

# Port Nicholson Regatta 2018

Incorporating the 2018 New Zealand PHRF National Championship

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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## Sailing Instructions

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 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 shall apply as follows:
- a) For keel boats, Part II, Category 5 amended to include a VHF transceiver, boson's chair, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633.
  - b) For trailer yachts, Part V, Category C amended to include a VHF transceiver, at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
  - c) For sports boats, Part VI amended to include a waterproof VHF transceiver (or a VHF transceiver in a waterproof bag), one "First Aid Kit – basic" (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix "A"), at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
  - d) For E6 class yachts, Part I amended to include a waterproof transceiver.
  - e) The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent such a yacht to compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
  - f) Yachts complying with paragraph a, b or c shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding 5.5 knots.
- 1.3** Yachts shall report the following incidents which occur while racing to the Race Committee as soon as practicably possible:
- a) man overboard
  - b) an injury requiring medical treatment
  - c) contact with another yacht during a race causing serious damage
  - d) any damage which materially adversely affects the seaworthiness of the yacht
  - e) retirement from a race
- 1.4** The Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws will apply.
- a) For the avoidance of doubt, when a boat sailing under the rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the Wellington Harbour Bylaws.
  - b) There shall be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
  - c) A boat shall be disqualified without a hearing if a vessel larger than 500 GRT reports to the Organising Authority, to the Harbour Master, or to Maritime New Zealand, that the boat has either:
    - d) entered her moving prohibited zone; or
    - e) impeded her navigation (including but not limited to requiring her to take avoiding

action).

This changes rule 63.1.

**1.5** Appendix T will apply.

**1.6** Racing rule(s) 51 and 52 will be changed as follows:

- a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS52.
- b) Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes RRS51
- c) RRS52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the RPNYC Wardroom and on [www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz](http://www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz)

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at RPNYC Clubrooms and/or Point Jerningham Start Box. The existence of signals having been made ashore may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 62.

**4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** Nine races are scheduled

Day:	Date:	No of Races	Time of First Warning Signal:
Friday	23 Feb 2018	Up to 3	1355hrs
Saturday	24 Feb 2018	Up to 5	0925hrs
Sunday	25 Feb 2018	Up to 4	0955hrs

**5.2** For subsequent races on the same day the scheduled time of the warning signal for the next race for each division will be displayed with flag L as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.

**5.3** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1355hrs.

## 6 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Port Nicholson Regatta Committee will allocate boats to a division, to ensure each division has sufficient numbers to satisfy the requirements for a National Championship.

6.2	Class	Flag	Base Handicap
	Division 1	K	$\geq 0.800$
	Division 2	E	$< 0.800$
	Young 88	G	(If required)
	Elliott 5.9	O	(If required)
	Harbour Division	T	(If required)

## 7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

The regatta committee will broadcast which racing area it intends to use on VHF 62 at least 60 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day, the relevant race area flag may also be flown at the RPNYC Flag Pole, and/or the Committee Boat.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, 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, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 When flag 'F' is displayed, the course will be a special course and will be broadcast on VHF channel 62 approximately 15 minutes prior to the start time.

8.4 For a special course, the finish may be in a different race area to the start.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.

9.2 The start mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy.

9.3 The finish mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy with a black band

9.4 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The areas that are designated as obstructions are described in attachment B and below.

No boat shall:

sail between the Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham;  
or

enter the 'Mokopuna Island exclusion area' formed by the straight lines between the following points:

Latitude	Longitude
41°14.8'S	174°51.75'E
41°14.8'S	174°52.05'E
41°15.15'S	174°51.75'E
41°15.15'S	174°52.05'E

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the yellow cylindrical starting mark at the port end.
- 11.2** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4** If any part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start signal, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 62. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

## **13 SHORTENING THE COURSE**

- 13.1** Instead of displaying flag 'S' with two sounds, a race may also be shortened in accordance with rule 32.2 by an announcement on VHF channel 62. This changes rule 32.2.
- 13.2** Alternatively, a race may be shortened by an announcement on VHF channel 62 directing yachts to round a particular mark of the course and proceed directly to and cross the finishing line. In this case, rule 32.2 will not apply.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1** For courses designated to finish at RPNYC: the finishing line will be between the RPNYC Start Box flagpole or a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the port end and the yellow cylindrical finishing mark with a black band at the starboard end.
- 14.2** For all other courses: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby yellow cylindrical finishing mark with a black band. (See diagrams in Attachment B).

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Scoring penalties under RRS 44.3 will not be used.

