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Wednesday Alternative Sailing Program (WASP) 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) applies at all times, 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 hrs 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 Officer 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 Officer 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 map of the Lake on the club room wall.

6.5 The course format shall be a Lake 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 The selected course will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks can be round Red buoys or cylindrical Orange/ Yellow buoys. Or BOPRC 5 Knot Buoys.

10.2 Additional marks will be "Dan Buoys" with a Red or Orange flag.

10.3 The Race officer will define the start and finish line which can be between two buoys - or a designated finishing mark

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 Two Dan Buoys or a fixed buoy. The start will be controlled by the race officer from another boat designated as a committee boat.

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. (Note: Motors may be used in an emergency to extract a boat from weed or imminent danger, so long as there is no positional gain or advantage obtained from the use of the motor.

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 she is identified; the race committee will attempt to Broadcast her name and/or sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to a make a broadcast, failure of her to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcast will not be grounds for a request 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 officer will radio any change of course or shortened course via VHF Radion - all boats are required to acknowledge receipt of the transmission.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a Dan Bouy and a fixed Buoy- or as advised by the Race officer during the briefing.

14.2 Finish times will be recorded by the Club patrol boat or another assigned boat. Whilst not an official rule, it is customary for the first boat in each division that completes the course shall then take the finish times of the other boats in its division.

14.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, 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 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	90 minutes
B Division	90 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 20 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 protested against. 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 Club Floating Handicaps 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 64 and monitored during the race.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, by either hailing or calling on VHF 64, before leaving the race area.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Official radio communications will be made on VHF 64.

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.