

Notice of Race
Waimakariri Sailing Club



Five hour race also know as Round the Block

Saturday 30th November 2024

Waimakariri Sailing Club regular sailing venue.

The Organising Authority is the Waimakarir Sailing Club Inc. (WSC)

1. Rules

1.1. The five hour race will be run according to the Sailing Instructions and the Sailing Safety Procedures as published on our website.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1. This race is for sunbursts without spinnakers.

2.2. To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant shall be a financial member of a yacht club recognised by the entrant's national authority.

2.3. No entry fee.

2.4. Registrations for entry are to be made on the day.

3. Schedule

3.1. Date Saturday 30th December 2024.

3.2. A briefing for all skippers will be held at 11:15hrs where the owner or principle skipper must complete a Registration and Crewing roster. Blank forms are available on our website.

3.3. First warning signal will be at 11:55hrs.

3.4. There will be a change-over period each hour commencing at 10 minutes before the hour and completing at 10 minutes past the hour.

A change-over outside this period will be noted and may count against the lap count.

- 3.5. The start of the change-over period will be signalled with a single warning horn and the class flag raised. The class flag will be lowered at the end of the change-over period without any warning horn.
- 3.6. Race finishes at 17:00hrs with one long warning horn.

4. Sailing Instruction

- 4.1. Each boat must have a skipper and crewperson aboard.
- 4.2. At least one crew member (skipper or crewperson) must be changed over each hour. This must be done during the change-over period.
Note: One crew out and new crew in.
- 4.3. Each boat owner, or principle skipper on the day, will be responsible for allocating crew positions and must fill out the roster for their boat. The crewing task may be delegated to the roster co-ordinator on the day.
- 4.4. The change-over point will be either on the beach adjacent the clubrooms or the beach on the opposite side of the river. This area and any transport arrangements will be designated during the briefing.
- 4.5. The change-over can only be carried out on the up-wind leg.
- 4.6. If required the Club support boats can ferry crews across the river.
- 4.7. The WSC will rig one or two Club sunbursts where the skipper and crew roster will be managed by the roster co-ordinator and the names will be posted on the clubroom whiteboard.
- 4.8. Any further instructions or amendments to this NOR will be given at the skippers briefing.

5. Course

- 5.1. The course is constrained by the water available at near low tide so will be a simple straight line with a gate at each end and a central start-finish line directly in front of the Clubrooms.
- 5.2. The start will be windward to the up-wind gate. Boats must pass through the start-finish line on each downwind leg to be counted.
- 5.3. Laps will be counted by noting the time each boat passes through the start-finish line on the downwind leg.

6. The start

6.1. There will be a five minute count down using the lights on the cab with the first warning signal at 11:55hrs.

7. The finish

7.1. The finish will be indicated by one long signal at 17:00hrs.

7.2. The Race Officer will note the relative position of boats on the last leg. This information may be needed in the event of a tie in laps.

8. Scoring and Trophy

8.1. It is the number of laps of the course that are completed by a boat that will count towards the final placing.

8.2. There is an inter-club trophy to be contested between WSC and PLYC. The trophy will be awarded to the Club which completes the greatest number of laps. The lap count will be decided for each Club by adding together the best lap count of two boats from each Club.

9. Safety

9.1. The Race Officer will make the decision as to whether the river, weather or wind conditions are suitable for the race to start or to continue.

9.2. If there is a warning signal of six or more short horn blasts all boats must come ashore as quickly as possible.

10. Canteen

10.1. The WSC canteen will operate throughout the event. No EFTPOS.

11. General

11.1. This is one of our signature events and is a great opportunity for Club members who sail other classes to team up with sunburst owners for a sail. We have found in past years some very interesting crew combinations with juniors and new sailors getting a chance to sail a bigger boat under the guidance of an experienced skipper. New Club members should turn up ready to sail as often sunburst owners have spaces to fill on the day.

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5th November 2024