## **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1** Time limits and target times are described in attachment B.
- 16.2** Boats failing to finish within 2 times the elapsed time of the first boat in their division to finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1** Protest forms are available regatta noticeboard located in the Wardroom, RPNYC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2** 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. The same time limit applies to all divisions.
- 17.3** 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 RPNYC Boardroom beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5** Breaches of SIs 11.2, 19, 22, 24 and 25, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.6** The Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the instructions listed in instruction 17.5, or for any matter related to safety. This may also be on the basis of a report from an interested party, which changes rule 60.2(a).
- 17.7** The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1(a). The alternative penalty may be a warning, a scoring penalty or an elapsed time penalty. The quantum of a scoring penalty or elapsed time penalty shall be determined by the protest committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI. This changes rule A11.
- 17.8** 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 RRS62.2.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1** Races will be scored on PHRF, General Handicap and if applicable Class Championship.
- 18.2** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1** The Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the safety regulations.
- 19.3** Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 19.4** [DP] A boat retiring from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 19.5** [DP]Boats retiring from racing shall, in accordance with SI 19.4 shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the protest time limit.

**20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

[DP] Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any time.

**22 EVENT ADVERTISING**

[DP] Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

**23 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows: **RC**.

**24 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 24.1** Support boats are allowed.
- 24.2** [DP] Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.3** When the wind is less than 10 knots support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.
- 24.4** [DP] When requested to do so by the Race Committee via VHF Channel 62, support boats shall remain afloat to assist all sailors
- 24.5** [DP] Support boats shall be marked with flag V.

**25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**25.1** All radio communication between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through VHF Channel 62 unless the Race Committee determines otherwise.

**25.2** Yachts and support boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 62. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**25.3** [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**26 PRIZES**

**26.1** The Ross Telford Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the 2018 Port Nicholson Regatta Champion. The regatta champion will be determined by the Organising Authority.

**26.2** The Roger Land Trophy will be awarded for Young 88 Line Honours winner.

**26.3** Prizes may be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on PHRF, IRC, general handicap and if applicable, class championship.

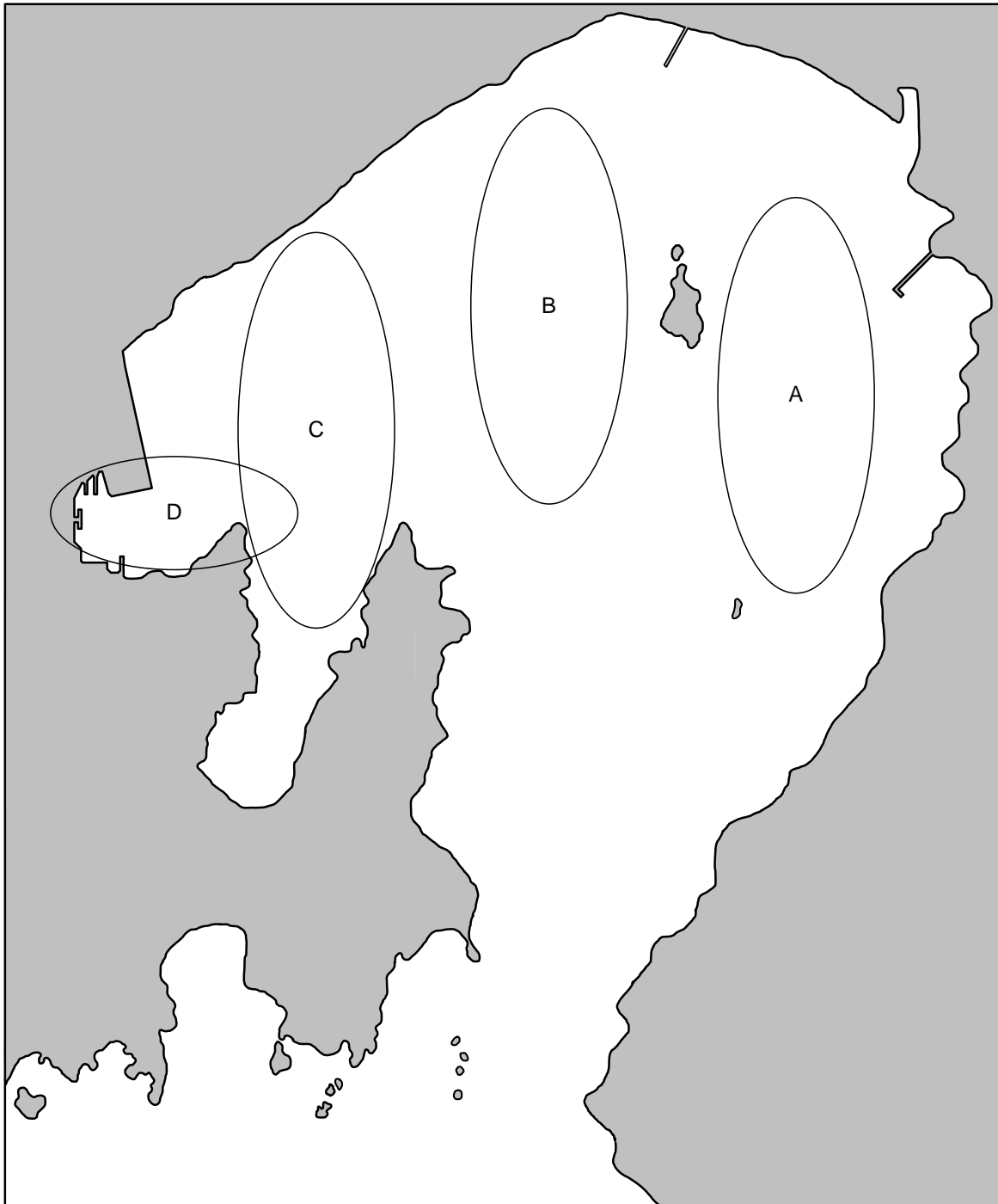
**27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

