



2024 18 Foot Skiff NZL Championships

19-21 January

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club | 8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071

VHF: Channel 4

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions shall apply
- 1.3. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply with class exemptions
- 1.4. Class Rules shall apply
- 1.5. Appendix T will apply (arbitration)

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on whiteboard at the container lockers where the 18 Foot Skiffs are based on shore

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the whiteboard by the container lockers where the 18 Foot Skiffs are based on shore
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Friday 19 January
1630: Briefing
1800: First Warning Signal / Up to two races back-to-back
- 5.2. Saturday 20 January
1300: First Warning Signal / Up to three races back-to-back
- 5.3. Sunday 21 January
1300: First Warning Signal / Up to three races back-to-back

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The class flag will be the 18 foot skiff class flag

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of Orakei, Mechanics Bay, Rough Rock and Bean Rock

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses will be decided 90 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day
- 8.2. The Race Officer, in conjunction with each skipper, will make the decision on which courses will be sailed on that particular day.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks will be the yellow harbour marks
- 9.2. The start/finish pin will be an orange teardrop with black markings

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end start mark.
- 10.2. A boat that does not start within 8 minutes of the start time will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 10.3. The Race Committee Vessel(s) may hold station by using engines. Any effects(s) shall not be grounds for granting redress. This alters RRS 62.1 b and 62.2

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finish boat and the finishing mark

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

13. TARGET TIMES & TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 13.2. Target time for each race is 60 minutes
- 13.3. The time limit for each race is 90 minutes
- 13.4. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the race office located in the RAYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3. 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 RAYC clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Notices or protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5. Breaches of instructions 13.1, 19 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 14.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled with no reserve day
- 15.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 15.3. When between 7 and 8 races have been completed, a boat may drop their worst score.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. Each boat shall "sign on" and "sign off" for each day's racing with the race officer
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she has finished the last race of the day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones
- 17.2. The Race Channel will be 4 unless the Race Officer advises otherwise

18. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 19.1. By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

20. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

- 20.1. All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. For further information please contact suellen@livesaildie.com