

Mount Maunganui Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race

Winter Series 2024

Keeler, Multihull and Cruising Yacht Divisions









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INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains the general Sailing Instructions for Keelers, Multihulls and Cruising Yachts.

All races will be sailed under these instructions unless they are varied by Special Instructions or Notices to Competitors.

The following Notices of Race are included in this booklet:

Open series 2024 Harbour Races 2 Handed Series 2024 Harbour Races

Other Notices of Race may be issued from time to time.

The Club Safety Officer may inspect boats at any reasonable time and may lodge a protest against boats on technical or safety grounds.

All skippers must, (and their crew are recommended to as well) read these Sailing Instructions carefully and become familiar with them.

Fair Winds!

MMYC COMMITTEE





Open Series 2024 and Two Handed Series 2024 CLUB RACING SEASON

The Organising Authority is

Mt Maunganui Yacht Club Inc. (MMYC), PO Box 5217 Mount Maunganui 3002.

1. RULES

- SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- b. The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 (Keelers & Multihulls), Part V 5.5 Category C (Trailer Yachts), and Part 1 Unballasted Centreboard & Open Yachts are the minimum safety requirement unless otherwise specified in the relevant Notice of Race.
- c. All yachts shall carry a serviceable VHF radio and a serviceable inboard or outboard motor.
- d. A boat shall not discharge rubbish in the water, failure to comply with this SI will result in disqualification from the race.
- e. When Trailer Yachts are racing against Keelers in the same divisions, Trailer Yachts must leave the centreplate in its fully lowered position at all times when racing.
- f. When any boat is sailing shorthanded, where there are two or less crew, all crew shall wear a lifejacket at all times. This rule shall apply to any open series race where a boat has two or less crew. This rule shall also apply to all boats in the 2 handed series even where a 3rd or 4th junior crew is sailing.
- g. All boats shall submit to the MMYC office the completed Safety Declaration Form (included in this booklet) to be eligible to race. There is no requirement for stability index values on the Safety Certificates for Harbour Racing. However it is the responsibility of the skipper/owner to ensure that the boat complies with the safety regulations for category 5 as issued by Yachting NZ.

h. Shipping

- i. All competitors must keep clear during all shipping movements in the Tauranga Harbour and Pilotage limits. Skippers/Owners are advised they must be aware of the local by laws for use of the shipping channel and harbour. The Race Officer may delay the start times of any or all competitors of any race to allow for shipping movements. Shipping is a common hazard of the Tauranga Harbour and no redress will be given to boats affected by shipping.
- ii. The following rules shall apply to shipping:





- iii. A boat shall not cross in front of a moving ship at any time such that it receives or is likely to receive a warning from the approaching vessel. The skipper of a boat with a ship approaching shall make a clear turn away from the approaching ship to indicate its intention to remain on its original side of the ship and must remain on that side of the ship until it is able to safely pass astern of the ship. Any breach of this rule will result in disqualification from the race. Any participant in a race may protest any boat which does not observe this rule.
- iv. A skipper may choose to start their engine to remain clear of shipping movements and may move no more than perpendicular to the course to remain on its original side of the moving vessel and no closer to the next mark of the course. Once clear and in a safe position to do so they must stop their engine and continue racing without penalty.
- i. All boats shall pay the required racing fee for either a series or individual race, before a score can be entered against her name.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the MMYC club website www.mmyc.org.nz. It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure he/she is aware of any notices and amendments prior to the start of the race.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the club website not less than 1900 hours on the day before the starting signal of the next race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore are made by the starter over Channel 77. The current course number will be displayed at the MOSC Clubhouse flagstaff.

Changes to starting instructions and times will be notified to boats by the Race Officer over the radio on Channel 77.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled in this booklet.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 5 minutes before the start time of the first boat as shown in the start times published before each race.

Start times for each race are published on the Club's website at location URL:

http://www.mmyc.org.nz/start-times/

A notice of a change in the race date and start time, as given in the Notice of Race, shall be posted on the website 24 hours before the change takes effect.





6. DIVISIONAL NOTICES

The MMYC committee shall be the sole judge of which division a boat shall race in and her division may be changed.