**28 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## Attachment A – Course Areas



*The course areas described above show the general areas in which the race committee boat may be stationed.*

*In general:*

- *in a northerly, the race committee boat will likely be on station towards the southern end of course area “A” or “C”;*
- *in a southerly, the race committee boat will likely be on station towards the northern end of course area “B” or “C”;*
- *It is intended that sprint racing will likely be held in course area “D”.*



## Attachment B – Courses

### Obstructions:

The following shall be obstructions:

- A line between a fairway mark and the nearest point of land shall be designated an obstruction; and
- the Mokopuna Island exclusion area (see instruction 10.1)

### Description of Marks:

- Marks 4 and 11 shall be numbered orange round buoys. Approximate positions for these marks will be posted on the official notice board.
- Mark 10 shall be orange round buoy, but if missing or unfixed, Falcon Shoal light becomes the mark.
- Mark 5 shall be an orange or yellow laid buoy
- Marks 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 15 will be orange cylindrical numbered buoys.
- Marks 3P, 3S, 4P, 4S, 7, 27 and 28 will be orange cylindrical unnumbered buoys.
- Marks 1 will be laid to windward of the starting line.
- Mark 8 may be located anywhere in Evans Bay.
- Mark 9 will be located in the vicinity of Pt Jerningham.
- Mark 15 will be located in the vicinity of Pt Halswell.
- Mark 6 is the Front Lead (41°19.06' S, 174°51.345 E).
- F means the finish line on the start boat's starboard side.
- FR means the finish line at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

