

LAKE TAUPO YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These sailing instructions are based on, and make reference to, the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (ISAF RRS), the New Zealand Prescriptions to these rules and the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations.

The ISAF RRS 2009/2012 with Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions, Safety Regulations and other information, are contained in the Yachting New Zealand publication 'Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing and Safety Regulations 2009-2012' (YNZ RRS) and govern all races. ISAF RRS 2013-2016 will apply from 1 January 2013. All Club members are urged to obtain copies of these publications (free download from ISAF and YNZ Websites).

Note: The wearing of personal buoyancy aids is compulsory in ALL races.

These sailing instructions are divided into three sections.

SECTION G1 – G19	General Instructions for all Divisions.
SECTION C1 – C14	Instructions for Centreboard Divisions.
SECTION KT1 - KT12	Instructions for Keeler and Trailer Yacht Divisions.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

G1-PROGRAMME

These instructions refer to the Club programme for 2013/2014 which details start and briefing times. This programme should be considered as part of the sailing instructions and may be altered by notice given according to the sailing instructions.

The sailing committee may allow some Centreboard Divisions to participate in events defined under the Keeler and Trailer Yacht programme.

G2-CONTROL

All races shall be under the control and management of the Lake Taupo Yacht Club's Sailing Committee. The Committee shall have absolute control of all events and its decision shall be queried only by a protest to the Protest Committee. The Sailing Committee shall appoint a Race Officer for every Club event. The Race Officer shall have all powers of course selection, postponement, cancellation, abandonment, recall, course shortening and other decisions relating to race control.

G3 - LIABILITY

All those taking part in Lake Taupo Yacht Club events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Lake Taupo Yacht Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Race Officer for any race has the right to refuse the participation of any yacht which, in his opinion and guided by the YNZ regulations and LTYC Committee Guidelines, is not fit for that race.

G4 - SAFETY

KT - Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V, 2.1 'The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or skipper as owners

representative, who must do his/her best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a sufficiently experienced crew who are physically fit enough to cope with the weather conditions expected'.

CB - YNZ Racing Rules of Sailing and ISAF RRS Fundamental Rule 4. 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone'.

G5-RULES

All races will be governed by:

- The International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2013/2016 (RRS).
- The Prescriptions of Yachting New Zealand, the current class rules; (except as any of these are modified by the sailing instructions and except for Trailer Yachts and Keelers),
- The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations, and
- Sailing instructions for any race or regatta.

Skippers of boats are also required to comply with the rules laid down by the Lake Taupo Navigation Safety Bylaw 2010, and the NZ Maritime Transport Act 1994 (Regarding Navigation lights).

G6 - CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Club notice board at least one hour before the warning signal of the first race in which the change applies. IC Flag **L** will be flown from the clubhouse Flagstaff for the duration of the notice.

G7 - TROPHIES

Series Scoring Points are only awarded to yachts registered with LTYC, owned and/or skippered by a financial LTYC member. Associate membership does not qualify in this regard.

To be eligible for series scoring points and trophies related to Club events as distinct from open or invitation events, the regular crew of a yacht shall all be financial members, other than Associate members, of LTYC.

A regular crew member is defined as a person who competes in more than 3 races in the Club's financial year.

Trophies, once awarded, are to remain at the Club and can only be removed from the Club with the permission of a Flag Officer.

G8 - SEASON REGISTRATION

All skippers must complete Club registration and safety declaration forms at the beginning of each season giving details of their yacht, and return it to the Sailing Committee before competing in any of the season's races. Any Yacht racing without having registered may be classed as DNS.

G9 - BOAT IDENTIFICATION

ISAF RRS Appendix G shall apply for sail numbers, and YNZ Safety Regulations 9.03 for hull identification. The Sailing Committee may approve alternative sail identification. **Yachts racing without standard size sail numbers may not be eligible to record a result**

G10 - RESCUE OPERATIONS

Once a rescue has commenced, operations become the responsibility of the skipper of the boat undertaking the rescue until that skipper agrees to hand over the responsibility to another person or authority.

G11 - DUTY BOAT

The Sailing Committee may appoint any yacht to provide duty crew to perform designated tasks. The duty boat can still race provided prior approval is given by the Race Officer and the designated tasks are performed by suitable people arranged for by the duty boat. The duty boat shall receive points as for her finishing position. If, however, the duty yacht is unable to participate due to performing such tasks, that yacht shall score points as for third place. No yacht shall be on duty more than once in any series. Duties may include Crewing on Committee Boats or Rescue Boats, and clubhouse activities (bar duties, shore duties, assistance in control tower, etc).

G12 - SIGNALS

Signals, when made ashore, will be displayed on the Clubhouse Flagstaff and, when made on the lake, flown from Committee or Patrol boats or marks.

