

North Island Sprint Championships

19 & 20 October 2024

Lake Rotorua

The Organising Authority is Rotorua Yacht Club Inc.
1 Mataiawhea. St, Rotorua 3010

Sailing Instructions

Ref: 310724

Sprint Racing:

Our objective is to run 'Quick Fire' back-to-back races, each of approximately 20 minutes duration, with minimal wait time between races. **This Regatta is for experienced race sailors only.**

The signalling for the start will be a 3 minute sequence.

The Penalty for a Part 2 rules infringement is a 270° turn.

There is no penalty for touching a mark.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the downstairs foyer of the Rotorua Yacht Club.

3.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Rotorua Yacht Club flagstaff.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in race signal, AP.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday 19 October	1030hrs	Sprint Racing Briefing
	1200hrs	Sprint Race 1
Sunday 20 October	1030hrs	Sprint Racing continues

5.0 CLASS FLAGS

5.1. Class flags will be described at the race briefing.

6.0 THE COURSES

6.1. The actual course will be notified at the briefing, but may be changed between races, or during races to suit classes and conditions. The course for boats notified as capable of flying gennakers or spinnakers will be different. i.e 12 footers and Javelins.

7.0 THE START

Races will be started as follows. This changes Rule 26.

Preparatory	P Flag + Class Flag + 1 Sound	3 minutes before starting signal
One-Minute	P Flag removed + 1 Whistle	1 minutes before starting signal
Start	Class Flag removed + 1 Sound	0 minutes

The **Preparatory Signal** for each succeeding class can be made with, or after the starting signal of the preceding class. Class start order may be changed for each round to enable the Officer of the Day to start classes as quickly as possible. For instance, if you were second start for race 2, you may be third start for race 3, or vice versa, depending on conditions and class numbers.

If a **General Recall** is shown for a class they may go to the end of the starting order.

8.0 START TIME LIMIT

Any boat that has not started within 3 minutes of the start signal for their class shall be deemed "DNS".

The purpose of this is to keep races moving and prevent fleets from spreading out too much, as well as allowing for the shifting of marks during a race if needed. BE ON TIME. THE START IS THE START.

9.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed.

The two-turn penalty shall be replaced with a 270° turn penalty:

- (a) When on a leg of the course to a windward mark, she shall gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, luff to a close hauled course.
- (b) When on a leg of the course to a leeward mark, she shall tack and, as soon as reasonably possible bear away to a downwind course.

10.0 TOUCHING A MARK

Rule 31 is deleted.

11.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), inform the race committee on the start signal boat 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 rule 61.
- 11.2. For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand Regulation 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1)
- 11.3. Protest forms are available at the RYC race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 11.4. The protest time limit is 30 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 protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 11.5. 11.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the downstairs meeting room.
- 11.6. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 11.7. For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

12.0 SCORING

- 12.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.2. When 5, 6, 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is for experienced race sailors only. See 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.

14.0 LIFEJACKETS

All competitors are to wear floatation devices as per rule 1.2. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they are suitable for the intended purpose.

15.0 SIGN ON & OFF SHEETS

It is essential that all competitors sign on before the days racing; and off at the end of the days racing. If they withdraw from racing before the end of the day they must also sign off.

ALL SIGNATURES TO BE LEGIBLE.

Sign off sheets are available at the desk below the whiteboard with the courses displayed on the northern side of the clubhouse. Purpose is so that we can account for all boats.

FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

The committee boat can accept an on the water sign on.

16.0 COVID-19 and Lake restrictions

Levels and regulations as advised by the NZ Government or Health Officials shall be binding and take precedent over and above the Sailing Instructions. The Rotorua Yacht Club facilities will be organised to comply with the regulations applicable on the days of the Regatta.

Freshwater Gold (Asian) Clams – vessels and equipment that have been used in Waikato lakes and rivers 30 days prior to the event, and areas at risk of contact with the invasive species of clam.

Please visit <https://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/freshwater-gold-clam#:~:text=Management%20programme%3A%20This%20clam%20is,the%20Ministry%20of%20Primary%20Industries>).

For requirements Check, Clean Dry please visit https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/exotic-pests-and-diseases-in-new-zealand/pests-and-diseases-under-response/exotic-freshwater-clams-corbicula/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Freshwater+gold+clam+update+9&utm_content=Freshwater+gold+clam+update+9+Preview+CID_628facc7ff3bd52deb48fca64038c189&utm_source=Email+marketing+software&utm_term=Check+Clean+Dry+requirements