

Manawatu Marine Boat Club – Sailing Section

Sailing Instructions – Club Racing 2025/26

Rules for competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that all are expected to follow. These enforce a fundamental principle of sportsmanship. The rules may be changed during the season or for a particular race or series of races. These changes will be made by usual methods of notification or at appropriate briefings.

1. The Club has no liability for competitor's boats and personal equipment.
2. Notices to competitors may be emailed and or left on the notice board just inside the main entrance doors of the club building
3. Races will take place as at the appointed schedule. The committee has the right to add extra races as are deemed necessary.
4. Postponement / cancellation of races will be decided by the Race Co-ordinator and notified by text where possible 2 hours before race start.
5. Personal buoyancy must be used at all times.
6. Helmets are to be worn by juniors sailing Optimists & Skiffs/Bics and also by novices until they feel competent enough not to wear them.
7. All competitors must "sign on" and "sign off" after the last race on the "sign in" sheet at the Starting Committee venue otherwise they will have no result for that race.
8. Racing will take place with 3-minute starts and all race signals made onshore will be displayed at the Starting Committee venue.
9. Race signals will be made using lights. In the case of light failure, then flags will be used.
10. Course will be on river or out at sea, set on the day to the Start Committee's description.
11. Course, marks and Duty Person's name will be displayed at the Starting Committee venue.
12. Marks will be big orange buoys or used oil /drench containers. The patrol boat may be used in the case of shortened or changed course.
13. Start / Finish lines will be posted with the course (remember when on the river the inner mark is the distance marker only, as the line runs from the outer buoy to the Start Committee venue).
14. No passing through Start/Finish lines unless in prestart or starting or finishing a race.
15. Time limit of 20 mins after first boat in a class finishes for all other boats in that class to complete the course.
16. Scoring will be done by the appointed person using the most appropriate system.
17. Nothing is to be jettisoned from competing boats.
18. No drugs that are performance enhancing including mind altering prescription medications
19. No person shall compete whilst intoxicated.
20. People known to have damaged club property wilfully will be automatically disqualified.
21. Protests will be heard at the convenience of the committee and should be lodged in writing (including email or text) within 60 mins of the end of the last race.
22. The race officials reserve the right to withdraw the use of a club boat or remove a private boat from a race or series if they believe the boat has become damaged & become unsafe. This also applies if due to the experience of the competitor & or the prevailing conditions, personal safety or condition of club property is at risk.
23. If a member is not financially fully paid up by 31st December then their results do not count.
24. Any person competing in a national or regional event representing MMBC will receive aggregate points for club championship races missed as a result. This option is also available to a sailing parent or coach performing a support role for these events.