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Wednesday Olympic Course Race Series: 2026 - 2027

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 3 Trailer Yachts Cat C shall apply.

1.3 RRS Rule 40 (flotation devices) always applies, whilst afloat. All competitors shall wear life jackets. This changes the RRS Part 4 preamble.

1.4 Applicable Class Rules will apply, except NZTYA rules will take precedence.

1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

1.6 All boats shall comply with the BOPTYS Waste Management Policy.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1730 o on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be by Facebook, Group WhatsApp (if race is cancelled on the day), email and/or by publication in the Mainsheet newsletter and BOPTYS website

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the discretion of the Race Officer and communicated either verbally or by VHF Radio

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Facebook, Group, by publication in the Mainsheet newsletter and BOPTYS website

3.2 The race office is located at The BOPTYS Club room Okawa Bay Lake Rotoiti

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 16, 02, 16, 64, 77 as applicable

3.4 Communications may be made by the race committee on the applicable VHF channel at any time. Example shorted course, recalls, starting signals, etc.

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 Clubroom.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The race schedule is published in the BOPTYS 2026-2027 Events Calendar and www.BOPTYS.club webpage The calendar is also posted on the Clubroom notice board.

6.2 The scheduled briefing time is 17:30 hrs.

6.3 The time for the 1st warning signal is 17:55 hrs.

6.4 Course will be identified on the start boat by displaying courses identified as: -W1, W2, W3 = Windward-Leeward
T1, T2, T3 = Triangle Windward-Leeward
Course examples are shown in Appendix 1

6.5 The course format shall either be Windward -Leward Course or Triangle Windward- Leeward course.

6.6 The Race Officer can alter the course prior to the start of the race to suit wind conditions within the confines of Wairau Bay. Including offset marks and Gates- Any changes to the course must be communicated at a briefing and no later than 5 minutes before the race warning signal - **NOTE ALL Boats must acknowledge the change in course.**

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class Flag for: -

Division A will be "PINK" NZTYA Hcp 0.860 and above.

Division B will be "BLUE" NZTYA Hcp 0.859 and below.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 Racing is on the waters of Lake Rotoiti, Rotorua.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 Refer Appendix 1

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 can be round red buoys or cylindrical Orange/ Yellow buoys.

10.2 Additional marks will be “Dan Buoys” with a coloured flag.

10.3 The committee boat and an outer Dan Buoy, or a Mark of the course will define the starting and finishing marks. The correct flag, as per the RRS, displayed on the start boat, will denote starting and finishing lines.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between the committee boat and a Dan Buoy.

12.3 Each division is scheduled to have its own start, using its division flag. However, depending on fleet size, the Race Officer may combine divisions into one start. Advice will be given at the race briefing but skippers are advised to watch the colour of the division flags on the start boat to be sure.

12.4 Motors must be stopped before their preparatory signal.

12.4 **[DP][NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and the boat is identified; the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make or hear a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12.6 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.

13 CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 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.

13.2 When Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a Dan Bouy and the blue flag on the Committee Boat or finishing Boat

14.2 If a boat finishing finds the race committee / finish boat is absent, then she shall report her

finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.

15.2 When a boat is penalized under P1.2 her penalty shall be a Two turns Penalty under 44.2. If she fails to shall be disqualified without a hearing. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

15.3 The zone around marks will be 3 boat hull lengths.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 The time limit in minutes for the first boat in each division is as follows:

Division Time Limit

A Division	45 minutes
B Division	45 minutes

If no boat in a division has finished within the division's time limit, the race will be abandoned for that division.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course in each division will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS Rules 35 and A4.1.

16.3 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.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 61.1(a), inform the Race Officer at the finishing line of their intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) being b. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Officer. This changes RRS Rule 61.

17.2 For protests where only a rule of RRS Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

17.3 Protest forms are available at the Clubroom. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in its division has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

17.5 All efforts will be made to hear the protests on the day.

17.6 Breaches of instructions 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under RRS Rule 60.1(a). This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

18 SCORING

18.3 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.4 NZTYA Ratings will be used to calculate a result.

18.5 The racing committee and/or club handicapper reserves the right to adjust the rating of any boat at any time.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Skippers shall register their intentions to race before leaving the marina using the sign-on sheet provided at the Clubroom.

19.2 The race is to be sailed with the VHF tuned on to CH 77 and monitored during the race.

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, by either hailing or calling on VHF 77, before leaving the race area.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Official radio communications will be made on VHF 77.

21 PRIZES

21.1 All participants who are BOPTYS members will be eligible for club prizes.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

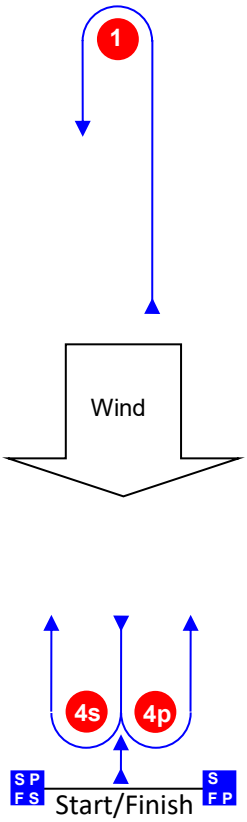
22.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4,

22.2 Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing event.

