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**Sunset Spring Sprint
Series Notice of Race (NOR)**

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in ***the Racing Rules of Sailing***.
- 1.2 The RRS part II will be replaced with right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea (IRPCAS) between sunset and sunrise.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply as follows:
 - a) Part I applies to ballasted yachts and sailboards not complying with Parts II – V
 - b) Part II Category 5 shall apply for keel boats (excl Young 88) and multihulls,
 - c) Part II Category 4 shall apply for Young 88 boats,
 - d) Part III Category B shall apply for trailer yachts and sports trailer yachts,
 - e) Part IV Category B shall apply for sports boats,
 - f) Part V shall apply for sport multihulls and foiling yachts.Refer - www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations
- 1.4 RRS 42.3 (i) Propulsion, the use of an engine is permitted to avoid a collision with another vessel or object, or to prevent or get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, or to prevent a vessel from entering a prohibited area; provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 1.5 Boats shall be nominated with “Non-Moveable Ballast” or with “A Canting Keel” or “Water Ballast Tanks.” Lifting keels shall be locked in the down position and may not be moved whilst racing.
 - a) A boat nominated with non-moveable ballast, or a lifting keel shall comply with RRS 51, Moveable Ballast,
 - b) Boats with moveable or variable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to adjust trim or stability. This changes RRS 51, Moveable Ballast,
 - c) Boats with moveable or variable ballast shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations – Appendix A
[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSRAAppendixAMoveableandVariableBallast-\[26964\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSRAAppendixAMoveableandVariableBallast-[26964].pdf)
 - d) Boats with moveable or variable ballast shall comply with Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Clause 6.
- 1.6 RRS 52, Manual Power Shall Not Apply.
- 1.7 For boats sailing in non-spinnaker divisions or events, no spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.
- 1.8 Appendix T, arbitration will apply unless stated differently in the SSI's.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between the NOR, SI's and SSI's the SSI's will take precedence.



1.10 **Large Vessel Moving Prohibited Zones:**

At all times boats shall comply with the Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 Part 2, Subpart 10, clause 54 – “Moving Prohibited Zone” as described below. Moving Prohibited Zones are designated as Obstructions for the purposes of the RRS Definitions and RRS 19 and 20.

Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 – Part 2, Subpart 10 – **54 - Vessels Must Not Impede a Large Vessel In A Pilotage Area,**

1. The person in charge of a vessel under 500 gross tonnage in a pilotage area must not allow that vessel to impede the navigation of any vessel of 500 gross tonnage or more.
2. The person in charge of a vessel must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited zone of a large vessel that is in a pilotage area.
3. A moving prohibited zone is an area of navigable water around a large vessel that – a. extends 100 metres to each side or the width of the marked channel, whichever is the lessor distance; and b. continues at the width in (a) to 100 metres astern and 500 metres ahead of the vessel; and c. follows the line of the marked or buoyed channel when changing course.
4. However, (2) does not apply to the pilotage area within the Tamaki River.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be posted no less than 24 hours before the event.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at the BBYC website www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions , BBYC Racing WhatsApp Group and the Summerset Sprint Sprints WhatsApp group



Scan this QR code using WhatsApp camera to join group.

- 3.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI's) will be posted online on the BBYC website at www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions
- 3.3 Any change to the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect unless this time is changed in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.



4 VHF COMMUNICATION:

4.1(DP) All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 16 and 4.

(a) Channel 16 must be used in an emergency. In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.

(b) Channel 4 is to be used for race event communication. The Failure to receive a radio message from the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4.2 (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee at the first reasonable opportunity either via VHF, telephone to the event co-ordinator.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

5.1 These series are open events and accordingly are open to members of any YNZ affiliated yacht club.

5.2 Classes are defined as follows.

Division	Flag Colour
A Division (Open)*	White
B Division (Small Boat)*	Green
C Restricted*	Yellow
D Farr 1020 *	Blue
E Young 88 *	Pink

* Division requires a minimum of 5 paid entries by series closing date.

5.3 Divisions are subject to Handicap Committee approval.

5.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry at www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions
Entry fees are non-refundable.

5.5 The Organizing Authority or the Race Officer reserves the right to refuse any entry, and this right is at their sole discretion.

