



**THE CHRISTCHURCH MODEL YACHT CLUB INC.**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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1. Races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by appendix E (*Radio-controlled boat racing rules*), and these Sailing Instructions.
  2. Club Racing shall be controlled by the Race Officer, and their assistant(s) as required.
  3. Changes to Racing Rules:  
First sentence of Rule E3.3 Control and Launching Area is changed to:  
The control and launching area(s) may be defined by the Race Officer at their discretion.
  4. Entering a Race:  
Skippers shall complete the Race Entry Sheet. Boats failing to enter will not be scored.
  5. Changes to Sailing Instructions:  
Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be described at the briefing.
  6. Schedule of Races:  
Racing should not normally continue after 4pm but the Race Officer may decide to complete racing for the day by exceeding the approved time.  
A Race target shall consist of 7 heats. The minimum shall be 5 heats, and the maximum shall be 11 heats. Should it not be possible to complete 5 heats then the additional heats needed may be sailed at a later date and venue as determined by the Sailing Master.
  7. Courses, Starting and Finishing Lines:  
These shall be described by the Race Officer at the briefing.
  8. Handicap or Rating System:  
The Sailing Master shall issue the Race Officer with a list of A and B fleets. All heats for the day shall be sailed under these rankings. The Sailing Master shall review the rankings after each event.
  9. Scoring System:
    - a. The Low Point System in Appendix A, may be modified for handicapping.
    - b. A Race where fewer than 7 heats are completed no score will be excluded.  
After 7 and less than 11 completed heats, there shall be one excluded score.  
If 11 heats are completed there shall be two excluded scores.
    - c. Where an Event is held over 2 days, 12 heats shall be scored.  
Where an Event is held over 3 days, 18 heats shall be scored.
  10. Acknowledgement of a Penalty:  
When a boat is protested for allegedly breaking a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 (*touching a mark*), the protestee shall either:
    - a. Acknowledge a penalty is to be taken, or
    - b. If they believe no rule has been broken, inform the protestor no penalty will be taken.

On completion of a penalty both the protestee and the protestor shall acknowledge the fact.
  11. Substitution of Competitors:  
Any boat intending to change skippers shall notify the Race Officer, and shall be scored DNE for that heat. This score is not excludable.
  12. Finishing:
    - a. Boats finishing must call their number when crossing the finish line.
    - b. Boats that have finished, must keep clear of the finish area and all boats still racing.
    - c. Boats that have finished and re-cross the finish line from the course side will be re-scored in that position.

13. Arbitration:

Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, 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.