

2016 New Zealand O'pen BIC Cup 18th, 19th, 20th March 2016

Organising Authority

New Zealand International O'pen BIC Association

In conjunction with Nelson Yacht Club.

Venue - Nelson Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1: Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 1.4 Code of Conduct: Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official
- 1.5 O'pen BIC Class Association Class Rule C5.1 (i) is amended to make the carrying of a tow rope mandatory. The tow rope shall be a minimum diameter of 7mm and 5 metres in length with a 150mm loop in the end. It is to be affixed to the mast and bow handle and stowed such that is ready for towing.

2: Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lower lounge at Nelson Yacht Club.

3: Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours, or at the end of protest time, whichever is earlier on the day before it will take effect.

4: Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the Nelson Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Flag H with two sound signals, indicates that boats are requested stay ashore until this signal is removed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag H is removed (with 1 sound signal).

5: Schedule

- 5.1 Briefing: Friday 18th March 1300 hours.

5.2 Schedule of Races

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No of Races</u>	<u>On water activities</u>
Friday	18th March	3	1200 hrs
Saturday	19th March	2	1155 hrs
		3	1430 hrs
Sunday	20th March	3	1100 hrs

- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 On Sunday 20th March, no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

6 Class Flags

Class Flags will be: White flag with O'pen BIC insignia.

7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 The racing area will be within the waters of Tasman Bay and Nelson Harbour.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment B 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.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, notification of the course to be sailed for each race, will be displayed on a board on the committee boat.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 will be orange truncated buoys.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat at one end and a orange spherical buoy, at the other end.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at one end and an orange spherical buoy, at the other end.

10 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4, *Low Point System*, and A5, *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

11 The Finish

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at one end and the course side of the finishing mark at the other end.

12 Time limits and Target times

- 12.1 The time limit is 40 minutes, and the target time is 25 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, Time Limit and

Scores, A4, Low Point and Bonus Point Systems, and A5, Scores Determined By The Race Committee.

13 Sign on/off, Report in or out

- 13.1 All competitors must sign on, using the sign on sheets at the Club, prior to launching, and sign off when they have returned.

14 Scoring

- 14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 14.2 When fewer than four races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When from four to eight races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.4 When nine races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office located at Nelson Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 Nelson Yacht Club beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b), *informing the Protestee*.
- 15.6 Breaches of instruction 13, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a), *Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action*. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66, *Reopening A Hearing*
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

Areas that are Obstructions or Prohibited

- 16.1 Navigation Safety Bylaw 218 restricts the movement of boats within Nelson Harbour. The diagram on the Official Notice Board shows the restricted and designated areas. Fines can be incurred for breaching this Bylaw.
- 16.2 Particular attention is drawn to: An exclusion zone of 50m around any wharf or vessel tied to a wharf, and - A Moving Prohibition Zone and Total Exclusion Zone around any vessel of 3000GMT or more entering or leaving the harbour. This zone extends to 500 metres in front and 100 metres to either side and to the rear of the vessel. Consequently, the harbour entrance is a total exclusion zone during the entry or exit of any such vessel.
- 16.3 Competitors must comply with these restrictions

17 Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

Attachment A

Course Diagram

Courses :

C1:

Start, 1, Finish

C2:

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish

C3:

Start, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, finish

