



## **2021 Murrays Bay Windfoil Champs.**

**22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

The Organising Authority is the Murrays Bay Sailing Club.

### **Sailing Instructions**

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protests by a board.  
**This changes WCR 60.1**

#### **1.0 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 [DP][NP] The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply. All crew shall wear buoyancy vests, impact vests, or lifejackets in good repair properly secured about their persons and complying with YNZ minimum standard SR Appendix 4 (YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing), at all times while afloat.
- 1.3 [DP][NP] A suitable protective helmet must be worn at all times while afloat.
- 1.4 [DP][NP] During long distance races some or all sailors may be asked to carry a flare, and may also be asked to carry a tracking device and/or application associated with the sailor's mobile phone.
- 1.5 Equipment must comply with the rules set out in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken an informal mediation may be offered prior to any formal hearing.

- 1.7 If there is conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the regatta, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**
- 1.8 This regatta comprises one event in the YNZ Windfoil Team selection trials.

## **2.0 Notice to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse.

## **3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than 20.00hrs on the day before.

## **4.0 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club 'race flagpole'.
- 4.2 [DP][NP] Flag D with one sound means - the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boards are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

## **5.0 Schedule of Regatta**

Date			
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2021	Day 1		Registration 1000 to 1100
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2021	Day 1	Briefing 1100	First possible warning signal 1230
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Day 2	Briefing 1100	First possible warning signal 1230

- 5.1 Should conditions favor an early start, a new scheduled start time may be posted by 20.00hrs the day before.
- 5.2 There will be a daily skippers meeting 90 minutes before the first possible warning signal.
- 5.3 There shall be a maximum of 6 Classic Course Races on any day. Races in other formats may be held in addition to the Classic Course Racing.
- 5.4 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made. No sound will be made when the flag is lowered.
- 5.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16.30hrs.
- 5.6 The prize giving will be held as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of racing.

## 6.0 Format of Racing

- 6.1 Racing may be multi-format, including some or all of the following: Windward Leeward course racing, Reaching/Downwind Sprints, Long Distance. Or other courses described at the daily briefing.
- 6.2 Not every format needs to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 6.3 3 races are required to constitute a valid result for the regatta.
- 6.4 The Organising Authority reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any long distance race format, and/or to restrict any long distance race fleet based on seeding and/or according to skill level.

## 7.0 Equipment and Measurement [DP][NP]

- 7.1 Foils can be composite, or metal, or a combination of both.
- 7.2 All foil boards must not exceed 100.5 cm width. Tolerances subject to Measurers discretion. All existing Formula boards are grandfathered in.
- 7.3 Only one board may be used during the regatta.
- 7.4 A maximum of 3 sails are allowed – not exceeding 10 sqm.
- 7.5 A maximum of 2 foil masts are allowed – not exceeding a depth of 115cm below the underside of the hull.
- 7.6 A maximum of 2 fuselage are allowed – total length of the foil from the leading edge of the front wing to the trailing edge of the back wing not exceeding 120 cm.
- 7.7 A maximum of 2 sets of foil wings are allowed (2 x front, 2 x back) – not exceeding a width of 100cm.
- 7.8 Any board or equipment may be checked for compliance with these Sailing Instructions at any time.
- 7.9 A competitor may replace equipment that is damaged and beyond immediate repair, and thereafter get permission from the Race Officer as soon as reasonably possible.

## 8.0 Divisions and Class Flags

- 8.1 There will be 2 scoring divisions: Gold and Silver Fleets.
- 8.2 Men, Women, Youth, and Masters in each Division will all race together in one start.
- 8.3 Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet may race together.
- 8.4 **Gold Fleet:**
  - Full Race Foil Setup
- 8.5 **Silver Fleet**
  - Intermediate level racers
- 8.6 Class flags will be:

- Gold Fleet – RED FLAG with WHITE 'F'



- Silver Fleet – BLUE FLAG with WHITE 'F'



## 9.0 Racing Area

- 9.1 The Race Area will be on the waters off Murrays Bay

## **10.0 Courses**

- 10.1 The Race Committee will determine the race format and the courses at their discretion. Courses will be described at the daily briefing.
- 10.2 If more than one race format and/or if more than one course option is prescribed for the day's racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the Race Committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board or flag.
- 10.3 Any races started from the beach will be described at the daily briefing.

