



2009

***STARLING INTER-PROVINCIAL MATCH
RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS***

16 - 18 January 2009

at Whangarei Cruising Club

**The Organising Authority is Whangarei Cruising Club
inc**

**Regatta Address:
P.O. Box 1082
Whangarei**

Sailing Instructions

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the .rules. as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 . 2012 including Appendix C (Match Racing Rules).
- 1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The Organising Authority will require all participating boats to display the event sponsors advertising in accordance with Appendix 1, Regulation 20.3.d.i.

2.0 Changes to the Racing Rules.

Appendix C4.2 is changed so that "two minutes" is changed to "one minute"

3.0 Entries and Eligibility

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Starling Class that comply with the Class Rules, have a current 'A' certificate and are sailed by a representative competitor nominated by their Regional Yachting Association.
- 3.2 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand.
- 3.3 Each competitor shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 January 2008.
- 3.4 The competitor shall be considered to have validated entry on completion of boat measurement and registration.

4.0 Communications with competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Whangarei Cruising Club (to be referred as WCC)
- 4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the WCC flagpole.
- 4.3 Skippers shall attend the first briefing, which will be held on Friday January 16 2009 at 1730 at WCC unless excused by the OA.
- 4.4 The first meeting with the umpires will follow the above briefing at WCC.
- 4.5 When a visual signal is displayed over a Class Flag it applies to that Class only.
- 4.6 The Starling Class Flag will be a red star on a white background.
- 4.7 When Flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in race signal AP. When Flag AP over Flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.
- 4.8 Boats shall check in before going afloat and check out after being afloat by reporting to the tent by the flag pole adjunct to the slipways at the Parua Bay compound. Checking in must be completed by the end of protest time.

5.0 Amendments to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the Race Committee and the Chief Umpire.
- 5.2 Flag L, if used, will be displayed ashore each day until the boats have departed for the race area.
- 5.3 Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with three sound signals. These may be communicated by an Umpire.

6.0 Boats and Sails

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Starling Class Yachts supplied by the competitors.
- 6.2 The RC may permit a substitute boat when it is satisfied that the original boat is damaged such that repairs in the time available are not practical.

7.0 Identification and assignment of boats

Boats will be identified by alphabet abbreviations supplied by the competitor, identifying the province they represent, attached to each side of the sail and display a blue flag on the port side stay or a yellow flag on the starboard side stay. Blue, yellow and Y flags will be supplied by WCC.

8.0 Event format and starting schedules

8.1 The event format and round robin match pairing lists are detailed in SI Appendix A. The draw will be made at the briefing when competitors will draw numbers in alphabetical surname order. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the pairing list.

8.2 (a) In a knock-out series between two skippers they shall alternate assigned ends for each match. Semi finals initial ends will be designated in a pairing list according to finishing positions in the round robin and the finals assigned ends shall be determined by a draw. This changes RRS C4.1.

(b) When a knock-out series between two skippers has been decided, further matches between these two shall not be sailed.

8.3 The race days are scheduled as 17th January to 18th January 2009.

8.4 The latest time for an 'attention' signal (for a flight) on the last day of racing will be 1800 hours.

8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.

8.6

(a) The RC may terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

(b) Add RRS C10.3(b) When a single round robin is terminated before completion the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitor has completed less than one third of the scheduled matches when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and if necessary the event declared void.

8.7 The intended time of the first attention signal Jan 17th day will be 1055 hours. On 18th it will be 1055

8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight. A flight may be started before all matches in the previous flight are finished.

8.9 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. No starting sequence flags will be displayed for a blank start.

8.10 When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts shall be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors will be so advised verbally by an umpire.

9.0 Racing Area

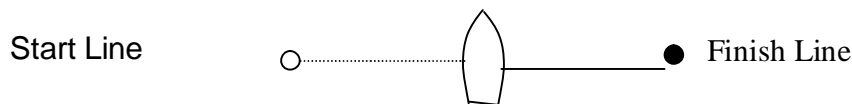
The races will be held on the waters of Parua Bay, Whangarei and harbour around it's entrance

10.0 Course

10.1 (a) Course Configuration (not to scale)

● Mark W

● Mark L



- (b) Course signals and course to be sailed.
 Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat bow at or before the warning signal.
 Marks W and L shall be rounded to Starboard

Signal	Course
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
'S'	Start - W . Finish
Marks	
Start	White Cylindrical
Finish	Small Orange Tear Drop
W	Large Yellow Cylindrical
L	Red Cylindrical

- (c) Description of Marks
 The RC boat will be identified at briefing.
 The starting line mark and Finish line mark will be the Race Committee Boat at one end and a round red buoy at the other end.
 Marks W and L will be yellow cylindrical buoys approximately 1 meter high.

