



**Bay of Islands
Yacht Club Inc.**

**2023 Northland O'pen Cup
23-25 September 2023**



**The Organising Authority is *Bay Of Islands Yacht Club*
*Venue-Kai Iwi Lakes Pine Beach***

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 See NoR 1.
- 1.2 Further to NoR 1.5, the "O'pen BIC Class on the Water Umpiring Rules" detailed in Attachment 3 shall apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located inside the Bay Of Islands Yacht Club Marquee

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Bay Of Islands Yacht Club marquee.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES/CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 On-Site Registration & Charter Boat Allocation and Collection insert day/date

- 5.2 Equipment inspection: No Equipment inspections will take place

- 5.3 **Dates of racing:** 24-25 September

Date	Time	Event
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Day 1 Sat23	1200	Arrival
	1300-1600	Pre-regatta coaching clinic (Gold/Silver & Development)
	1700	Welcome Drinks (provided)
Day 2	0800 – 1000	Registration
	1000	Welcome, Introductions & Briefing
	1100 – 1230	On Water Session 1 (Points Racing)
	1230 – 1330	Lunch ashore and Competitor Bonding
	1330 – 1500	On Water Session 2 (Points Racing)
	1700	Dinner: Sailors free, family members \$5 each
Day 3	1000	Briefing
	1030 – 1230	On Water Session 3 (Points Racing)
	1230 – 1330	Lunch Ashore and Competitor Bonding
	1330 – 1500	On Water Session 4 (Points Racing)
		Prizegiving held as soon as possible after racing

5.4 FLEETS

- (a) The NZOSA regattas have provision for up to three fleets (Bronze, Silver and Gold) depending on entry numbers. Where the entry number are less than 40, Gold and Silver will start together. For in excess of 40 entries, **Gold, Silver and Bronze** fleets will start in their own Fleet.
- (b) Competitors shall nominate which fleet they want to sail in. The organising authority will then set the fleets to ensure sailors are in a fleet of equal ability
- (c) The **Gold** fleet will be made up of the more experienced sailors that have raced at least five events before. The **Silver** fleet will be made up of sailors who have raced in less than five events and will have a similar, but shortened, course with coaching assistance throughout racing. The **Bronze fleet** will be made up of those sailors new to racing and less experienced than the Silver Fleet.
- (d) A competitor cannot change fleets unless approved by both the Organising Authority and Race Committee

5.5 FLEET FLAGS

<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Gold	White flag with O'pen Skiff insignia

Silver	Pink flag with O'pen Skiff insignia
Bronze	White flag with O'pen Skiff insignia

5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6 RACING AREAS

Attachment 1 shows the location of racing areas.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All short courses and any long race sailed are point's races, with any long race scoring half points. (see scoring SI 14).

7.2 **Adventure and Combined Races.** These events may be included but are not limited to an adventure race and other non-scoring races that may involve two-up (two person) sailing. THESE RACES DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE OVERALL POINT SCORE, but there may be spot prizes awarded courtesy of our sponsors. These races will also be made up of both the Gold Silver and Bronze Fleets Sailing together.

8 MARKS

8.1 Marks are Yellow cylindrical marks

8.2 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 10.2.

9 STARTS

9.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least **one** (1) minute before the first warning signal for the first race of the day is made.

9.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made Three (3) minutes before the starting signal.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	Preparatory flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting signal

9.3 The starting line will be between BOIYC blue VSR RIB and a pink teardrop bouy.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28. The Boat signalling the change will be displaying Code Flag “C” and making many sound signals.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between BOIYC blue VSR RIB and a pink tear drop bouy.

12 PENALTY SYSTEMS

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all Penalties except any Penalty signalled by an umpire, which shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

12.2 Appendix P will apply [as changed by SI(s) [12.1] [and] [12.3]] [and] [12.4].

12.3 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

12.4 If a boat is penalised under Appendix P2 after she has finished, she shall be given a scoring penalty of 10% without a hearing although her score will not be worse than the score for a DSQ.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>FLEET</i>	<i>TARGET TIME</i>	<i>FINISH WINDOW</i>	<i>TIME LIMIT</i>
<i>GOLD</i>	<i>20 MINS</i>	<i>10 MINS</i>	<i>40 MINS</i>
<i>SILVER</i>	<i>20 MINS</i>	<i>10 MINS</i>	<i>40 MINS</i>
<i>BRONZE</i>	<i>20 MINS</i>	<i>10 MINS</i>	<i>30 MINS</i>

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their recorded position at the last turning mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

14 SCORING

14.1 THREE (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 Number of races excluded from the series score (drops)

- a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14.3 Any Long Race shall be scored as half points.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.