7. HANDICAPS

All boats shall be handicapped on a Mark Foy system and a Time Correction Factor by the handicap committee and this may be altered at any time.

The Race Committee may adjust a Time Correction Factor to any boat at any time prior to announcement of finishing positions to adjust finishing time for race conditions which will unduly favour or disadvantage a particular boat.

Handicaps will not be assigned to a boat until it has completed one race for the season which will be deemed to be its Handicapping Race. It is the responsibility of all skippers entering in racing for the first time to inform the Race Officer that it does not have a handicap.

Any alterations or additions to a boat or to her equipment that may affect that boat's performance, or any new or different sails carried aboard to that with which a boat gained her handicap must be notified to the handicap committee not less than 12 hours prior to entering any race for alteration of her handicap if necessary.

8. RACING AREAS

Winter Races: Tauranga harbour regions and harbour marks as defined in Attachment A and extending to include Karewa Island and surrounding waters.

9. THE COURSES

a. HARBOUR COURSES:

The harbour courses are described in Attachment B and all subsections thereof. These descriptions include the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

No later than the preparatory signal, the course number to be sailed (from Attachment B and subsections thereof) will be displayed by the clubhouse tower.

All courses require boats (both A& B Divisions) to observe 5, 7, 11 (in the main channel) and Otumoetai D in the appropriate course. Additionally 'A' division boats will observe Banks Buoy in every course.

For both A & B Division if sailing in either direction in the Motuhoa channel skippers shall be responsible to ensure that the course selected to enter the channel from the South of Motuhoa Island has sufficient water to navigate safely

For both A & B division if sailing a course including a mark where there are genuine concerns regarding water depth at the mark, a deep draught boat may sail to the equivalent location adjacent to that mark in clear water until that mark lies to the beam and then execute a turn to as if rounding a mark at that time. For the purposes of determining "mark room at the mark", when applying this provision rule 18 shall be suspended and each boat shall keep clear of another and shall execute a turn in a safe and seaman like manner near to the turning point until each boat is returning on the reciprocal course.





b. ISLAND COURSES

In courses which include Karewa Island or Waypt(S) as a mark of the course all divisions shall observe A Beacon, the position of which is indicated in Attachment A.

For B division course, the turning point for a course which includes Waypt(S) the boat shall navigate to a point which is 37.33.005S 176.09.00E then execute a turn to port as if rounding a mark at that time. For the purposes of determining "mark room at the mark", rule 18 shall be suspended and each boat shall keep clear of another and shall execute a turn in a safe and seaman like manner near to the turning point until each boat is returning on the reciprocal course.

10. MARKS

Tauranga Harbour Marks: The Tauranga Harbour beacons and buoys, and any other buoys, used in harbour courses are shown and described in Attachment A and Chart NZ5412.

Other Marks: Marks will be described in the SI's for races outside the harbour as required.

The positions of all marks are indicated in Attachment A.

11. THE START

The starting lines will be between the flagstaff on the clubhouse building and Cutter Channel 7 Beacon. The start direction will be in the direction of the first Mark.

For all races employing a Mark Foy start, the Race officer will call the time of the signal.

Boats shall avoid the starting area until 5 minutes before their designated start time. A breach of this instruction may render a boat liable to a discretionary penalty to be imposed by the Race Officer.

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the start time of the published start time of the latest starting boat may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

In the case of a boat motoring to the start line after her preparatory signal, that boat must cease motoring before doing a 360 degree turn within the start area under sail alone, then having thus gained her racing status proceed to start as provided above. This changes rule 42.1.

12. THE FINISH

Clubhouse Finish: The finishing line will be between the white Flagstaff on the clubhouse building and Cutter Channel 7 Beacon.

Shortening Courses: The Race Officer may shorten harbour courses by the use of VHF Channel 77. The Race Officer may shorten a harbour course by changing or removing any marks of the course or the order of the marks but may not shorten the course so that any boat which has passed a mark is forced to return to that mark. The race officer may also





shorten a course by moving the finishing line to another mark.

Abandoning a Race: The Race Officer may abandon a race at any time via VHF Channel 77, this changes rule 32.1.

