



## 2025 Flying Dutchman Class New Zealand National Championships

7 to 9 February 2025

The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club 322 Wakefield Quay,  
Nelson New Zealand

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that 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 2024-2028. (this changes the Notice of Race 1.1)
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The International Flying Dutchman class rules will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.

#### 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.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Lower Lounge of the Nelson Yacht Club.
- 3.2 The race office is located at The Nelson Yacht club in the Upper lounge, telephone 03 5487501, email [info@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz](mailto:info@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz)

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at The Flag Pole by the Nelson Yacht club launching ramp.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30



**5.3** [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

### **6.1**

	<i>Flying Dutchman</i>	<i>Number of races per day</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>
<i>7 Feb</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>1300</i>
<i>8 Feb</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>1300</i>
<i>9 Feb</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>1300</i>

**6.2** One extra race per day may be sailed, except that on 9 February up to 5 races may be sailed, but only those races required to complete series in accordance with SI 16.1.

**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 1500Hrs.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

**7.1** The Class flag is black FD on a yellow background.

## **8 RACING AREA**

**8.1** NOR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

NOR Addendum B shows the location of the racing area.

## **9 COURSES**

**9.1** The diagrams in SI Addendum A shows the courses, 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 may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.



## 10 MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions are per Addendum B

## 11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12 CHANGES 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.

## 13 THE FINISH

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

## 14 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

14.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Class	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Flying Dutchman	40min	60min	N/A

14.2 The race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

14.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



## 15 HEARING REQUESTS

**15.1** 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.

**15.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office at *the Upper lounge Nelson Yacht Club*.

**15.3** 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 protest room, located at the upper Lounge in the committee room, beginning at the time posted.

## 16 SCORING

**16.1** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**16.2** (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 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 17 [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

**17.1** Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally signing check out sheets located in the lower lounge Nelson Yacht club.

Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by personally signing check-in sheets located in the lower lounge Nelson Yacht club.

**17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at *the Judges Box upper lounge of the Nelson Yacht club*.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

**18.1** [DP]Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.



**18.2** [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.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**19.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

**19.2** [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 PRIZES**

**20.1** Prizes will be given as follows.

The Rothmans Gallon will be awarded to the first overall.

The Milton Pope Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on handicap

The Wooden Boat Trophy will be awarded to the first wooden boat.

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

**21.1** 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.**

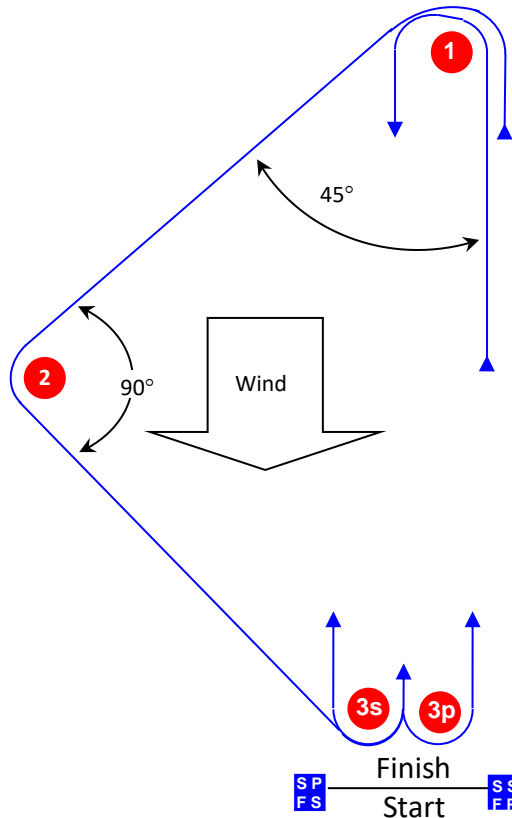
## **22 INSURANCE**

**22.1** 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.



## Course Illustration – Triangular / Winward Leeward course

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Course: Leeward Finish

Course:

Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish	TL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish	TL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish	TL4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – Finish

Mark	Description
1	Orange Spherical Buoy
2	Orange Spherical Buoy
3s 3p	Orange cylindrical
SS Starting mark starboard end	Committee Boat with orange staff / flag
SP Starting mark port end	Round Buoy with orange flag
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Round Buoy with orange flag
FP Finishing mark port end	Committee boat with Blue Flag