10.2 Starting/Finishing Line

- (a) The starting and finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting and finishing mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat.
- (b) A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below centreboard depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat anchor line.

10.3 Abandonment and Shortening

RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: "After the starting signal the RC may abandon any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical..

11.0 Breakdown and time for repairs

11.1 Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing, whichever is later, a boat may draw the attention of an umpire to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails, or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to close to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.

11.2 The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the RC.

11.3 After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.

11.4 Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress [This changes RRS 62].

12.0 Starting procedure

Races will be started in accordance with the following schedule. This replaces Appendix C3.1

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Time in minutes	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
6	Flag F displayed	One	Attention signal
5	Flag F removed		
4	Numeral pennant displayed*	One	Warning signal
3	Flag P displayed	One	Preparatory signal
2	Blue or yellow flag or both displayed**	**One	End of pre-start entry time
0	Warning signal and Preparatory signal removed	One	Starting signal

The attention signal will only be displayed at the start of each flight. The starting signal for one match shall be the Warning signal of the next match unless the race is postponed.

*Within a flight, numeral pennant 1 means Match 1, pennant 2 means Match 2 etc.

** These signals shall be made only if one or both boats fail to comply with C4.2 as changed in SI 2 The flag(s) shall be displayed until the umpires have signalled a penalty or for one minute whichever is earlier.

The next flight number will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at or before the first Attention signal as a black numeral on a white board.

13.0 Change of position of the windward mark

13.1 Changes to the course will be made by setting a replacement mark W that will be a orange cylindrical buoy and signalled by the display of Code Flag C.

- (a) When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal shall be displayed from the RC boat with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal shall be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- (b) When a change of course is signalled after the first leg it shall be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L.

14.0 Time limit

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. [This changes RRS 35 and A5]

15.0 Support Boats

- (a) Support boats shall conspicuously display identification of the boat being supported.
- (b) Support boats must be at least 50 metres outside the course while their boat is racing.
- (c) Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Chief Umpire to the associated skipper.

16.0 Media, images and sound

17.0 Prizes

The **Caltex Trophy** will be awarded to the winner of the Starling Inter-Provincial Match Racing Championship.

18.0 Code of conduct

19.0 Safety Regulations

19.1 Boats shall check in before going afloat and check out after being afloat by reporting to the tent by the flag pole adjunct to the slipways at the Parua Bay compound. Checking in must be completed by the end of protest time.

- 19.2 Beach trailers shall have their boat number prominently displayed on them and shall be left in the designated area on Parua Bay beach while boats are afloat.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20.0 Disclaimer

A boat shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed in support and race committee boats.

21.0 Disclaimer

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.

SI APPENDIX A - EVENT FORMAT and PAIRING LIST

EVENT FORMAT

The event will consist of match racing with the following stages:

- Stage 1: Preliminary Round Robin
- Stage 2: Semi Finals
- Stage 3: Finals

1. Preliminary Round Robin

- (a) All competitors will sail a Round Robin. Each competitor sails each other competitor once.
- (b) The four highest scoring competitors shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

2. Semi Finals Knock Out Series

- (a) The competitor finishing first in the qualifying round robin shall select an opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- (b) The first competitors in each series to score at least two points will race each other in the finals to establish first and second. The remaining competitors will race each other to establish third and fourth.

3. Finals

- (a) Petit Final: The first competitor to score at least two points shall be awarded third place.
- (b) Final: The first competitor to score at least three points shall be the winner.

PAIRING LIST FOR THE ROUND ROBIN
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13 Skippers . 13 Boats P is Port end start S is Starboard end start

<i>Boat</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Bye</i>
<i>1</i>	2-9	6-12	1-13	8-10	3-11	4-7	5
<i>2</i>	3-10	4-5	7-11	6-9	1-12	8-13	2
<i>3</i>	4-12	1-9	6-13	5-7	2-3	10-11	10
<i>4</i>	2-13	4-11	6-10	9-12	1-8	3-5	7
<i>5</i>	6-11	5-10	7-9	4-13	3-12	2-8	1
<i>6</i>	7-13	5-11	2-12	3-8	1-10	4-6	9
<i>7</i>	3-13	6-8	1-11	2-10	5-9	7-12	4
<i>8</i>	5-12	2-7	4-9	1-6	8-11	10-13	3
<i>9</i>	7-10	11-13	8-9	3-6	2-5	1-4	12
<i>10</i>	8-12	2-11	5-13	1-7	4-10	3-9	6
<i>11</i>	4-8	1-5	3-7	10-12	9-13	2-6	11
<i>12</i>	9-11	12-13	2-4	5-8	6-7	1-3	10
<i>13</i>	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13

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