Where the Race Officer is unable to be raised by radio, the Senior Officer of the Club who is participating in the race may abandon the race at any time by the use of VHF Channel 77 after having first attempted to contact the Race Officer by the best means possible.

13. REPLACING BOATS

In order to promote participation and competition a skipper entered in any race series may be permitted to replace their boat during the series for any number of races provided that the approval of the Race Committee is obtained 7 days prior to the start of the first race in which the replacement boat is intended to participate. The Race Committee may elect to apply any or all of the conditions to the replacement boat:

- select a different start time,
- apply a Time Correction Factor or
- require the replacement boat to participate in one handicapping race.

14. NO EXTRAS

The rules for a No Extras Divisions means that no spinnakers or other sails may be set that are not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using a spinnaker pole but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per vessel.

All races in the 2 Handed Series shall be No Extras races.

This rule 14 shall also apply to any boat which has entered as a "No Extra's Boat".

For both A & B Division if sailing in either direction in the Omokoroa channel, no extras are to be used between Omokoroa D and West 23 (WC23) in either direction.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat which is in breach of any rule of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 or these Sailing instructions, except for rules liable under these Sailing Instructions for disqualification may exonerate themselves by completing one 360 degree turn under sail before completing the course. This changes rule 44.1.

For purposes of these instructions a 360 degree turn will comprise one tack and one gybe and the boat is returned to same tack or gybe on which the turn commenced.

Boats may use their engines to extract themselves from unsafe situations (eg stuck fast on a sandbar) motor sail or sail to the nearest navigable water, not closer to the next mark than when her engine was started and complete a 360 degree turn under sail, then continue to race



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without further penalty. This penalty does not apply when rule 1.h)iv applies.

When racing against Keelers, Trailer Yachts, Keelers and multihulls with retractable boards or keels do retract their board/keel when running aground to assist freeing themselves, they must immediately sail to the nearest navigable water in a position not closer to the next mark than when her board/keel was lifted, lower the board/keel to the original position and complete a 360 degree turn under sail, then continue to race without further penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS

The time limits for harbour races are as noted on the official Notice of Race.

Boats failing to finish within the time limit or extended time limit if applicable, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

There shall be no time limit on races rounding Karewa Island unless specified in the Notice of Race.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Competitors are required to be conversant with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.

Where a competitor believes that another boat has not complied with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 or these Sailing Instructions they are encouraged to lodge a protest against the other boat. The purpose of the protest is to determine the correct application of the rules to the situation and protests are encouraged for this reason.

Protest forms are available at the MMYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to, the Protest Chairman, the Race Officer, or a member of the Race Committee or by email to <u>info@mmyc.org.nz</u> before the protest time limit.

Protests must be lodged in the case of harbour courses 2 hours after the boat protesting has finished or retired from the race EXCEPT that these time limits shall be extended on the grounds that such persons as are mentioned above are not available to accept the protest within the time limit, provided however, that the protesting boat has made every effort to inform such persons of her intention to protest, and has lodged her protest at the first reasonable opportunity.

A protest may not be dismissed for failure of the protesting boat to "immediately" fly a red protest flag provided the protested boat is clearly informed of the protest before the rounding of the next mark of the course and the red flag is flown within a reasonable time thereafter.

The Race Officer or a Protest Chairman will inform competitors either verbally, or by email or text message within a reasonable time where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses. These provisions are deemed to fulfil the requirements of rule 63.2.

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





18. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A, will apply.

The Notice of Race will state the number of races to constitute a series and the number of discardable races.

Boats starting a race that is abandoned by the Race Officer for any reason after the starting signal shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 and A4.2.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall sign on before each race and indicate the number of people on board (POB), by calling the MMYC clubhouse on VHF 77 and receiving an acknowledgement, except when the official Notice of Race states otherwise.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or senior club officer on the water as soon as possible via VHF.

20. 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 the Race Officer or the most senior Club Officer on the water at the time to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

The Race Officer or a senior Club Officer may lodge a protest against any boat that is found not to comply with the safety rules and these sailing instructions.

21. 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.

Boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 77 (156.875 MHz).

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the races outlined in the official program or any other MMYC race 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, prior to, or during and after the race.

Every decision to participate in any race is a decision made at the sole responsibility of the Skipper of each boat participating.





