



WESTHAVEN TRIPLE SERIES

12th November 2016 – 22nd April 2017

The Organising Authorities are the
Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS)
Ponsonby Cruising Club (PCC)
& Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This is a closed event for RNZYS, PCC & RYC members only

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Please note that from the 1st of January 2017 and Rule 2017-2020 shall apply.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 4 shall apply for keel boats and multihulls.
- 1.3 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part V Category B shall apply for trailer yachts.
- 1.4 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part VI Category B shall apply for sport boats.
- 1.5 The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972 apply in all races between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant parts of Part 2 of the Rule.
- 1.6 For Race two all boats shall carry or tow an inflatable dinghy (fully inflated), a rigid dinghy or a life raft.
- 1.7 Competitors shall keep clear of all ships of 500 tonnes net register and upwards. The minimum required distances are 500m ahead and 100m port/starboard/astern of the vessel. This particularly refers to, but is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel. Competitors shall abide by current harbour regulations. This rule is not open to protest by other boats.
- 1.8 Keels and Ballast - "Rule Rule 51" is changed so that boats shall be nominated with "non-moveable ballast" or with "A Canting Keel" or "Water Ballast Tanks". A boat nominated with non-moveable ballast and a boat with a lifting keel shall comply with Rule 51 as written in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016. Lifting Keels shall be locked in the down position and may not be moved whilst racing. Rules 51 & 52 are modified to allow boats with movable/variable ballast systems to compete. Boats must comply with ISAF Appendix K (www.sailing.org) and Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Clause 6 (www.yachtingnz.org.nz). TCF's may be altered accordingly.
- 1.9 Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This amends Rule 63.7.



2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Date	Event	Authority	Notice
12/11/2016	Round Rangitoto	PCC	Foyer of PCC clubrooms.
10/02/2017	Night race to Kawau	RNZYS	Main Foyer of the RNZYS.
22/04/2017	Haystack Race	RYC	Notice Board Outside RYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted on the official notice board before 1000hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Squadron flagpole.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race No	Race	Date
Race One	Round Rangitoto	12th November 2016
Race Two	Night Race to Kawau Island	10th February 2017
Race Three	Haystack Race	22nd April 2017

6. CLASS FLAGS AND START TIMES

6.1 Races 1 & 3

Class	Description	Start Time	Flag	Start Time
M	Open Multi		Green	1000
T	Mullet		Yellow&Green	1005
F	Solo Sailors		Purple	1005
L	Open 50ft +		Blue&Yellow	1010
A	Open	.820 to .990	Blue	1015
E	Non Spin		Black&White	1020
B	Open	.740 to .819	White	1025
C	Open	Up to .740	Black	1030
S	Sports		Yellow	1030
I	Short handed	Up to three crew	Pink	1035

6.2 Race two - night race to Kawau start times:

Class	Description	Start Time	Flag	Start Time
M	Open Multi		Green	1800
T	Mullet		Yellow&Green	1805
L	Open 50ft +		Blue&Yellow	1810
A	Open		Blue	1815
E	Non Spin	.820 to .990	Black&White	1820
B	Open		White	1825
C	Open	.740 to .819	Black	1830
S	Sports	Up to .740	Yellow	1830



I	Short handed		Pink	1835
F	Solo Sailors		Purple	1835

6.3 All boats shall display the appropriate class flag approximately 2m above the deck line from the backstay of the boat whilst racing. Boats without a backstay shall fly their class flag from the port shrouds. Failure to clearly exhibit the class flag may mean the yacht is recorded as not starting in the event.

6.4 Class flags shall have a minimum size of 45cm x 30cm and can be obtained from the OA.

7. RACING AREAS

The races will be held within the Hauraki Gulf and Waitemata Harbour.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be harbour courses as listed in Appendix A of these Sailing instructions.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat, Westhaven or Orakei Tower will display the number of the course to be sailed.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be described in Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.

9.3 The finishing marks will be:

- (a) the yellow Westhaven Buoy for races One and Three
- (b) between the Race Committee boat and Momona Point for race Two.

