



STARLING NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP
17th to 23rd January 2009
at Parua Bay, Whangarei

The Organising Authority is Whangarei Cruising Club inc

Regatta Address: P.O. Box 1082 Whangarei

Important Note, on 18/1/09, 16:00 at Whangarei Cruising Club, Parua Bay compound, there will be meeting of the starling class with the objective of forming Starling Class Association – important that all people involved with starlings attend this meeting.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The Organising Authority will require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.d.i.

2.0 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the largest Marquee at Whangarei Cruising Club compound at Parua Bay.

3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be

posted by 2000 hours or the end of protest time whichever is earlier on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Whangarei Cruising Club flagpole at the Parua Bay compound.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal, AP.
- 4.3 When flag AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.

5.0 Qualifying Series and Final Series

- 5.1 The fleet will be divided into groups and will sail a qualifying-series and final-series.
- 5.2 For the qualifying-series boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow and Blue of, as nearly as possible, equal size. Initial assignments will be allocated at random. Assignments will be posted by 1800 on 18th January.
- 5.3 In the qualifying-series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made so that boats with places 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and so on will be in one group and boats with places 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and so on will be in the other group.
- 5.4 Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 5.5 If all fleets in the qualifying-series have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.
- 5.6 The qualifying series will conclude after the third racing day if 4 or more qualifying races have been completed by all qualifying fleets. If less than four races have been completed at the end of the fourth racing day the qualifying series will conclude at the end of the day in which 4 races are completed.
- 5.7 If at the end of the qualifying-series some qualifying-series fleets have more race scores than others, races of the fleet that has more races will be abandoned,

starting from the latest race sailed so that all boats in the qualifying-series have the same number of race scores

- 5.8 Boats will be assigned to final-series fleets, Gold and Silver, on the basis of their rank in the qualifying-series. The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet, etc.
- 5.9 Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- 5.10 Different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest, etc. except for a boat disqualified from a finals_series race under rule 5 or 69.
- 5.11 While racing each boat shall display a coloured ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned and attached to her mast top or to the top batten. Ribbons will be available at registration. During the finals series boats sailing in the gold fleet shall display a yellow ribbon and boats sailing in the silver fleet shall display a blue ribbon.

6.0 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is, 1105 hours on Monday 19th January 2009.
- 6.2 There are 15 races scheduled for the series:

The scheduled time of the 1st warning signal of the day for the championship races are:

Monday 19 th January	1105hrs	3 races are scheduled
Tuesday 20 th January	1105hrs	3 races are scheduled
Wednesday 21 st January	1105hrs	3 races are scheduled
Thursday 22 nd January	1105hrs	3 races are scheduled
Friday 23 rd January	1105hrs	3 races are scheduled

with prize giving

Races will be sailed back to back and additional races may be sailed each day provided that the programme does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

Prize giving will be held on Friday evening 23rd January 2009.

- 6.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed...
- 6.4 No race will start after 1630 hrs on Friday 23rd January 2009.

7.0 Class Flags

- 7.1 The Coloured flags representing the fleets will be used instead of the class flag. Yellow flag for Yellow and Gold fleets. Blue flag for Blue and Silver fleets.

8.0 Racing Areas

- 8.1 The races will be held on the waters in Parua Bay, Whangarei, or waters of harbour outside its entrance.

9.0 The Courses

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

10.0 Marks

- 10.1 The starting marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat at starboard end and a boat at the port end.

Mark 1a is a large orange conical buoy.

Mark 1 is a large yellow cylindrical. The change of course mark is a large white cylindrical buoy.

Mark 2a is a orange cylindrical buoy. The change of course mark is orange cylindrical with black band.

Mark 2 is a large black conical buoy. The change of course mark is a black cylindrical with white band.

Marks 3p, 3s are orange cylindrical buoys. The change of course marks are orange cylindrical buoys with black band.

Mark 5 is a large yellow cylindrical buoy. The change of course mark is a white cylindrical buoy.

Marks 4p, 4s are red cylindrical buoys. The change of course marks is red cylindrical buoys with black band.

