

The Estuary Championships 2024-25

incorporating Sunburst Canterbury Championships 2024-25

Sailing Instructions

Races 1 & 2 - Saturday 9 November 2024

Races 3 & 4 - Saturday 8 March 2025

Organised by the Management Committee formed from representatives of: Christchurch Yacht Club,
Mt. Pleasant Yacht Club and Pleasant Point Yacht Club.

1.0 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 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.4 A Laser yacht entered in any of The Estuary Championships races shall retain the same size and shape of sail for all subsequent races in the series.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all classes.
- 2.2 All entrants must be financial members of a club recognised by the entrant's national authority.

3.0 Sailing Instructions and Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 The sailing instructions and courses and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

4.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at CYC, MPYC and PPYC.

5.0 Schedule of Races

The scheduled time of the first warning signal is as follows

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday 9 November 2024	0900 - 1030	Registration
	1000	PPYC briefing
	(Lyttelton High tide 1110 ~ 2.3)	1110 (first warning signal)
	Back to back	Race 1
Saturday 8 March 2025		Race 2
	0800 - 0930	Registration
	0900	PPYC briefing
	(Lyttelton high tide 1246 ~ 2.3)	1245 (first warning signal)
		Race 3
		Race 4

- 5.1 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 three minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.0 Class Flags

Pennant Numeral One: All Trailer Yachts, All Multihulls;
Pennant Numeral Two: Senior Dinghies (eg Zephyrs and Lasers including Radials and 4.7s);
Pennant Numeral Three: Sunbursts
Pennant Numeral Four: Junior Dinghies (eg Starling, Opti, P Class, Firebug, Open Skiff, Opti).

7.0 Racing Area

Racing shall be on the Avon-Heathcote Estuary. The Start will be in the vicinity of Avon Heathcote Estuary Mark 22.

8.0 Courses

8.1 The diagram below shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks to PORT.

9.0 Marks

Mark descriptions are shown with the course diagram below.

10.0 The Start

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal for Start One made 3 (three) minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for Starts Two, Three and Four shall be the start signal for the previous start in 3 minute intervals.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat and the port-end starting mark.

10.3 After starting, boats shall not pass between the starting boat and the starting mark.

10.4 The start order for the first race each day will be:

Start	Flag	Classes
One:	Numeral Pennant One:	All Trailer Yachts, All Multihulls;
Two:	Numeral Pennant Two:	Senior Dinghies (eg Zephyrs and Lasers including Radials and 4.7s);
Three:	Numeral Pennant Three:	Sunburst and Starling Dinghies;
Four:	Numeral Pennant Four:	Junior Dinghies (eg Optimist, P Class, Firebug, Open Skiff).

10.5 Starts in consecutive races can be in any order. Watch for your Class Start Flag.

10.6 The warning signal for subsequent races for any class may immediately follow the finish of the last boat in that class or the 10 minute finishing window, whichever is sooner.

10.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.8 **General Recall.** If the race committee signals a General Recall, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be the start signal for the final class in the current sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

11.0 Shortened Course

When Code flag S is shown at or near a mark, sail to the bottom mark, take the bottom mark to port and sail to the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2.

12.0 The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Finish boat and a starboard end finishing mark (blue buoy with flag). Boats shall not pass between the Finish boat and the blue finishing mark unless finishing.

13.0 Penalty System

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

14.0 Target Times

14.1 Target time for all races is 40 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 Boats not finishing within the time limit may be towed to the starting area for the start of subsequent races.

15.0 Committee Boat

15.1 The Start Boat will display an Orange Flag when on station.

15.2 The Finish Boat will display a Blue Flag when on station.

16.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Optimist, P Class boats will not be exempt from displaying a protest flag. This changes rule 61.1(a).

16.2 Protest forms are available at the race offices of each participating club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.3 For each class, 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.

16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.0 Scoring

17.1 *No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.*

18.0 Radio Frequency

18.1 The radio frequency for the event will be channel 17.

19.0 Risk statement

19.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Courses

All marks to PORT. Finish line to STARBOARD of the Finish boat.

1	Sigrids	T2	
2	Senior Dinghies (Zephyr and Lasers incl Radials);	T2	
3	Farr 5000, Sunburst and Starling Dinghies, Laser 4.7);		T2
4	P Class, Firebug, Open Skiff;	T2A	
5	Opti;		T2A
6	Multihulls		

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T1A	Start – 1a – 2a – 3 – Finish
T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
T2A	Start – 1a – 2a – 3 – 1a – 3 – Finish
T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T3A	Start – 1a – 2a – 3 – 1a – 3 – 1a – 2a – 3 – Finish

Mark	Description	New mark description
1	Orange cylinder buoy	Red sphere
1a	Red sphere with red flag	
2	Orange cylinder buoy	Red sphere
2a	Red sphere with red flag	
3	Orange cylinder buoy	Red sphere
	Orange cylinder buoy	
Start – Starboard End	Committee boat (Astrid)	
Start – Port End	Pink and yellow buoy	
Finish – Starboard End	Blue buoy with blue flag	
Finish – Port End	Committee boat (Rapanui)	