Open Series 2024

The Organising Authority is Mount Maunganui Yacht Club Inc., PO Box 5217 Mt Maunganui

NOTICE OF RACE

1. <u>Rules</u>

- 1.1. The sailing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The YNZ Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 (Keelers & Multihulls) and Part V Category C (Trailer Yachts), including a VHF radio and a serviceable inboard or outboard motor for Keelers, Multihulls or Trailer Yachts, and Part 1 Unballasted Centreboard & Open Yachts, shall apply.
- 1.3. Between sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions At Sea, Rule 20 shall apply. Replacing relevant parts of RRS Part 2.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The race series is open to all boats approved by the race committee and will be sailed as two divisions:
 - A Division
 - B Division

All divisions will be extras allowed but a boat in B division not wishing to fly extras shall make a "No extras Boat" declaration.

The Race Committee may allocate any boat to any division with notice given to each boat by the publication on the Club's Website of the start time of each boat.

Entries will be accepted by completing the entry form available at MOSC or online at https://www.mmyc.org.nz/entry-form/ and payment of the series entry fee of \$90.00. Boats may enter the series on a race by race basis by completing the entry form and payment of a \$10.00 entry fee for each race entered. The entry form is to be emailed to info@MMYC.org.nz. The bank account for payment of race entry fee is: 03-0374-0154354-00

- 2.2. The first race entered by any boat in this series will be that boats qualification race for handicap purposes and the boats start time for that race will be decided by the handicapper. The handicapper's decision will be final. No points nor prize will be awarded for the placing achieved in a Handicapping race.
- 2.3. Measurement is not required; however safety inspections may be undertaken.
- 2.4. To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper/owner shall be a member of a club or other organisation affiliated to the National Authority.





3. Conduct of Racing

- 3.1. The schedule of races is at section 4. below.
- 3.2. Registration: For the first race in the series there will be a briefing for skippers to be held at the Opening day BBQ at 0900hrs as per the schedule of races. Briefing will be held upstairs at the MOSC, Mt Maunganui.
- 3.3. All boats shall sign on prior to the start of each race by calling up on VHF Channel 77 on the day of the race.
- 3.4. The start line for all Divisions will be a clubhouse start.
- 3.5. For all harbour races the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first boat/s will be 11:55 hours on each race day, with succeeding boats starting at their handicapped time allocated.
- 3.6. The time limit for each race shall be 1530 hours. (3.30pm)
- 3.7. Prize Giving shall be at 1700 hours in all cases.

4. Racing Schedule:

4.1. The dates of the races for this series are:

Opening day Winter	
Series/Handicapping	12/05/2024
Open Race 1	26/05/2024
Open Race 2	9/06/2024
Open Race 3	23/06/2024
Open Race 4	7/07/2024
Open Race 5	21/07/2024
Open Race 6	4/08/2024
Open Race 7	18/08/2024
Open Race 8	1/09/2024
Open Race 9	15/09/2024
Prize giving and breakfast	22/09/2024

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be the Club Winter 2024 season Sailing Instructions and are available from the Mount Ocean Sports Club and online at www.mmyc.org.nz in the downloads section.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. The harbour races will be held within the confines of the Tauranga Harbour
- 6.2. The Karewa Races will be held within the confines of the Tauranga Harbour and from A beacon to Karewa Island extending no more than 2 nautical miles to the north of a line from A beacon to Karewa Island.

7. Courses to be sailed

- 7.1. The courses will be selected from the Winter Series courses as per Sailing Instructions Attachment B.
- 7.2. For both A & B Division if sailing in either direction in the Omokoroa channel, no





extras are to be used between Omokoroa D and West 23 in either direction.

8. Scoring and prizes

- 8.1. The Low-Points Scoring System will apply.
- 8.2. A total of 10 races are scheduled, of which 9 shall be scoring races.
- 8.3. One race score shall be discardable.
- 8.4. To be eligible for race day prizes the winning boat must be present at prize giving.