## **11.0 Marks**

- 11.1 The starting marks, finishing marks, and marks on the course will be described at the daily briefing.

## **12.0 The Start**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 The following shortened start sequence will be used:
  - 3 minutes – Warning Signal - Class Flag(s) displayed.
  - 2 minutes – Preparatory Signal Flag P, + I, U, Z, and/or R (if any)
  - 1 minute – Preparatory Flag removed
  - Starting Signal – Class Flag(s) removed
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- 12.3 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

## **13.0 Change of Course**

- 13.1 There will be no change of course, except as described at the daily briefing.

## **14.0 The Finish**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at one end and the orange buoy at the other end.

## **15.0 Target Times and Time Limits [NP]**

- 15.1 The target time for the Classic Course Racing is 15-20 minutes. Competitors failing to finish within 10 minutes, after the first competitor in the Gold Fleet sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing:
- 15.2 If no board has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes the race will be abandoned. If no board has crossed the finish line within 25 minutes the race will be abandoned. Courses shorter than 15 minutes may be run at the Race Officers discretion.
- 15.3 Silver Fleet will sail 1 or 2 laps of any designated Classic Course Race and may have an intermediate top mark. The course is open for 10 minutes after the first Gold Fleet sailor finishes the course. If the Silver Fleet race separately from Gold Fleet then the course will

remain open for 10 minutes after the first Silver Fleet sailor finishes the course

- 15.4 The target time for the Long Distance Race is will be advised at the daily briefing.

## **16.0 Penalty System**

- 16.1 If an infringement is acknowledged by a competitor, they shall complete a penalty turn as soon as possible clear of any other competitor. Penalty turn if the competitor is heading upwind shall be one Gybe. Penalty turn if the competitor is heading downwind shall be one Tack.

## **17.0 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 17.1 Please note clauses 1.6, 17.2, and the 'Scoring Penalty' system being offered.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 [DP][NP] Boards retiring from racing after finishing shall notify the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.
- 17.4 [DP][NP] Boards taking a voluntary One-Turn penalty, or a 'Scoring Penalty' shall notify the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.
- 17.5 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.6 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 room, located in the clubhouse. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 17.7 Breaches of rules in the Sailing Instructions marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a board. **This changes RRS 60.1(a)**. Penalties for breaches marked [DP] are at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

## **18.0 Scoring**

- 18.1 3 races are required to constitute a valid result for the regatta.
- 18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a board's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When from 4 to 10 races have been completed, a board's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (This may include one of the 2 separate race scores for the distance race if sailed)
- 18.4 When 11 or more races have been completed, a board's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. (This may include one or both of the 2 separate race scores for the distance race if sailed)
- 18.5 Long distance race will be scored as duplicate points. That is, 2 separate race scores will be recorded in the results.
- 18.6 Course Race – 1 point per finishing position.

## **19.0 Safety [DP][NP]**

- 19.1 Competitors will be required to sign on and off in the clubhouse before and after sailing.
- 19.2 Boards not leaving shore for the day's races shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 A board that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **20.0 Official Boats**

- 20.1 Official boats will be as described at the briefing.

## **21.0 Radio Communications**

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **22.0 Awards**

- 22.1 The Organising Authority will recognize:
  - First 3 positions in the Gold Fleet
  - First 3 positions in the Silver Fleet
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Female
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Youth: aged 20 years or younger as of 15 March 2019
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Master: aged 45 years or older as of 15 March 2019

## **23.0 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## **24.0 Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment**

- 24.1 By entering the regatta, competitors automatically grant Yachting New Zealand, and the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them or their equipment, taken during the period of the regatta, for the said regatta as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.
- 24.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