5.6 To be considered a valid series entry in an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees at least **2 calendar days** before the first race of the required series.

5.7 To be considered a valid individual race day entry in an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees at least **24 hours** before the race.

5.8 Late series entries may be accepted after payment of late fees a normal entry fee.



6 FEES:

6.1 Entry fees including GST are:

	Number of race days	BBYC Member	Non BBYC Member	Series closing date
Series	3	\$100	\$150	1/10/2026
Individual Race Day	1	\$40	\$50	48hrs before race day

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION:

(DP) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

8 SCHEDULE:

8.1 Bucklands Beach Sprint Series.

Date	2026	# of races
Race Day 1	4 October	5
Race Day 2	8 November	5
Race Day 3	6 December	5

(a) The scheduled first warning signal will be at 1100hrs.

(b) Subsequent division will follow at 5 minutes intervals.

9 THE COURSE

Courses will be **LA3** as prescribed in RRS 2025 – 2028 Appendix S. Standard Sailing Instructions.

10 MARKS

10.1 **Windward Leeward course.**

Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable triangular buoy

Mark 1a will be a red or orange teardrop buoy

Mark 2s and 2p will be yellow inflatable triangular buoys

10.3 **Start and Finish** marks will be red inflatable round buoy

10.4 **New mark** will be a yellow inflatable triangular buoy

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal, unless changed by the event SSI's.

11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag and Red cylindrical inflatable buoy.



- 11.3 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 50m from the starting line in all directions.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 4. Failure to make a broadcast, failure of her to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.4 (a) (1).
- 11.5 **General Recalls:** In the event of a General Recall then the warning signal for the recalled division will be made with the starting signal for the last scheduled start. If more than one division is recalled, the recalled divisions will start at 5-minute intervals in the same sequence in which they were recalled. The "First Substitute" will be lowered at the same time as the preparatory signal is lowered 1 minute before the start of the next division. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 11.6 Unless stated differently in the SSI's, boats failing to start within 4 minutes of their starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 **Windward Leeward Courses:** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. A description of the new mark will be in the SSI's. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 When Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33(c).
- 12.3 A Change of Course will be signalled by the display of flag 'C' only with repetitive sounds. This changes RRS 33(a) and RRS 33(b).

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark being a Red cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 13.2 Unless changed by the event SSI's.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is hereby changed to read, A boat may take a one turn penalty when she has broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing, unless changed by the SSI's.

15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from [Protest Form.pdf](#)
- 15.2 Appendix S 13.2 is hereby changed to read, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 15.3 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to the hearing and may be held by teleconference (eg. Zoom).



16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The SSI's will state which of the following time limits, if any will apply and, for each, the time limit.
- Mark 1 Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
 - Race Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.
 - Finishing Window Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat, sails the course and finishes.

Race Series	Finish	Finish window
W/L Sprints	40 mins	15 mins

- 16.2 Unless stated in the event SSI's there is no Mark 1 Time Limit.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

17 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

18 VENUE:

The racing will be held in the area Waitemata Harbour and the inner Hauraki Gulf.

19 SCORING:

- 19.1 Only series entrants will be eligible for series scores. Casual race entrants are eligible for daily race prizes but will not be included in series race scores. This changes RRS A2.2.
- 19.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3 For all divisions,
- (a) When from 1 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 9 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her (2) two worst scores.
- 19.4 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.
- 19.5 RRS A5.3 applies.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

- 20.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 20.2 All those who take part in this event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).



21 RISK STATEMENT:

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

All those taking part in BBYC races or any other sailing events controlled by the BBYC, as between the BBYC and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the BBYC and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The BBYC and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The BBYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.

23 INSURANCE:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **\$10,000,000** per incident or the equivalent. By entering the event the owner hereby agrees that they comply.

24 PRIZES:

- 24.1 Prizes will be presented for first on handicap in each division and a crew draw in the BBYC clubrooms at after racing on the day of racing.
- 24.2 A line honour prizes will be presented for any class with 5 or more boats racing on the day. Prizes to be collected on the day in the BBYC clubrooms on the day of racing.
- 24.3 Trophies will be present to each division winner and plaques will be awarded to first, second and third places and Class Line Honours at the Annual Keeler Prize giving in September 2027.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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