15.2 A boat retiring from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore. [DP]

16 EVENT ADVERTISING

Further to NoR 2.1, boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority

17 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified at the first briefing

18 SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 Coach and support boats shall be deemed to be “Event Support Boats” and may enter the course area for the purpose of coaching and support. Such boats shall have a working VHF in order to follow any instructions of the Race Officer or Race Management personnel. Consideration must be given to not leaving wakes for yachts to sail through and disturbing the wind near marks.

18.2 Attention is drawn the relevant local council bylaws regarding wearing of lifejackets and other restrictions.

18.3 When flag V (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Special Awards:	Gold, Silver and Development (In recognition of qualities such as sportsmanship, perseverance, assistance to others, positive attitude, improvement)
Gold Fleet:	1st, 2nd and 3rd + 1st Girl
Silver Fleet (if sailed):	1st, 2nd and 3rd + 1st Girl
Bronze Fleet (if sailed):	1st, 2nd and 3rd + 1st Girl

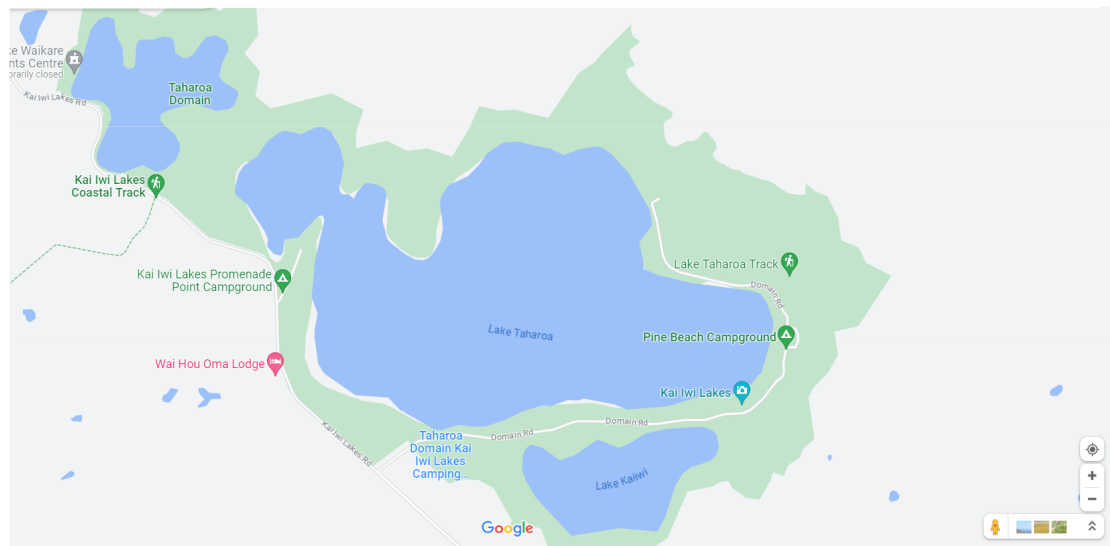
20 INSURANCE

See NoR 13.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1** All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 21.2** The OA (Organising Authority), Sponsors, New Zealand International O'pen BIC Class Association and the Race Committee are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 21.3 Risk Warning:** The OA advises competitors, legal guardians and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event conducted by the OA of whatever nature. All participants (and their legal guardians) acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

Attachment 1 Racing Area



Attachment 2

Courses

Race lengths are targeted to be 20 minutes long (for the first finishers in Gold fleet)

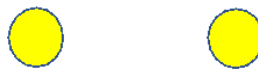
Where breeze drops and race length target is significantly threatened, the race committee may decide to shorten the course at a gate. This will be discussed at briefing, specific signals will be used to notify sailors of these changes.

***Note** – These courses are only guidelines and can be changed at any time by the race committee. If courses are changed, they will be explained at the daily briefing.

