



2024 New Zealand Noelex 25 National Championship

Friday 2nd February to Monday 5th February 2024

**The Organising Authority is the Noelex 25 Association of New Zealand and the Lake Taupo Yacht Club
Inc., 9 Ferry Road, Taupo**

Sailing Instructions

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions SIs means a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V Category C shall apply.
- 1.3** RRS 40.1 applies – Personal buoyancy aids as described in YNZ safety Regulations Part V, 12.01 shall be worn at all times while afloat.
- 1.4** The Noelex 25 Class Association rules shall apply.
- 1.5** All boats must have a minimum of 5 litres of fuel each day of the event and an operational engine of not less than 8HP.
- 1.6** Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.7** RRS 35 & 40 will be changed as follows
 - 1.7.1** Rule 35 will be changed to state that boats still racing but fail to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored “did not finish” DNF.
 - 1.7.2** Rule 40 will be changed to require personal floatation devices to be worn at all times while afloat.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio channel 77.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board at the entrance of the club rooms, 9 ferry Road and repeated at the daily briefing to be held at 0900 at the Nukuhau Marina, Rauhoto Street, Nukuhau.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff of the club tower, or on the committee signal vessel berthed at Nukuhau Marina.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore on Committee Signal vessel, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. Note that competitors may be advised of AP removal via VHF 77.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Day/Date		Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday 03 February		3 races back-to-back	1155hrs
Sunday 04 February		3 races back-to-back	0955hrs
Monday 05 February		3 races back-to-back	0955hrs

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class will be a white flag with the Noelex insignia.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is Tapuaeharuru Bay, Lake Taupo. SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram SI Addendum B shows the course 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.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark descriptions are as follows:

Mark	Description	
1	Red Cylindrical	
1a	Red Cylindrical	
4s, 4p	Red Cylindrical	
SP, FS	Orange spherical	
SS, FP	LTYC P6 Committee Boat	
Change of course mark	Yellow Cylindrical	

- 10.2 In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying flag M, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

11 THE START

- 11.1** The starting line is between staff displaying orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 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** When Mark 1 has been moved, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practical. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1** The Race Time Limit Target Time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
50 Min	90 Min	20 Min

- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes within the race time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.]

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office the Lake Taupo Yacht Club Pavilion
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 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 Lake Taupo Yacht Club Pavilion beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4** Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS61.1(a) inform the race committee at the finish line of her 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 RRS 61.
- 16.5** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

17 SCORING.

- 17.1** Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 17.3** (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, or if possible, on VHF channel 77.

19 REPLACEMENTS OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2** [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, see notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: The Committee boat will be a white 28-foot launch, designated P6, flying an LTYC Pennant. There will also be a RIB designated P9 as a support vessel and mark layer

22 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Support boats are not allowed

23 BERTHING

- 23.1 Boats may be parked on the hard at the Nukuhau Marina boat park.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority

25 RISK STATEMENT

25.1 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.**

26 INSURANCE

26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000, per incident or the equivalent.

Addendum A Racing Areas

Addendum B Courses

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LA

Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA1	Start - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish

Addendum A Race area