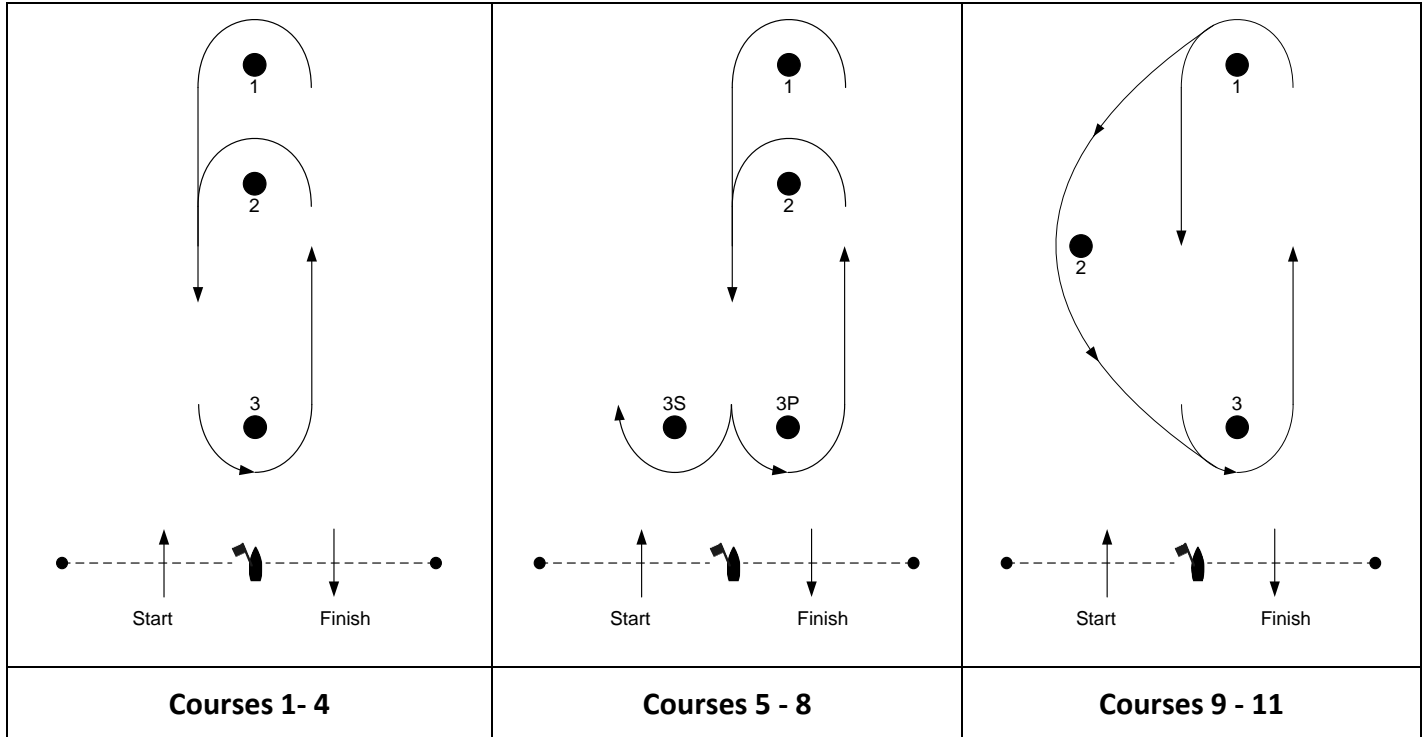
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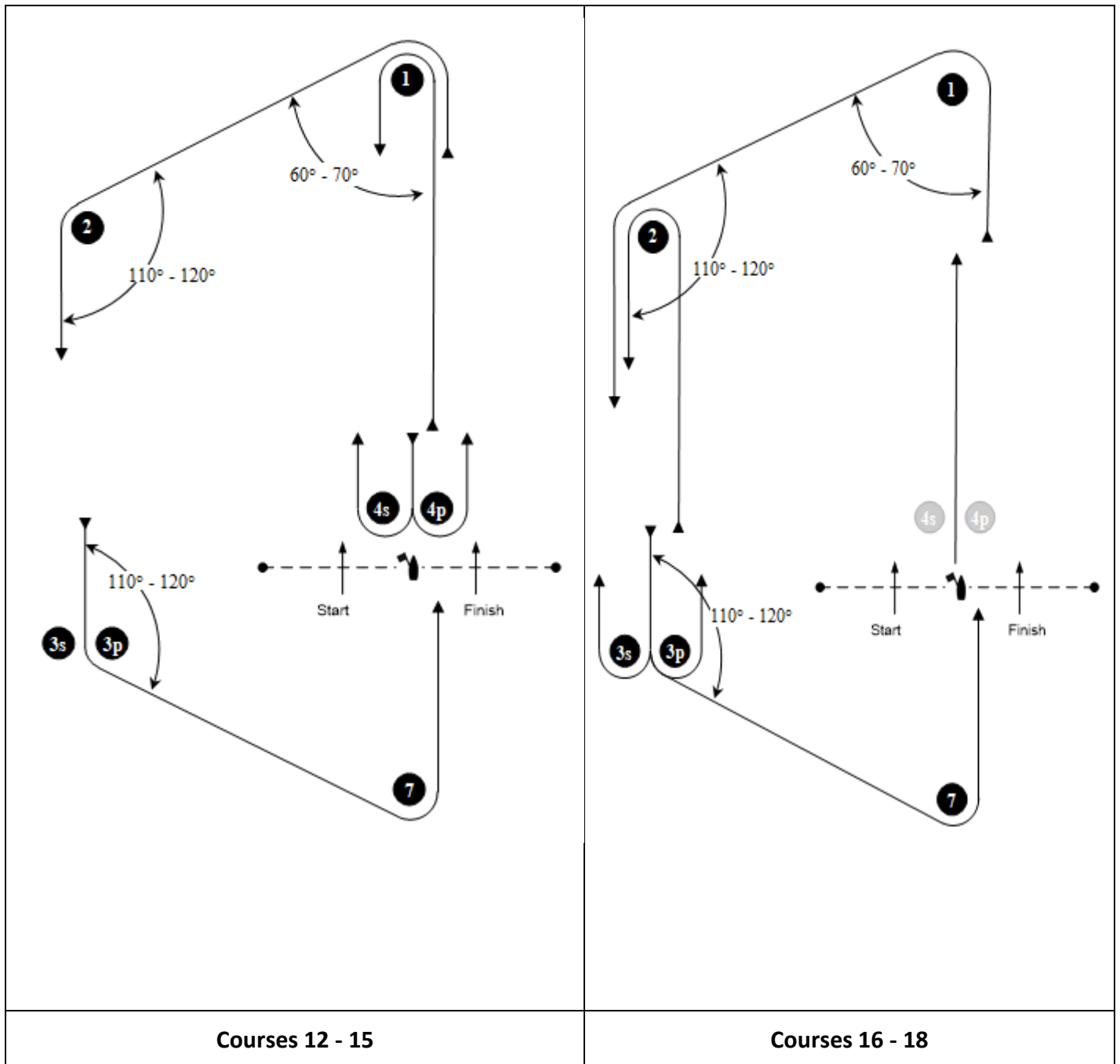
- Marks 3 and 3S/3P may be above or below the committee boat for courses 1-11.
- All mark roundings are to port except gate marks (3P/S, 4P/S).
- Separation marks will not be laid.

