

CENTREBOARD GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2026/2027

Organising Authority: Bucklands Beach Yacht Club Inc.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 All BBYC regattas/series/races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3 Rule(s) of respective classes while racing as a class will apply.
- 1.4 A boat shall not discharge rubbish into the water.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Junior Sailing Centre BBYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change made to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs on the day it will effect and will be available from BBYC Race Officer before the Warning Signal, expect that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the notice board at the Junior Sailing Centre BBYC Clubhouse / the beach by 1700 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any changes made on the water to the Sailing Instructions will be given verbally to each boat by an Official Race Committee Vessel.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Junior Sailing Centre BBYC Clubhouse/beach.
- 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 a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.
- 4.4 In the event of a decision to abandon a race, (minimum of 60 minutes prior to the start), flag N over A will be displayed on the flagstaff at the Junior Sailing Centre BBYC Clubhouse / the beach and a notice posted on the BBYC Junior Sailing Centre centreboard notice board.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 5.1 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class or fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to Sailing Instructions S3.
- 5.2 The Warning signals for a subsequent race for a class on the same day will be made as soon as practicable but not sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race for that class.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting flag(s) will be displayed, with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 The race Committee may schedule a rest period between back-to-back races.
- 5.5 Unless otherwise noted in the Notice of Race, on any day of a regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
- 5.6 Number of races per day is at the discretion of the Race Officer (3-4 races per day are scheduled).
- 5.7 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each race day is as per the centreboard programme or by Whats App, or if a regatta, in the Notice of Race.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

6.1 Optimist Green Fleet – Green Flag with white class insignia.

6.2 Starling Green Fleet – Green Flag with red insignia.

6.3 All other Classes will use their class insignia on a plain background where possible.

7. RACING AREAS

Racing areas shall be in or out of the Tamaki River

8. THE COURSES:

8.1 The courses will be either Triangle or Windward/Leeward Courses, as shown in illustration 1 & 2.

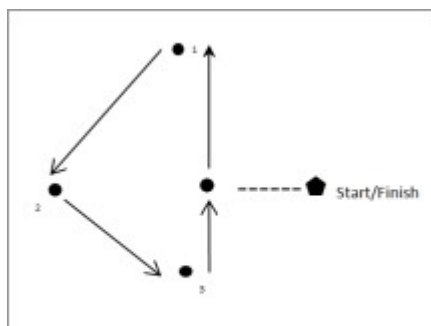


Illustration 1

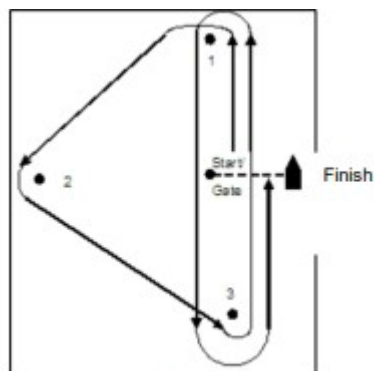


Illustration 2

8.2 Optimist Green

Course 1 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 Finish (Illustration 1)

Course 2 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 Finish (Illustration 2) (extra Triangle)

9. MARKS:

9.1 Triangle & Windward/Leeward Course

Marks 1,2,3 will be orange/red circular buoys.

The Start and Finish port end marks will be small spherical orange buoys or flags.

New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be as described above.

10. THE START:

10.1 Races will be started by using rule RRS 26 with the waring signal given '3' minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The start line will be between the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the last starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

This changes rule RRS A4.1.

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK:

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule RRS 28.1.

12. THE FINISH:

The finish line shall be between the staff displaying a blue Flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule RRS 31.2, or under rule RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office before the protest time limit.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES:

- 14.1 The time limits and target times in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Target Time
Opti Green	60 mins	30 mins
Opti Open	60 mins	30 mins
P Class & O'pen Skiff	60 mins	30 mins
Starling & RS Feva	60 mins	30 mins

If no boat has finished by the time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule RRS 62.1(a).

- 14.2 For all fleets boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in its fleet sails the course and finishes may apply to be scored SRS, "Still Racing Score". The changes RRSs 35, Time Limit and Scores, and A4, Low Point System and A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee. The end of the 20-minute time limit will be indicated by the removal of the appropriate fleet flag with one sound on the Race Committee vessel at the finish line.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 15.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to requirements of rule RRS 61.1 (a), inform the race committee boat at the finishing line of her intention to protest and identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee vessel. This changes rule RRS61.
- 15.2 Protest Forms are available from the foyer of the Junior Sailing Centre. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time.
- 15.3 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in its fleet has finished the last race of the day. Protest time limits will be posted.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. The notice will include the order and location of hearing.

16. SCORING:

- 16.1 The Low points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A & A9 will apply.
- 16.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - a. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b. When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

If the number of races required to complete the series have not been sailed, for any reason, the Race Committee may declare that the number of races which have been sailed and completed are sufficient.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:

A boat that retires from a race **MUST** notify the Race Committee Vessel as soon as practical.

18. RACE RESULTS:

Provisional results of races will be posted on the BBYC Notice Board as soon as practicable after each race and on the Club webpage: <https://www.bbyc.org.nz/centreboard>.

Results cannot be finalised until protests have been heard and the results ratified.

19. PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVINGS:

Prizegiving: Sunday 9th May 2026.

20. DISCLAIMER OR LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the series 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 series.