Course One

W 

L Gate



Finish Line



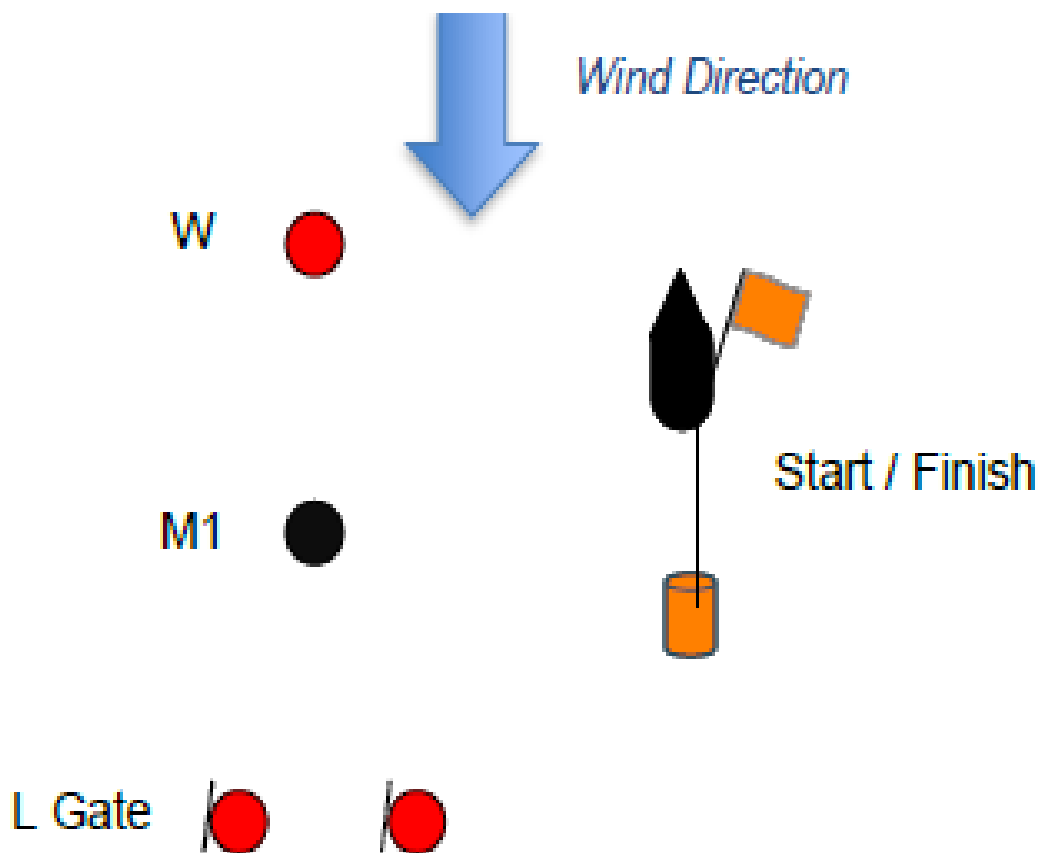
Start Line



Gold Fleet: Start – W(port) – L Gate – W (port) – L Gate – Finish

Silver Fleet: Start – W(port) – L Gate - Finish

Course Two – Gold & Silver



Start - M1(port) - L Gate – W(port) - L Gate – W(port) – M1(port) – Finish.

Course 3

W 

 WM

L 



Finish Line

Start Line





GOLD FLEET:

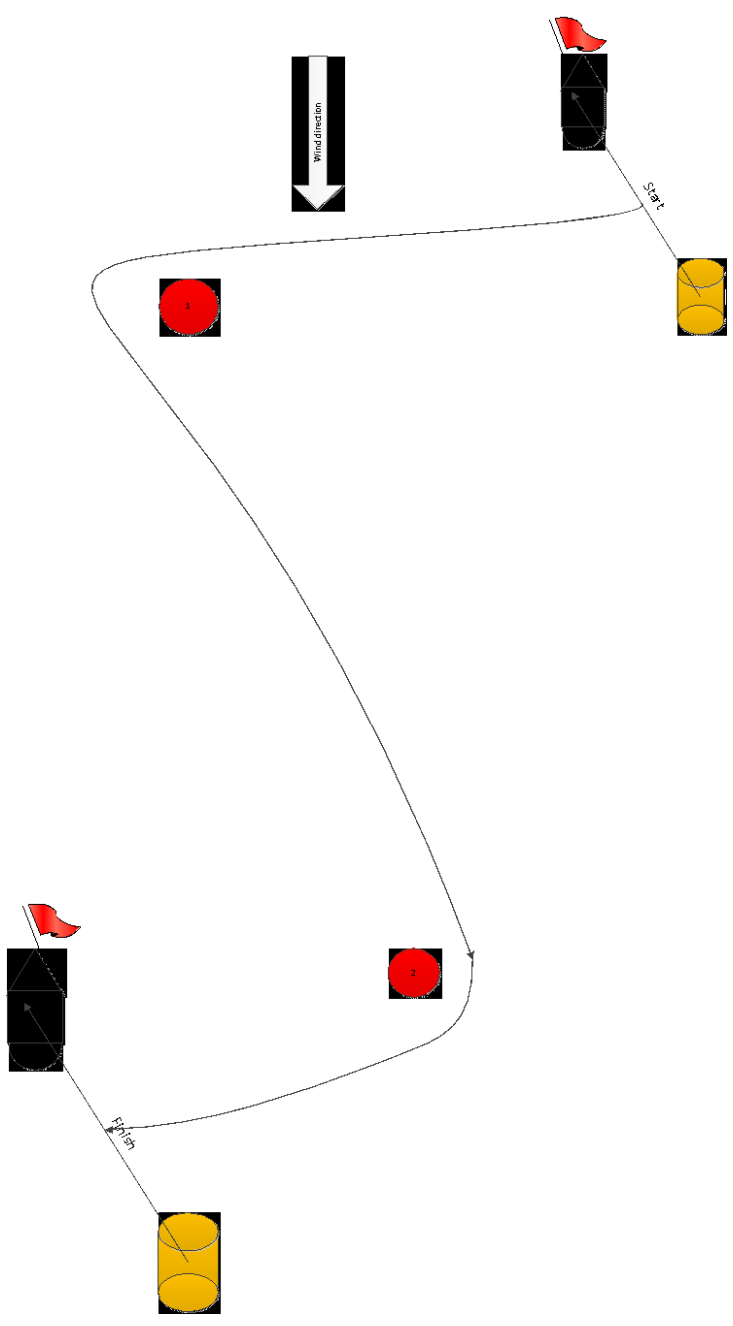
Start–W(port)– WM(port) – L(port) – W(port) – WM(port) – L(port) – Finish