NOTE Marks 1a, 2a and 3s are P class marks and have no significance to Starlings.

- 10.2 The Finish marks are an orange tear drop buoy at the port end and a Race Committee boat at the starboard end
- 10.3 A race committee boat signalling a change in course is a mark as provided in instruction 13.2.

11.0 Spare

12.0 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on boat at the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

13 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

14.0 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

15.0 Penalty System

- 15.1 Appendix P may apply for breaches of Rule 42, except that P2.3 shall be deleted and P2.2 shall be modified to read "When a boat is penalised a second or subsequent time during the regatta the penalty shall be be disqualification without a hearing. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

16.0 Time Limits and Target Times

- 16.1 The target time for the first boat to finish the course is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 16.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish the course is 90 minutes.
- 16.3 In qualifying series boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. In the final series, boats in the Gold Fleet which do not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

In the silver fleet, boats still racing but failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be given a finishing position based on their place at the last mark they rounded at which mark rounding were taken. Their score will be greater than any boat who rounded further marks or who finished. This changes rules 35 and A4.

The end of the 30 minute time limit period will be signaled to sailors still to finish by display of flag h over class flag by a delegated race management boat motoring past the remaining boats. On seeing this signal the boats should proceed to the start line, keeping clear of other boats from other fleets which are still racing.

17.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.1 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.
- 17.2 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). The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.
- 17.3 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.4 The protest time limit is 60 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. Protest time limits will be posted.
- 17.5 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Hearings will be held in the protest committee room at the Whangarei Cruising Club.

- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.7 A list of boats that, under instruction 15.1, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.8 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.
- 17.9 Breaches of instructions 1.4, 4.2, 19, 20.2, 23, and 24 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.
- 17.10 On the last day of the qualifying series or the last day of the regatta (January 23rd) a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day; (c) If no racing has taken place on that day no later than 30 minutes after signal 'AP over A' is displayed ashore.. This changes rule 66.

18.0 Scoring

- 18.1 A total number of 5 races, consisting of the qualifying races completed by each fleet and any final races completed by the Gold fleet, are required to constitute a regatta for all fleets.
- 18.2 **QUALIFYING SERIES**
 - (a) If at the end of the qualifying series some boat's have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boat's have the same number of race scores.
 - (b) If 4 or fewer races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores
 - (c) If 5 or more races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (d) When determining the qualifying boats for the gold fleet if a tie remains between two or more boats after applying rule A8.1 the tied boats will qualify for the gold fleet. This changes rule A8.2.
- 18.3 **FINAL SERIES**

- (a) A boat's series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from those qualifying races completed by all fleets and her final series races excluding her worst performances as stated in clause 18.3(b).
- (b) After one race in the final series a boat's series score shall exclude her worst score over both the qualifying and final series. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores over both the qualifying and final series of races. However, no more than one score may be excluded from the final-series.
- (c) Different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races.
- (d) For boats with scores from final-series races, ties in the regatta score are broken by final-series scores with no race score excluded. This changes rule A8.

18.4 In the regatta the boat that finishes first in the Silver Fleet will be placed after the last boats position in the gold fleet.

18.5

- (a) Rule A4.2 is changed to: "For the Qualifying Series A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than half the fleet entered in the event, rounded up. A boat penalized under rule 30.2 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c) based on half the number of boats entered in the event, rounded up."
- (b) Rule A4.2 is further changed to: For the Final Series a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the boat's fleet. A boat penalized under rule 30.2 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c) based on the number of boats in the boat's fleet.

| 18.6 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty given under instruction 17.9 will be DPI.

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 while boats are afloat.

- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20.0 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to a Judge, the Beachmaster or the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.3 Equipment and Measurement Checks. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee measurer or his deputy to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21.0 Official Boats

- 21.1 Official boats will be flying the Purple or Yellow pennants and judge boats will display a flag with a 'J' on a yellow background.