When displayed alone, signals shall apply to all classes; when displayed over a class flag, the signal shall apply to the designated class or division only.

G13 - PROTESTS

Protests shall be made on the forms available from the Clubhouse control tower. The sail numbers of yachts involved in protests and the time that the protest will be heard shall be posted on the notice board at the expiry of the protest time or, if this is not possible, notified to skippers individually.

FOR ALL RACES WHERE THE FINISH LINE IS MANNED BY A COMMITTEE BOAT: Notice of intention to Protest must be made to, and acknowledged by, the Race Officer or a Race Official at the finish line and the completed protest lodged with the shore-based official within the protest time, which will be one hour after the last yacht finishes the final race of the day, unless otherwise stated at the briefing.

FOR ALL RACES REQUIRING A DECLARATION OF FINISH TIME: Notice of Intention to Protest must be made in writing and placed with the finishing declaration in the Club declaration box within one hour of finishing or withdrawing from the race. The full protest form shall be delivered, or mailed, to the Sailing Committee within the next 24 hours.

FOR RACES WHERE THE FINISH IS AT THE CLUBHOUSE FINISH LINE: Protest must be lodged with the shore based official within the protest time, which will normally be one hour after the last yacht finishes the final race of the day.

G14 – ABANDONMENT or POSTPONEMENT

Any race may be abandoned, re-sailed or cancelled, where the Race Officer considers the conditions set out in RRS 32 apply, or when a major wind shift occurs before the leading yacht completes the first leg of the race. The Race Officer shall be the sole judge of conditions qualifying for such abandonment.

Postponement signalled from the clubhouse shall be Code Flag 'AP', answering pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered). Flags will be flown from the club Flagstaff. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 30 minutes after 'AP' is lowered.

The following signals will be displayed from the committee boat:

(a) Postponement before the start:

Flag AP – raise, 2 sound signals; lower, 1 sound signal. A warning signal 5 minutes before the next start will be signalled 1 minute after flag AP lowered.

(b) Race abandoned after start for re-sail:

Flag N – raise, 3 sound signals; lower, 1 sound signal. A warning signal 5 minutes before the next start will be signaled 1 minute after flag N is lowered.

G15 - START TIMES

Start times for all races will be as listed in the official Club Programme unless altered by official notice on the Club notice board or at Race Briefing.

Division starts will usually be made at 5 minute intervals and may be in any order. Some divisions may be grouped together in one start. (Watch for Class flags).

G16 - THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS26 (5 minute countdown), as follows, unless stated otherwise at the briefing (Wednesday centreboard starts will use a 3 minute countdown):

Times will be taken from the visual signals: The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

The starts will usually be at 5 minute intervals but the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

A bell will be sounded 1 minute before the start of each class.

Time	Signal	Sound	Visual
-5 min	Warning	1 Sound signal	Class Flag Hoisted
-4 min	Preparatory (Black) Hoisted	1 Sound Signal	Preparatory Flag (P, I, Z or Black)
-1 min	Preparatory Condition applies (Black) Lowered	Bell	Preparatory Flag (P, I, Z or Black)
0 min	Start	1 Sound Signal	Class Flag Lowered

The start line will be between a white staff carrying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat (at the starboard end), and the windward edge of the start mark (at the port end).

Yachts shall keep clear of the start line until their warning signal is made. Yachts shall also keep clear of the windward side of the Committee boat while the course is being laid. Repeated offences after warning may lead to action by the Sailing Committee.

Centreboard Wednesday Night Races Start Sequence

Time	Signal	Sound	Visual
-3 min	Warning	1 Sound signal	Class Flag Hoisted
-2 min	Preparatory Black) Hoisted	1 Sound Signal	Preparatory Flag (P, I, Z or
-1 min	P applies	Bell	P Flag Lowered
0 min	Start	1 Sound Signal	Class Flag Lowered

G17 - RECALLS (RRS 29)

Individual recalls: 1 sound signal and flag **X** displayed from the committee boat for a maximum of 4 minutes. See RRS 29.1 for specifics.

General recalls: 2 sound signals and flag "first substitute" displayed from the committee boat. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled race shall be made 1 minute after the 1st substitute is removed (1 sound), and starts for any succeeding race shall follow the re-start. See RRS 29.2

G18 - BACK TO BACK STARTS

IC Flag **AP** displayed from the Committee Boat on Station at the finish line of any race means the start of the next race will follow the completion of the race in progress and all yachts should remain on the water (clear of yachts still racing) and under the control of the Committee Boat. The warning signal for the next race will be given 1 minute after AP down (1 sound).

G19 - KEEP CLEAR OF THE COURSE

Yachts not racing must keep clear of the Finish Line and away from yachts racing.