SILVER/BRONZE FLEET:

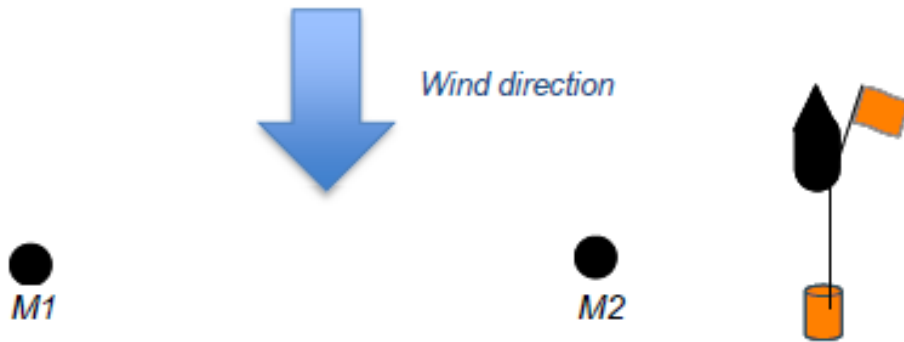
Start – W (port)– WM (port)– L (port) – Finish

Course 4 (Gold & Silver Fleet)

Points scoring Long Distance Race - 'Down-wind blast'



Course 5 (Bronze only):



Start – M1 (starboard) – M2 (port) – M1 (starboard) - Finish

Attachment 3

UMPIRED FLEET RACING RULES

*The aim of this process is to have all boat-vs-boat **protests** decided at the time of the incident.*

Competitors need to accept that an umpire may not be in a position to adjudicate every incident.

This Appendix changes racing rules in Part, 4, 5, A5 and the definition of Finish.

Definition Finish is replaced with

"A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line."

Protests

A boat may protest another boat for a rule of part 2, by hailing "PROTEST", raising a hand in the air and identifying the other boat(s) involved at the first reasonable opportunity for each.

The protested boats are not entitled to a hearing unless there was damage or injury.

Protests for all other rules or requests for redress shall be advised to the Race Committee or umpires within 2 minutes of finishing. The Protest Committee may take evidence in any way it decides and may make any determination it believes is equitable which may be to award no penalty.

Penalties and Umpire Decisions

A boat may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty or retiring.

Penalties signalled by an umpire shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall signal a decision as follows.

- (a) a green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) a red flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is penalised.'
- (c) a black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

An umpire may exonerate a boat without a hearing or penalise a boat without a protest by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat:

- (a) breaks a rule of Part 2 and there is damage or injury;
- (b) makes physical contact with another boat or RC vessel that is a mark;
- (c) indicates that she will take a penalty turn, and then fails to do so;
- (d) breaks a rule and gains an advantage;
- (e) fails to take a penalty signalled by an umpire, or
- (f) commits a breach of sportsmanship.

If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a *rule* other than Part 2 they shall inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

A boat is not entitled to claim redress under rule 62.1(a). The umpires may request the protest committee to consider redress if they believe an improper action or omission may have occurred.

There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as provided above. *Competitors are encouraged to ask the Umpires after racing about a decision made on the*

water to assist with learning outcomes. This can be done between races or on shore. Attempt to identify the umpire that made the decision to speak with about the incident.