22.0 Support Boats

- 22.1 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or an abandonment of all fleets. The areas the boats are racing is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail. At times of bad weather the Race Officer may announce by radio that the restriction imposed in this sailing instruction is lifted so that support boats may more closely attend to boats in distress.
- 22.2 When the wind is less than 10 knots support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.
- 22.3 When flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats shall remain afloat and assist all sailors.
- 22.4 The Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instructions 22.1 or 22.2. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule will result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

23.0 Haul Out Restrictions

- 23.1 Unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the slipway(s) and beach at Parua Bay.

24.0 Radio Communication

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

This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25.0 Prizes

- 25.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- Cooke Trophy Leading Boat at the end of the qualifying series (Open)
 - Des Townson Trophy Winner of the National Championship (Over 19)
 - John Peet Trophy Winner of the National Championship (Under 19)
 - Kohi Cup Second Place in the National Championship (Under 19)
 - Murray's Bay Cup Third Place in the National Championship (Under 19)
 - Alan Sayer Trophy Highest Placed Female in the National Championship (Under 19)
 - Harken Trophy Youngest sailor in the top ten
 - Howick Cup Winner on Handicap of the National Championship (Open)
 - Graham Leonard Hayes Shield Most courageous effort by a competitor (Open)

26.0 Rubbish

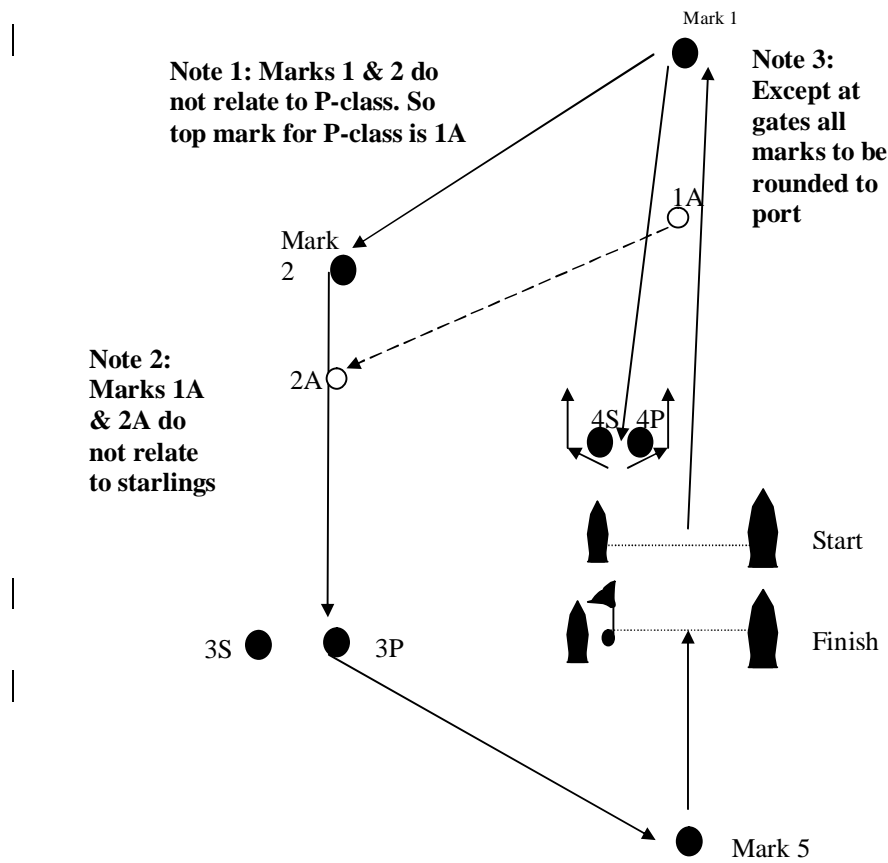
- 26.1 A boat shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed in support and race committee boats

27.0 Disclaimer of Liability

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at her own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and its agents (specifically including the personnel of the Organising Authority) together with other parties involved in the Regatta accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, injury or death which may occur to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the Regatta or otherwise..

Attachment A – Illustrating the course

Course number	
I0	Start, 1, 2, 3P, 5 finish
I1	Start, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, 5, finish
I2	Start, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, 5, finish
I3	Start, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, 5, finish



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