 The International Flying Fifteen Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.6 The Elliott 5.9 Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.7 The required safety gear must be carried on board at all times and may be inspected.
- 1.8 Self-steering devices may be used if no more than two persons are onboard.
- 1.9 Between Sunset and Sunrise the “International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea” will apply, replacing the relevant rules of Racing Rules of Sailing Part 2.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the KCC Building, and the website www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board more than 3 hours before any scheduled race on the day that it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races which will be posted on the official notice board and the club web site not less than 4 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 1 Sound signal.

5 Racing Schedule

- 5.1 11 races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the first Warning signal is 1055.
- 5.3 The B Division warning signal will be at 1055.
- 5.4 The A Division warning signal will be at 1105.
- 5.5 Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time of first Warning signal	Race
Sunday 21 st April	1055	1
Sunday 5th May	1055	2
Sunday 19th May	1055	3
Sunday 2 nd June	1055	4
Sunday 16th June	1055	5
Sunday 30th June	1055	6
Sunday 14th July	1055	7
Sunday 28th July	1055	8
Sunday 11th August	1055	9
Sunday 25th August	1055	10
Sunday 8th September	1055	11

6 Re-run of races

- 6.1 The race organisers reserve the right to re-run postponed or abandoned races

7 Class Flags & Divisions

- 7.1 Class flags will be:
 - A Division — Green Flag - Club General Handicap .750 and above.
 - B Division — Blue/White Horizontal - Club General Handicap .700 and below.
- 7.2 Boats with Handicaps from .701 to .749 inclusive have the option to race in either A or B division but must remain in that division for the series.
- 7.3 A minimum of 2 yachts entered per division must start to constitute a race. If there are insufficient entries in a division a yacht may choose to sail in another division and will be scored DNC for series points but will be eligible for drawn prizes or withdraw, in which case the race entry fee will be refunded.

8 The Courses

- 8.1 The courses are described in “KCC Course Sheet April 2013” available on the KCC web site (www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz) or from the KCC race office
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee shall display the race course number.
- 8.3 **Shortened Course:** A race maybe shortened at the outer distance buoy
 - . A red light will show along with the appropriate Class Flag (if a Divisional race) accompanied by two sound signals, before the leading yacht reaches the outer distance buoy
- 8.4 When Brothers does not conform to rule 28.2 (b) *Sailing the course* it is to be considered a fairway mark

9 Start and Finish Lines

- 9.1 **Start Line:** Unless otherwise specified, the KCC 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.
- 9.2 **Starting Area:** Yachts must keep clear of the start line for any start preceding their own.
- 9.3 **Finish Line:** The finish line shall be between the start box and the outer distance buoy.

10 Areas that are Obstructions; Fairway Marks

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Unless any of the following are nominated as rounding marks, yachts when racing must pass:
 - North of Cocked Hat Island Beacon.
 - To seaward of all the Black Rocks.
 - North of Flat Island.
 - South of all the Te Pahi Islands including Motuterakihi.
 - To seaward of Brampton Buoy.
 - North of all rocks off Tapeka Point.
 - South of Reidy's Buoy

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will start as follows. This changes rule 26 *Starting Races*.
 - 5 minutes prior to start **Amber** Light & Horn
 - 4 minutes prior to start **Green** Light & Horn
 - 1 minute prior to start **Green** Light off & Horn
 - Start **Amber** Light off & Horn
- 11.2 General Recalls: In the event of a General Recall the recalled Division will be notified by "ONE AMBER" light and "ONE GREEN" light and two sound signals. The recalled Division will start 10 minutes after the last scheduled division to start.
- 11.3 Individual Recalls. "ONE RED" light will show after the starting signal with the sounding of one sound signal.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

12 Alternative Starts

- 12.1 In the event of a power failure or a breakdown in the automatic starting system Rule 26 *Starting Races* shall apply.

13 Penalty System

- 13.1 For the all classes rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under 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 Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 *when boats meet* or 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 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 Time Limits

- 14.1 The time limit for any boat to finish is 5 1/2 hours following the start of their race. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 *Time Limit and Scores*, A4 *Low Point and Bonus Point Systems* and A5 *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit and with a \$10 protest fee.
- 15.2 For any protests where only a rule of Part 2 *When Boats Meet* is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. **YNZ regulations part 4.5.5 applies.**
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and to Requests for Redress.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the KCC as soon as practicable.

15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b) *Informing the Protestee*.

16 Scoring

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* shall apply.

16.2 Seven races must be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.4 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.5 When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

16.6 When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.

16.7 When 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst four scores.

16.8 A disqualified yacht shall not discard that race in any series.

16.9 HANDICAPS: The TCF [Time correction factor] allotted to each yacht may be altered in accordance with the programming of the computer software and / or manually by the Handicapper.

16.10 TCF's may be queried in writing through the sailing office by any racing owner. E mail is acceptable.

16.11 ALTERATIONS: Any alterations to the hull, sail plan, spars, engine, propeller, rudder or ballast shall be notified in writing to the handicapper not less than 24 hours before the start of any race for the purpose of re-handicapping where necessary. Failure to do so may render the yacht liable for disqualification from all races concerned.

17 Safety Regulations

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by either VHF Channel 77, or any other channel advised, or to the race office by phone on 407 9434.

18 Equipment and Measurement Checks

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

19 Official Boats

19.1 Official boats will be marked with a J Flag.

20 Radio Communication

20.1 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.

20.2 The working channel for the race will be channel 77.

22 Prizes

22.1 Prize giving will be held at KCC Club rooms as soon as practicable after racing finishes on any day but no sooner than 1 hour after the last boat has completed the course.

23 Disclaimer of Liability

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to rule 4 *Decision to Race*. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.