

	<h1>Sailing Instructions</h1>
	<h2><u>Whanganui Regatta 2025 15th &amp; 16th March</u></h2>
	The Organizing Authority is the WHANGANUI SAILING CLUB INC
	<b>1.0 RULES</b>
	1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of sailing
	1.2 The YNZ safety Regulations are deemed to be part of the Sailing Instructions
	1.3 In an event, race or series of races that class ratings or handicaps are applied to determine final results the onus is on participants to ensure that the boat they have entered complies with class rules for that type of boat.
	<b>2.0 Notices to Competitors</b>
	2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted-on the official notice board in the club house
	<b>3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions</b>
	3.1 Any changes to the sailing Instructions will be posted at least 55 minutes prior to the warning signal of the race it will effect,except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.
	<b>4.0 Life Jackets</b>
	4.1 All crew members shall wear life-jackets or other personal buoyancy. Wetsuits & dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40.
	<b>5.0 Schedule of Races</b>
	5.1 Briefing: The briefing will be held on Saturday at 08.30 in the club rooms 15th march
	5.2 Sat 15th March :The first warning signal shall be made not before 10:10.Three races back to back.
	Sunday 16th March:The first warning signal shall be made not before 10.40. Three back to back.
	5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon,an red flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed.
	5.5 When more than one race(or sequence of races)will be held on the same day the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
	5.6 On Sunday 16th March no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours
	5.7 Prize giving will follow after racing on Sunday 16th March.
	<b>6.0 Class Flags</b>
	6.1 Class flags will be the number pennant corresponding to the order of start for each day and will be displayed on the coarse board
	<b>7.0 Signing on</b>
	7.1 All skippers must sign on prior to the start of the first race each day.The sign on sheets will be placed in the club house near the coarse board. And must sign off at end of day.
	7.2 Skippers not intending to start a subsequent race on the day ,or skippers who retire from a race shall notify the race committee in the start box.
	<b>8.0 Racing area</b>
	8.1 All courses will be sailed on the lower reaches of the Whanganui River
	<b>9.0 The courses</b>

9.1	The courses will be illustrated at least 30 minutes before each race on the course board races to be sailed back to back will be indicated on the course board.
<b>10.0 Marks</b>	
10.1	All course marks will be orange buoys
10.4	A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.
<b>11.0 The Start</b>	
11.1	The starting line will be between an White staff or flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and an yellow buoy at the port end.
11.2	The order of start will be designated by the numeral pennant for that class at the warning signal.
11.3	A boat starting more than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DID NOT START without a hearing , This changes rule A4
<b>12.0 Shortened Course</b>	
12.1	The flying of code flag S on or near a rounding mark, means the race has been shortened. Boats shall round this mark finishing between the mark and the race committie boat flying the flag
12.2	The flying of a class flag(s) with code flag S means instruction 12.1 only applies to that /those classes
<b>13.0 The Finish</b>	
13.1	The finishing line will be between an white staff or flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and an yellow buoy at the port end.
13.2	
13.3	Yachts must not recross the finishing line in the direction of the course after finishing and clearing the finish line.
<b>14.0 Time Limits</b>	
14.1	For all classes, the time limit will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
14.2	Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes will be scored DID NOT FINISH This changes rules 35 and A4.
<b>15.0 Protests and Requests for Redress</b>	
15.1	Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
15.2	For each class the protest time limit is 30 minutes.The protests time shall start at the end of the days racing and shall be signalled by the flying of code flag B from the club house.The same protest time applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2
15.3	Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the date and time of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
15.4	The protest committee may award a time penalty at any protest hearing in place of disqualification.
<b>16.0 Scoring</b>	
16.1	The low point scoring system of appendix A shall apply
16.2	One race will constitute a series
16.3	If six or more races are sailed one race will be dropped
<b>17.0 Disclaimer of Liability</b>	
17.1	Competitors participate in any event 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 any event.