APPENDIX A

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

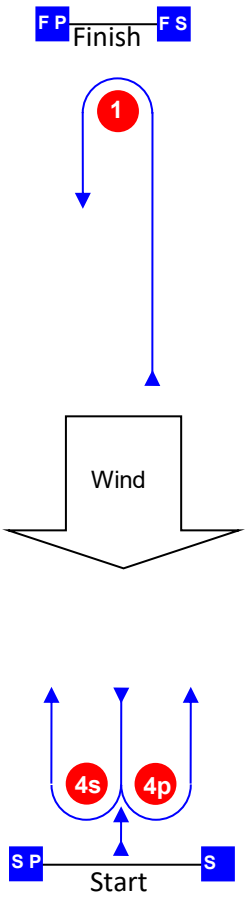
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

W



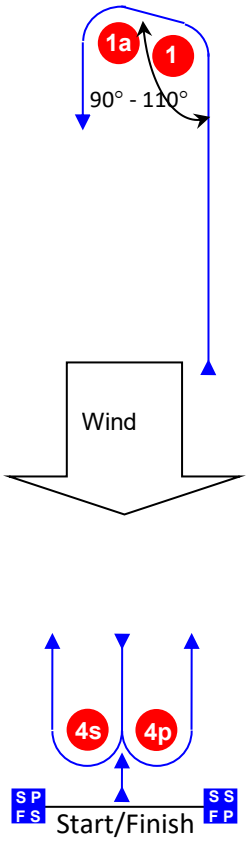
Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

Mark	Description
1	
4s 4p	
Si Starting mark starboard end	
SP Starting mark port end	
FS Finishing mark starboard end	
FP Finishing mark port end	

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward with offset

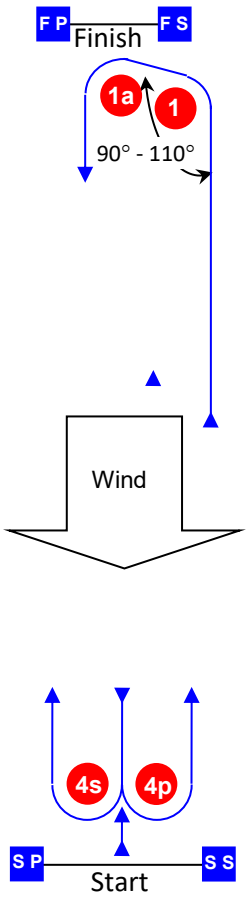
LA



Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1– 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

WA



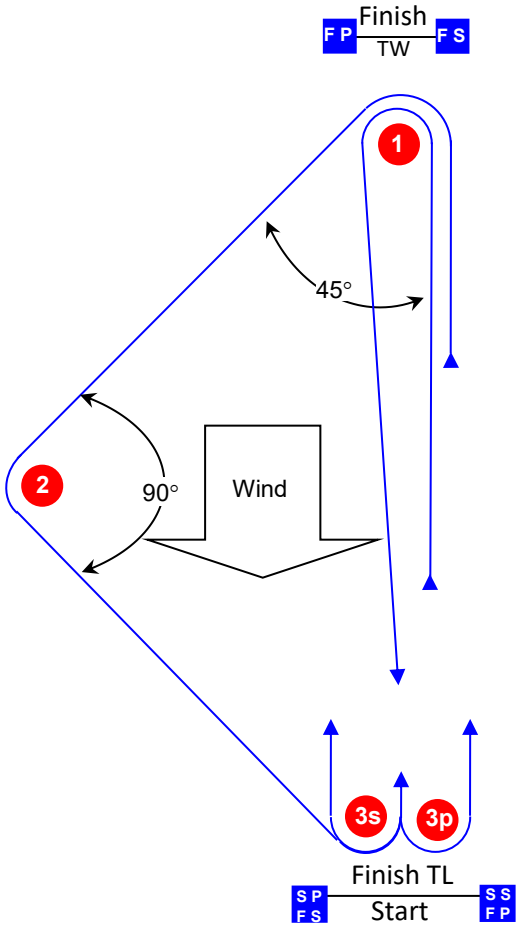
Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1– 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

Mark	Description	
1		
1a		
4s 4p		
S S Starting mark starboard end		
S P Starting mark port end		
	LA	**WA**
F S Finishing mark starboard end		
F P Finishing mark port end		

Course Illustration – Triangular course

TW / TL



Course: Triangular Upwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TW2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – Finish
TW3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish
TW4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – Finish

Course: Triangular Downwind Finish

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

Mark	Description	
1		
2		
3s 3p		
SS Starting mark starboard end		
SP Starting mark port end		
	TW	**TL**
FS Finishing mark starboard end		
FP Finishing mark port end		