



# ***2025 New Zealand Sunburst National Championship***

Friday 14th March 2025 to Sunday 16th March

The Organising Authority is Queen Charlotte Yacht Club,

Shelley Beach, Picton, New Zealand

## **Notice of Race**

**NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat.**

### **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 1 shall apply.
- 1.3** The Sunburst Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4** Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5** Appendix S, will apply.
- 1.6** Any conflict in references to RRS in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions that resulted from the publication of the new RRS that take effect from 1 January 2025 shall not be grounds for a protest or redress request against the Organising Authority or race Committee.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing instructions and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board at the foyer of the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club.
- 2.2** SSI's will be available from Monday 10th March at [www.qcyc.org.nz](http://www.qcyc.org.nz)

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1** The official notice board will be at the foyer of the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club.
- 3.2** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1** The event is open to all boats of the Sunburst Class whose sailors are current financial members of their National Class Association and will display a current registration sticker on the transom of their boat.
- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [www.qcyc.org.nz](http://www.qcyc.org.nz), paying the required fee and signing the disclaimer when registering. Entries close midnight Monday 10th March. There will be no late entries.
- 4.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4** To be eligible to compete in the event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership may be required to be presented at registration.

### **5 FEES**

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Standard Fee
Sunburst Class Open	\$150
Sunburst Class Taihoa (no spinnakers)	\$125

## 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [NP] [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

### 7.1 Registration and Briefings:

	Date	From	To
Registration	Friday 14th	1000	1730
Equipment Inspection	Friday 14th Saturday 15th March	1100 0800	1730 0900
Briefing	Saturday 15th March	0930	

- 7.2 Dates of racing: Saturday 15th March and Sunday 16th March

### 7.3 Number of races:

Class	Races per Day Scheduled	Target time Minutes.
Sunburst	Sat 15th up to 5 races	35
	Sun 16th up to 5 races	35

- 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Date	Class	Scheduled time of warning signal
Saturday 15th March	Sunburst	1055hr
Sunday 16th March	Sunburst	1055hr

- 7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hr.

## 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat entered in the Open Fleet shall have a valid measuring certificate that is recorded and held on the Sunburst Association Website. <http://www.sunburst.org.nz>
- 8.2 Each competing boat shall have its sails measured or show evidence that this has been successfully carried out by a class measurer or at a previous event.
- 8.3 Each competitor shall present their hull for weighing in dry condition with the rudder removed, and their mast and centreboard, to the regatta measurer for inspection.
- 8.4 Only one set of spars, sails and foils are permitted to be used during the series. If due to severe damage, any of the above equipment needs to be substituted then permission to

do so must be obtained in writing from the race committee.

**8.5** [DP] A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 throughout the contest and may be checked at any time during the event.

**8.6** [NP] [DP] All Sunburst trailers/trolleys must be clearly marked with sail number.

## **9 VENUE**

**9.1** The venue is the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club, Shelley Beach, Picton. Refer addendum A

**9.2** Race Areas are in the waters of the Queen Charlotte Sound. Refer addendum B.

## **10 COURSES**

**10.1** The courses to be sailed will be triangular courses and or windward leeward courses.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** For both classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **12 SCORING**

**12.1** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**12.2** (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

**13.1** [DP] [NP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been

provided by the Organising Authority.

## **14 LAUNCHING**

- 14.1** [DP] [NP] Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the ramp and beach on the grounds of the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1** 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.**

## **16 INSURANCE**

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

## **17 PRIZES**

- 17.1** The trophies will be awarded as per the Sunburst Class Associations Guidance. Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 18.1** For further information please contact [vcommadore@qcyc.org.nz](mailto:vcommadore@qcyc.org.nz).

# **ADDENDUM A - YACHT CLUB LOCATION**



## ADDENDUM B - RACE AREA

