

Notice of Race
Waimakariri Sailing Club



Round the Block Five hour race

20th November 2021

Waimakariri Sailing Club regular sailing venue.

The Organising Authority is the Waimakariri 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 20th November 2021

3.2. A briefing for all skippers will be held at 12:15hrs where owners/principle skippers must complete a Registration and Crewing roster. Blank form available on our website.

3.3. First warning signal will be at 12:55hrs.

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 18:00hrs 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.
- 4.4. The change-over point will be on the sandy bank across the river from the clubrooms. This will be designated during the briefing.
- 4.5. The change-over can only be carried out on the up-wind leg.
- 4.6. The Club support boats will ferry crews across the river.
- 4.7. The WSC will rig one/two Club sunbursts where the skipper and crew will be rostered on a whiteboard and be managed by the roster co-ordinator.
- 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 12:55hrs.

7. The finish

7.1. The finish will be indicated by one long signal at 18:00hrs.

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. This will be scored by adding together the laps of the first two boats from each club. More details at the briefing.

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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