

# 2017 New Zealand 49er/49erFX National Championships

Saturday 11<sup>h</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Organising Authority**

MURRAY'S BAY SAILING CLUB (MBSC), 511 Beach Road, Murrays Bay, North Shore  
City, Auckland 0630 on behalf of the NZ 49er association.

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

1.3 RRS 42.3 is changed as follows:

(j) A boat may be sculled if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction.

### 1.4 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the MBSC

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs, or at the end of protest time, whichever is earlier on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at MBSC

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

DAY	DATE	SESSION	# of RACES	TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> February	One	6	Not before 1000hrs
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	One	6	Not before 1000hrs

5.2 12 races are scheduled including the harbour/crews race(s) if sailed.

5.3 Up to 8 races per day may be sailed.

5.4 On each day a harbour course or crews race may be sailed at the end of a session.

5.5 The harbour course or crews race will be verbally notified by the Race Officer.

- 5.6 On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017, no warning signal will be made after 1700hrs.
- 5.7 To alert boats that a race or sequences of races will begin soon, the orange starting flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background.

## 7. RACING AREAS

The race area will on the waters off MBSC

## 8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed. The course will be displayed as either L2 or L3.

## 9. MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

## 10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4, *Low Point System*, and A5, *Scores Determined by the Race Committee*.

## 11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying on orange flag on the finishing mark at the port and the course side of the starboard finishing mark at the other end.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 For the 49er and 49erFX classes rule 44.1, *Taking A Penalty*, is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1

CLASS	TARGET TIME	TIME LIMIT	FINISH WINDOW
49er	12min	30min	5min
49FX	12min	30min	5min

Harbour Race

Time Limit	Finish Window
90 minutes	20 minutes

13.2 Except for the harbour/crews race(s) boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, Time Limit and Scores, A4 Low Point and Bonus Point Systems, and A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee.

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 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.

14.2 For protests where only a rule of Part 2, *When Boats Meet*, or Rule 31, *Touching a Mark*, is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5. will apply (This changes Rule 44.1, *Taking a Penalty*). The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.

14.3 Protests forms are available at the race office, located at the MBSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.4 For each class the time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.5 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the MBSC, beginning at the time posted.

14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b), *Informing the Protestee*.

14.7 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 16, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a), *Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action*. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 5 Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3 Both the 49er and the 49erFX will be started as one fleet, but will be scored separately.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 Competitors or their representatives shall check out each time they leave the shore to enter the course area, and shall check in each time they come ashore from the course.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she finished the last race of the day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17.3 Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19. EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority.

## **20. SUPPORT BOATS**

20.1 Except when requested to participate in a rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a sequence of starts until boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all races. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.

20.2 When the wind is less than 10 knots support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.

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

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

**21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

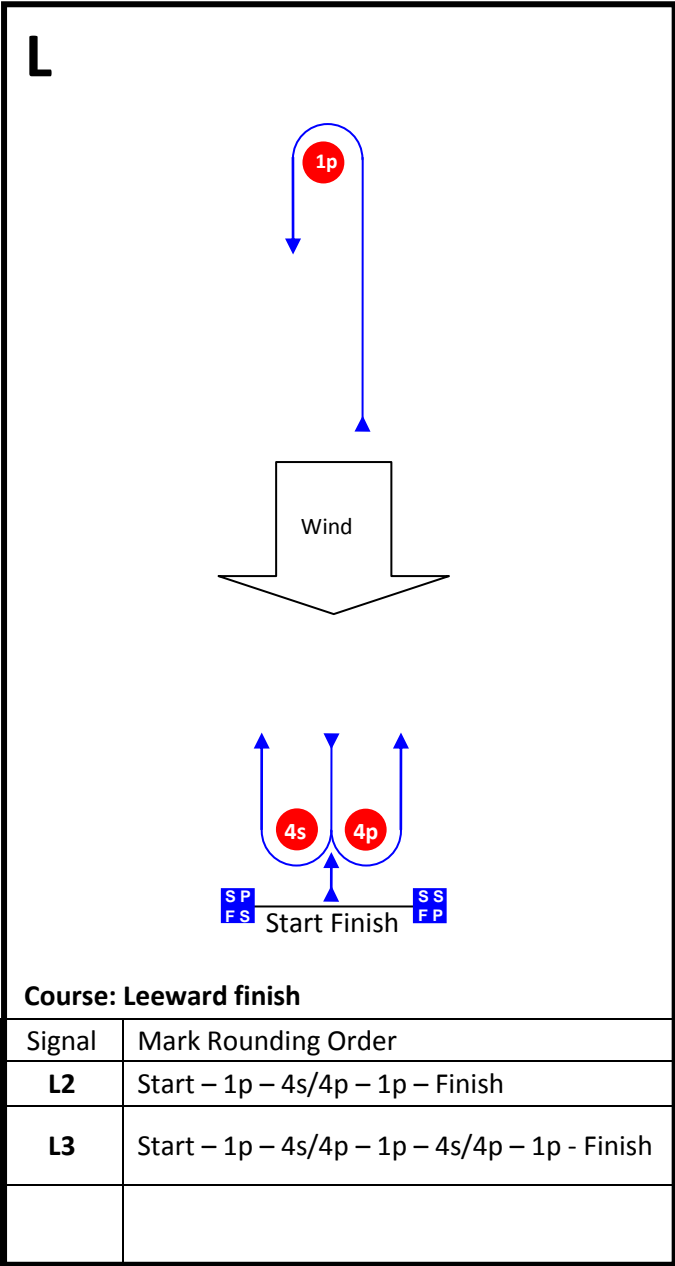
**23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 regatta.

**24. INSURANCE**

It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZD\$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

**Course Illustrations – Windward**



Mark	Description
<b>1p</b>	Yellow cylindrical tube mark
<b>4p 4s</b>	Yellow cylindrical tube marks
<b>SS</b> Starting mark starboard end	Committee boat
<b>SP</b> Starting mark port end	Orange teardrop buoy
<b>FS</b> Finishing mark starboard end	Orange teardrop buoy
<b>FP</b> Finishing mark port end	Committee boat