



2017-18 Summer Series - Keelboats

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE TITAHI BAY BOATING CLUB Inc

1. General and Safety Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All boats shall comply with YNZ Safety Regulations Part II Category 4 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver.
- 1.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.
- 1.4. A boat may be checked for compliance with the Sailing Instructions at any time.
- 1.5. Each race day prior to racing all boats intending to race shall complete a sign-on sheet. This will be available at the briefing held at Mana Cruising Club rooms. A boat failing to sign-on will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 1.6. Boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority
- 1.7. Crew shall wear lifejackets at all times, unless the person-in-charge of the boat considers that conditions are such that there is no significant increase in the risk to safety to any persons through not wearing a lifejacket, and expressly gives permission for lifejackets not to be worn.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of the Mana Cruising Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be advised at the briefing and posted at least 60 Minutes before the scheduled start.

4. Schedule of Races

Date	HW	Range	Briefing	Race Start	Course
8 Oct 17	12:36	1.8	11:00	12:00	Mana
29 Oct 17	16:31	1.3	15:00	16:00	Mana
5 Nov 17	11:41	1.8	08:50	09:50	Mana
19 Nov 17	11:21	1.7	08:50	09:50	Mana
3 Dec 17	10:45	1.7	08:50	09:50	Mana
17 Dec 17	10:28	1.6	07:00	08:00	TBA
28 Jan 18	8:17	1.3	05:00	06:00	TBA
18 Feb 18	12:39	1.8	11:00	12:00	Mana
4 Mar 18	12:38	1.8	11:00	12:00	Mana
25 Mar 18	16:24	1.4	13:00	14:00	Mana
1 Apr 18	10:41	1.8	08:50	09:50	Mana

HW measured at Mana 41°06'S 174°52'E

5. Divisions

5.1. Boats must elect which division they will sail in on each race day; they may sail in different divisions on other race days.

Unrestricted: no limit on number of persons aboard or sails.

No spinnaker: no limit on number persons aboard; no spinnakers, multi-purpose sails or other headsails that are not hanked to a forestay or fitted with a forestay foil. Headsails may be poled out.

Two-handed: no more than two persons on board; no spinnakers, multi-purpose sails or other headsails that are not hanked to a forestay or fitted with a forestay foil. Headsails may be poled out.

His and Hers: at least half of the persons aboard must be female; no spinnakers, multi-purpose sails or other headsails that are not hanked to a forestay or fitted with a forestay foil. Headsails may be poled out. A His and Hers race entry may also qualify for the two-handed division if there are no more than two persons on board.

5.2 All divisions will start at the same time.

5.3 If the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower is manned, the class flag will be "S"

6. Handicaps

6.1. New boats entering the series will be allocated a conservative time correction factor, taking into account the likely performance of the boat relative to others in its division (handicap).

6.2 After completing each race, each boat's handicap will be adjusted according to its performance after it has completed a race.

7. The Courses

7.1. Round Mana races:

Start;

Mana Island to port or starboard as advised on each race day at the briefing;

Finish.

7.2 Kapiti Races:

Start;
Tahoramaurea (Browns) Island to port;
Motungarara (Fishermans) Island to port;
Finish.

7.3 An alternative course as advised at the race briefing.

8. The Start

8.1 . If the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower is manned, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.

8.2 If the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower is unmanned, then Races for all divisions will be started at their scheduled times on GPS time. This changes rule 26, *Starting Races*.

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8.4 The starting line will be between the main flagpole on the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower and an outer mark. If there is no outer mark in place the line will be a virtual line bearing 230 degrees magnetic and extending 300 metres from the main flagpole on the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower.

8.5. Any race in which fewer than two boats start or sign-on at the briefing will be deemed to be abandoned.

9. Shortening the Course

9.1. Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32 *Shortening or Abandoning after the start*.

10. The Finish

10.1. The finishing line will be the same as The Start.

10.2. Boats must record their own finishing time and provide it to the Race Officer within 24 hours of finishing or enter their time on the sign-on sheet at the Mana Cruising Club rooms.

The Race Officers contact details will be advised at the briefing, alternatively email finish times to john@manacc.co.nz

11. Penalty System

11.1. Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed so that the 2-turns penalty is replaced by a 1-turn penalty.

12. Time Limits

12.1. Round Mana races:

12.1.1. If no boat has finished within 4 hours after a race start, the race will be abandoned.

12.1.2. Boats failing to finish within 4 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, *Time Limit And Scores*, A4, *Low Point And Bonus Point Systems*, and A5, *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

12.2. Kapiti Races: no time limit applies

13. Protests

13.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), *Informing the Protestee*, inform the Race Officer and submit a Protest form within the time limit. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Officer. This changes rule 61, *Protest Requirements*.

13.2. Protest forms are available at the office at Mana Cruising Club. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered either in person or email to the Race Officer within the protest time limit.

13.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat for all divisions has finished. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

13.4. Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the place and times of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.5. The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1.

14. Scoring

14.1. A boat's position in a race and the series will be determined using Appendix A, Low Point System.

14.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.4 When six or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score.

15. Radio Communications

15.1. While the Plimmerton Boating Club start tower is manned, boats will maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 17. Otherwise all boats will maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 63.

15.2. Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

16. Entry Requirements and Prizes

16.1. There will be no entry fee.

16.2. Boats may enter at any time during the series.

16.3. Trophies will be awarded to the first boat on handicap in each division for the series.

16.4 To be eligible for the club trophies or prizes, the owner or helmsperson of the boat must be a financial member of the Mana Cruising Club and Titahi Bay Boating Club.

16.5 No Trophies are to leave the Club Rooms.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Competitors participate in series entirely at their own risk.

17.2. The Organising Authority, Race Committee, individuals appointed and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after club racing or a race series or at any other time, nor are they responsible for the sea-worthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency, or adequacy of its equipment.

18. Statement of Weather Policy

18.1. Races shall be postponed if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, the local wind speed is expected to consistently exceed 30 knots during a race, or if weather and/or sea conditions are likely to pose a risk to competitors. Decisions as to whether those conditions will be met will be at the judgement of the Race Officer whose decision shall be final.

19. Decision to Race

19.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The organizing 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.

20. Insurance

20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.