Two Handed Series 2024

The Organising Authority is Mount Maunganui Yacht Club Inc., PO Box 5217, Mt Maunganui

NOTICE OF RACE

1. <u>Rules</u>

- 1.1. The sailing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The YNZ Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 (Keelers & Multihulls) and Part V Category C (Trailer Yachts), including a VHF radio and a serviceable inboard or outboard motor for Keelers, Multihulls or Trailer Yachts, and Part 1 Unballasted Centreboard & Open Yachts, shall apply.
- 1.3. Between sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions At Sea, Rule 20 shall apply. Replacing relevant parts of RRS Part 2.
- 1.4. No more than 2 adults will be permitted to comprise the crew of any competing boat. Children under the age of 12 years old will be permitted as passengers provided that they are not permitted to assist with sailing or navigating or used excessively as moveable ballast.
- 1.5. All crew shall wear a lifejacket at all times during racing in the 2 handed series.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The race series is open to all boats approved by the race committee and will be sailed as one division.
- 2.2. All races will be NO EXTRAS races. Refer to page 5 of the Sailing instructions.
- 2.3. Entries will be accepted by completing the entry form available at MOSC or online at <u>https://www.mmyc.org.nz/entry-form/</u> and payment of the series entry fee of \$60.00. Boats may enter the series on a race by race basis by completing the entry form and payment of a \$10.00 entry fee for each race entered. The entry form is to be emailed to info@MMYC.org.nz. The bank account for payment of race entry fee is: 03-0374-0154354-00
- 2.4. The first race entered by any boat in this series will be that boats qualification race for handicap purposes and the boats start time will be decided by the handicapper.
- 2.5. Measurement is not required; however safety inspections may be undertaken. To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper/owner shall be a member of a club or other organisation affiliated to the National Authority.





3. Conduct of Racing

- 3.1. Registration: For the first race in the series there will be a briefing for skippers to be held at the Opening day BBQ at 0900hrs as per the schedule of races. Briefing will be held upstairs at the MOSC, Mt Maunganui.
- 3.2. All races in the 2 Handed Series shall be "No Extras".
- 3.3. All boats shall sign on prior to the start of each race by calling up on VHF Channel 77 on the day of the race.
- 3.4. The schedule of races is at section 4. below.
- 3.5. The start line for all Divisions will be a clubhouse start.
- 3.6. For all harbour races the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first boat/s will be 12:55 hours on each race day, with succeeding boats starting at their handicap time allocated.
- 3.7. The time limit for each race shall be 16.30 hours.

4. Racing Schedule:

4.1. The dates of the races for this series are:

2 handed Handicapping	18/05/2024
2 handed Race 1	8/06/2024
2 handed Race 2	29/06/2024
2 handed Race 3	20/07/2024
2 handed Race 4	10/08/2024
2 handed Race 5	31/08/2024
Prize giving	22/09/2024

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be the Club Winter 2024 season Sailing Instructions and are available from the MMYC office and online at www.mmyc.org.nz in the downloads section

6. Racing Area

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

7. Courses to be sailed

- 7.1. The courses will be selected from the Winter Series B courses as per Sailing Instructions Attachment B.
- 8. Scoring

8.1. The Low-Points Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.





8.2. A total of 5 scoring races are scheduled.

8.3. One race score shall be discardable.





Mt Maunganui Yacht Club (Inc)

THIS COMPLETED FORM <u>MUST BE RETURNED</u> TO THE CLUB OFFICIAL BEFORE A BOAT IS ELIGIBLE TO RACE

ENTRY FORM AND SAFETY DECLARATION

			Sail No	hereby declare that		
1)	l am a financial	member of		Club		
,	This boat will comply with the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations and the Sailing Instructions for each and every race it competes in including the stability regulations as required by Yachting New Zealand.					
,	 (If an option is marked with * a copy of relevant certificate is required to be attached to this declaration) This boat's current safety category is: YNZ Safety Regulations Part V Keelers Category 2*, 3*, 4, 5 YNZ Safety Regulations Part II Trailer Yachts Category A, C 					
'	I confirm that my yacht complies with the safety requirements of the Sailing instructions for all races in the series.					
5)	This Declaration is current for the 2024 Sailing Season ONLY being 1 May 2024 to 31 October 2024.					
6)	I will/will not be a "No Extras Boat". (delete which does not apply)					
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