10. FAIRWAY MARKS

The following areas are designated as obstructions and shall be passed on the main channel side only:

- Rangitoto Beacon
- Iliomama Rock Beacon
- Browns Island Beacon
- Beacon on Emu Rock (off Motutapu)
- Bean Rock Light and Doris Rock Beacon (approx. 25 metres north)
- Red Buoys on eastern side of Motuihe Channel
- Beacon on Sewer Outlet (Orakei)
- Cable beacons east of Devonport Wharf
- Green Sandspit marker stake (SW of Torpedo Wharf)
- Yachts shall only pass through the main navigation span of the Harbour Bridge when racing.
- All moored vessels and moorings in or adjacent to the designated Small Craft mooring areas shown on Chart NZ 5322.
- The Okahu Bay wave break and all vessels and moorings in the Okahu Bay mooring area.
- The Westhaven mooring area defined by the line representing an extension of the permanent wave breaks.



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11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Divisional starts will be at 5 minute intervals .
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the flagstaff on the Westhaven Tower and the yellow Westhaven Buoy except for Race Two where the starting line will be between a race committee boat and the yellow harbour racing buoy Orakei.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.
- 11.4 In the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted 5 minutes after the last scheduled start. If more than one division is recalled these divisions will start at 5 minute intervals after the last scheduled start in the sequence in which they were recalled. In the event that the last scheduled division to start is recalled and no other division has been recalled previously the new warning signal will be given not less than 5 minutes after the previous starting signal. "First Substitute" will be lowered at the same time as the new warning signal is flown. (This changes Rule 29.2) In all other cases "First Substitute" will be lowered at the same time as the preparatory signal is lowered 1 minute before the start of the next division. Wherever possible VHF Channel 17 may be used to advise OCS starters - this does not absolve competitors of their responsibility to respond to the flag signals of the Race Committee.

12. THE FINISH

- (a) For Races One and Three: The finishing line will be between the flagstaff on the Westhaven Tower at the southern end and the yellow Westhaven Buoy at the north end.
- (b) For Race Two: The finishing line will be between Momona Point and the race committee boat displaying a flashing amber light moored to the west of Momona Point.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 shall apply for all boats in all divisions.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under Rules 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the OA, and at Lidgard House Kawau Island for race Two.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

For all races (except Race Two – Night Race to Kawau for which there is no time limit) the time limit shall be 8 hours from the start of each division. If one or more competing boats have finished in a division, the time limit for that division is extended by 30 minutes.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the OA website, from the Sailing Office or at OA's. Protests, requests for redress or reopening and acknowledgements shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 1600hrs on Monday following the race. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee. This changes Rule 61.3.



15.3 Boats involved in protests will be informed by email of the date when the protest hearing will be held.

15.4 Breaches of SI 1.7, 6.4, 13.2, 17 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under Rule 60.1(a). This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16. SCORING

16.1 The scoring system is as per RRS Appendix A using the low point system.

16.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 No score will be excluded.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 17 as soon as possible. A boat may also inform the RNZYS Sailing Office on 09 360 6809.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the NOR and SI's. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

The official Race Committee Boats may be identified by the display of an orange flag from their mainmast.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Rule 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.'

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in these races or any other sailing events controlled by the OA's, as between the OA's and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the OA's and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The OA's and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The OA's reserve the right in their sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

Date: 8th November 2016

APPENDIX A – THE COURSES

ROUND RANGITOTO RACE COURSE

Course			Approx.
No	Divisions	Course and Mark Roundings	NMs.
1	A, L & M	Start – Round Rangitoto, Motutapu & Orarapa (Haystack) Islands either Port (P) or Starboard (S) – Torpedo (P) - Finish	27.4
	All Others	Start – Round Rangitoto & Motutapu Islands either Port (P) or Starboard (S)- Torpedo (P) - Finish	23

NIGHT RACE TO KAWAU ISLAND COURSE

Course			Approx.
No	Divisions	Course and Mark Rounding's	NMs.
1	ALL	<u>Night Race to Kawau Island</u> Start – Whangaparoa Outermost Yellow buoy (P) - Motuketekete Island (P) – Passage Reef (S) – Finish between Momona Point and a Race Committee Boat displaying an amber flashing light moored to the west of Momona Point	26

HAYSTACK COURSES

Course			Approx.
No	Divisions	Course and Mark Roundings	NMs.
1	A, L & M	Start –Gulf Harbour Buoy (S) – Orarapa (Haystack) (S) – Bean Rock Buoy (S) – Finish	40
	All Others	Start –Orapapa (Haystack) (S) – Bean Rock Buoy (S) – Finish	35
2	A, L & M	Start– Orarapa (Haystack) (P) – Gulf Harbour (P) – Bean Rock Buoy (S) – Finish	40
	All Others	Start –Orarapa (Haystack) (P) – Bean Rock Buoy (S) – Finish	35