

2017 New Zealand National R Class Skiff Championship 67th Leander Trophy

16th to 19th February 2017
Lyttelton Harbour

The Organising Authority is
Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 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 The rules of the R Class Skiff shall apply.
- 1.4 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours or the end of protest time whichever is earlier on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Naval Point Club Lyttelton.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal, AP. When flag AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 A total of 9 races including the Invitation Race are scheduled.

Date	Start Times
Thursday 16 th	0800 Registration 0930 Briefing 1100 Invitation and Race 1
Friday 17 th	1100 First warning
Saturday 18 th Sunday 19 th	1100 First warning Reserve 1300 Super Cup Sprints

5.2 Up to three races with no more than two races back to back are scheduled per day from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st.

5.3 No National Championship race on Sunday 19th February shall start after 1230
A Sprint Series will run after National Championship racing on Sunday.

5.4 The warning signal for a back to back race 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.

6.0 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be Code Flag "R"

7.0 RACING AREAS

The racing area is on the waters of Lyttelton Harbour.

8.0 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the course for the first boat to finish, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 All boats will finish the first time they cross the finish line in the direction of the course, after rounding Mark 1, after the first boat completes the course and finishes.

9.0 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be red, triangular buoys.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow, cylindrical buoys.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be the race committee boat at one end and a small red spherical buoy at the other.
- 9.4 The finishing marks will be the race committee boat at one end and mark 2 at the other.
- 9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change in course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- a) Lyttelton Harbour Shipping Channel when being used by ships.
- b) Shag Reef between Western Light and the Eastern Cardinal mark.

11.0 THE START

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 For subsequent races on the same day the scheduled time of the warning signal for the next race will be displayed with flag L as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 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.

12.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28 *Sailing the Course*.

13.0 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and mark 2.

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15.0 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

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

- a) The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes.
- b) The target time for the first boat to sail the course is 40 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish, according to 8.2, within 20 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, and the scoring system.

16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 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. RRS Appendix T will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1, Taking a Penalty). The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the Club race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.3 The protest time limit is 60 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.

16.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee room at NPCL.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.6 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

16.7 Breaches of instructions 4.2, 11.3, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under rule 60.1(a). 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.

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17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 Appendix A4.1 is deleted and replaced with:
Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalised or given redress, shall be scored as follows:
Points awarded according to the formula $400 / (N+3)$, where N is the official finishing position of a boat.
- 17.2 Appendix A4.2 is changed so that yachts disqualified or not competing in any one race (DNC, OCS, RAF, DSQ,) shall receive no points for that race and shall not be given a finishing position.
- 17.3 Appendix A4.2 is changed so that competing yachts that fail to finish (DNS, DNF) in any one race shall receive half of the average points these boats would have received had they all finished.
- 17.4 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty given under instruction 16.7 will be DPI.
- 17.5 Nine races are scheduled of which 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.6 All completed races are counted for total points.

18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats shall check-in and check-out when leaving and returning to the Naval Point Club slipway by completing the Naval Point Club Entry and Sign Out sheets.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20.0 PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

- Leander Trophy
- Kent Prier Trophy
- Bank of NSW Trophy
- Bill Hayman Cup
- Leander Trophy Masters Cup
- Leander Cup
- Doug Harrison Memorial Trophy
- Youth Trophy
- Pinkney Trophy
- Innovation Trophy
- Lion Trophy

21.0 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.

22.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1000000 per event or the equivalent.

Attachment A – Illustrating the Course

These diagrams show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

The Course is:

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish (Rounding Marks to Port)

