



## **WIHAU SHEILD (Swap Boat) & SECRETARIES CUP 2025**

Saturday 3rd May 2025 & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
at

Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club (Inc.)

**Organising Authority:**

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### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1.0 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Class Rules
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule A4.1 will be changed to 'a boat starting later than 5 minutes after starting signal will be scored DNS'.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

#### **2.0 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the basement of TYPBC.

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0915 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 3.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed next to the TYPBC flagpole.
- 3.2 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the beach until this signal is made.

### 4.0 Schedule of Races

- 4.1 8 races are scheduled for the series:

<i>Date</i>		<i>Warning Signal</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	4 races	1055hr
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	4 races	1025hr

- 4.2 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 4.3 On the Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 no warning signal will be made after 1600hr.

### 5.0 Class Flags

Class flag for the Secretaries Cup will be A white flag with a Blue P.  
Class flag for the Wihau Shield will be Code Flag ' R '

### 6.0 Racing Areas

The races will be held within the confines of the Tauranga Harbour.

### 7.0 The Courses

- 7.1 The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward.
- 7.2 The diagram in Attachment A show 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.

### 8.0 Marks

- 8.1 **SECRETARIES CUP**, Marks 1 & 2 will be yellow cylindrical buoys approx. 1 meter high. New mark, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be an orange cylindrical buoy approx. 1 meter high.

- 8.2 **WIHAU SHEILD**, Marks 1 & 2 will be yellow cylindrical buoys approx. 1 meter high. New mark, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be a orange cylindrical buoy approx. 1 meter high.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the Race Committee vessels.
- 8.4 A race committee vessel signalling a change in course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.
- 9.0 **The Start**
- 9.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the starting marks.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.0 **Change of the Next Leg of the Course**
- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 11.0 **The Finish**
- The finishing line will be between staffs displaying Blues flag on the finishing marks.
- 12.0 **PENALTY SYSTEMS**
- RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.0 **Time Limits and Target Times**
- 13.1 The target time will be 30 Minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.
- 13.3 Race time limit is 50 Minutes.
- 14.0 **Protests and Requests for Redress**
- 14.1 **Immediately** after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2(a), inform the race committee at the finishing

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 rule 60.2.**

- 14.2 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. RRS Appendix T will apply
- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in its class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 60.3 and 61.1. Protest time limits will be posted.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 60.1(d).
- 14.7 Breaches of instructions 16, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 63.7

## 15.0 **Scoring**

### 15.1 **For the Secretaries Cup,**

- (a) 1 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.2 **For the Wihau Shield (swap boat),**

- (a) 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) A five races' series, the first race will be scored from the final race on Saturday and a further four races will be sailed on Sunday. Each of Sunday races will be sailed in a different boat. All race scores will count.

16.0 **Safety Regulations**

16.1 **Skippers shall sign on before going afloat and sign off after being afloat on the sign on sheet at the Race Office. In addition, the skipper must check in when they reach the course area by sailing across the stern of the committee boat on starboard tack, hail their sail number, and receive confirmation from the committee boat.**

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.0 **Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.0 **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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.0 **Official Boats**

Official boats will be marked with a TYPBC burgee.

20.0 **Support Boats**

Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or an abandonment (but not a general recall). The areas the boats are racing is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail. During any starting sequence, support boats in the vicinity of the start line, shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions.

## 21.0 **Haul Out Restrictions**

Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from in front of the TYPBC.

## 22.0 **Radio Communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

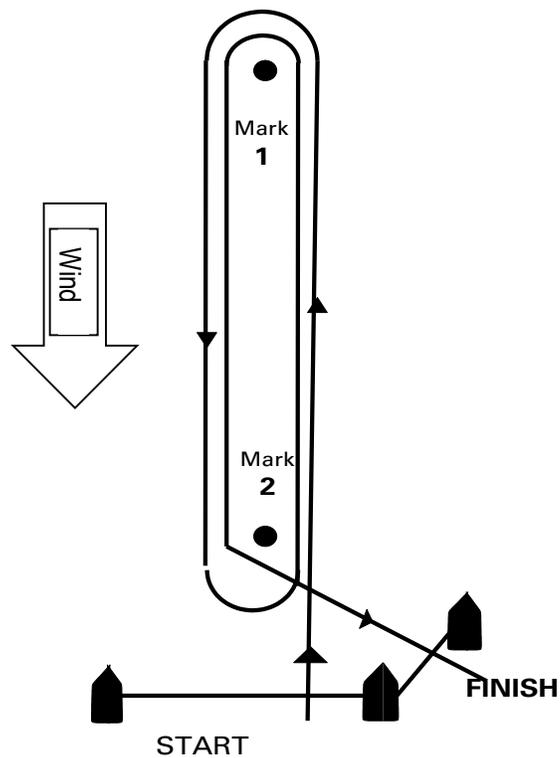
## 23.0 **Prizes**

Wihau Shield - The winner of the swap boat series  
Secretaries Cup – The winner of the fleet race

## 24.0 **Disclaimer of Liability**

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.

## Attachment A – Illustrating the Course Windward-Leeward



***W1*** START, 1, 2, FINISH.

***W2*** START, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH.

***W3*** START, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH.

***W4*** START, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH,