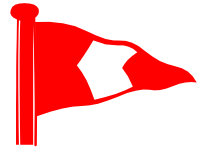




# Howick Sailing Club Inc.

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## Club Sailing Instructions 2004/2005

### 1.0 Rules

- 1.1 Events will be governed by “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001’2005.
- 1.2 Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply
- 1.3 A boat shall not discharge trash in the water.
- 1.4 Optimists, P Class and Starlings shall not be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes Rule 61.1.

### 2.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubrooms.

### 3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next race.

### 4.0 Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole adjacent to the car park.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in race signal, AP. **When flag AP over flag B is lowered, this indicates that Club rescue boats are launched and are on patrol.**

### 5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Dates of races, and starting times are listed in the Club Calendar.
- 5.2 The warning signal for the first race of the day will be 5 minutes prior to the start time noted in the Club Calendar.
- 5.3 The warning signal for a subsequent race of a class on the same day will be made as soon as practicable.

### 6.0 Class Flags

Class flags will be the class insignia on a white background. Exceptions to this are:

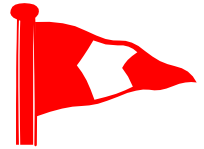
Catamarans:	a black letter “C” on a white background
Open fleet:	a black letter “O” on a white background
Mass start:	a black letter “M” on a white background.

### 7.0 Racing Area

Racing will be conducted in the waters off Howick Beach.

### 8.0 Courses

- 8.1 Course diagrams will be published and available to all members. A copy will be on the notice board, and copies will be available for visitors. Courses for any special events will be displayed on the Notice Board.
- 8.2 International Numeral Pennants 1, 2, or 3 will be flown from the Start Boat to designate the course to be sailed.
- 8.3 All marks will be passed to Port. If for any reason a Starboard course is necessary, a green triangular flag will be flown from the Start Boat.



## 9.0 Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be yellow cylindrical buoys. Mark 4a will be a red spherical buoy.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 9.3 Starting and Finishing marks will be red spherical buoys.
- 9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change in course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.3.

## 10.0 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. Times will be taken from visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag & sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag, 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z over I, or Black, 1 sound	4
1 minute	Preparatory flag removed, 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat 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 When a subsequent race or series of races are started on the same day, the warning signal of the first class to start will be preceded by the display of a postponement signal for at least 5 minutes. This instruction will not apply after a general recall or abandonment.

## 11.0 Change of the Position of the Next Mark

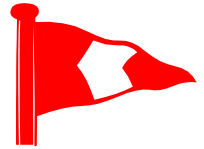
- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Rule 33 is changed so that, instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee will display a green triangular flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red rectangular flag if the direction is changed to port.
- 11.3 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard (or vice-versa if a starboard course is being sailed). This changes rule 28.1.

## 12.0 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark. **No boat may sail through a finish line unless finishing.**

## 13.0 Penalty System

For the catamaran classes, rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.



#### **14.0 Time Limit**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat is 120 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

#### **15.0 Protests**

- 15.1 Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), inform the race committee boat at the finishing line of their intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes rule 61.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available in the Clubrooms. Protests shall be delivered there before the protest limit.
- 15.3 For each class the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in its class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

#### **16.0 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for the Annual Club Champs, Club regattas and the Autumn Series.
- 16.2 For the First and Second Points Series, it will be modified as follows;

Race winners will score zero points and all boats that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or were disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered for that race.

#### **17.0 Safety Regulations**

- 17.1 Boats shall check out when leaving the beach and then check in when returning ashore, using the Club sign on/off, safety tag system. **Boats failing to comply will be disqualified from the race or races relevant to that session.**
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### **18.0 Disclaimer**

Competitors participate in Club events entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to rule 4, Decision to Race. Howick Sailing Club Inc. will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after any racing. Yacht racing has inherent dangers and risks that are beyond the control of the Howick Sailing Club Inc.