#	Course	Time Limit ( Mins )	Target Time ( Mins )
1	S – 1 – 3 – 1 – F	90	60
2	S – 2 – 3 – 2 – F	90	60
3	S – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – F	90	60
4	S – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – F	90	60
5	S – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – F	90	60
6	S – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – F	90	60
7	S – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – F	90	60
8	S – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – F	90	60
9	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – F	90	60
10	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – F	90	60
11	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – F	90	60

12	S-1-2-3p-7-F	90	60
13	S-1-4s/4p-1-2-3p-7-F	90	60
14	S-1-4s/4p-1-4s/4p-1-2-3p-7-F	90	60
15	S-1-4s/4p-1-4s/4p-1-4s/4p-1-2-3p-7-F	90	60
16	S-1-2-3s/3p-2-3p-7-F	90	60
17	S-1-2-3s/3p-2-3s/3p-2-3p-7-F	90	60
18	S-1-2-3s/3p-2-3s/3p-2-3s/3p-2-3p-7-F	90	60

**Laid Course Diagrams:**





**Courses 12 - 15**

**Courses 16 - 18**

**Harbour Courses:**

#	Course	Time Limit ( Mins )
19	S - 1P - 10S - 9P - FR	120
20	S - 1P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	120
21	S - 1P - 10S - 5P - 8S - 9P - FR	180
22	S - 1P - 6S - 5P - 8S - 9P - FR	180
23	S - 1P - 10S - 5P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
24	S - 1P - 6S - 5P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
25	S - 1P - 10S - 11P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
26	S - 1P - 10S - 5P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240

#	Course	Time Limit ( Mins )
27	S - 1P - 6S - 5P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
28	S - 1P - 10S - 5P - 10P - 5P - 10P - 4P - 9S - FR	300
29	S - 1P - 6S - 5P - 10P - 5P - 10P - 4P - 9S - FR	300
30	S - 1P - 10S - 11P - 10P - 5P - 10P - 4P - 9S - FR	300
31	S - 10P - 5P - 9S - FR	120
32	S - 6P - 5P - 9S - FR	180
33	S - 10P - 5P - 10S - 9P - FR	180
34	S - 10P - 5P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
35	S - 6P - 5P - 10S - 9P - FR	240
36	S - 6P - 5P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
37	S - 6P - 5P - 6S - 9P - FR	240
38	S - 10S - 4P - 8P - 5S - 10S - 9P - FR	240
39	S - 6P - 5P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	300
40	S - 6P - 11P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	300
41	S - 4S - 10P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
42	S - 4S - 6P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
43	S - 4S - 10P - 5P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
44	S - 4S - 10P - 11P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
45	S - 4S - 6P - 5P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
46	S - 4S - 6P - 11P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	300
47	S - 1S - 27P - 28P - 15S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
48	S - 1S - 27P - 28P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
49	S - 1S - 27P - 28P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
50	S - 1S - 12P - 28P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	300
51	S - 8P - 5S - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
52	S - 8P - 11S - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
53	S - 8P - 11S - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
54	S - 8P - 5S - 10S - 4P - 8P - 4P - 9S - FR	240
55	S - 8P - 5S - 6S - 4P - 8P - 4P - 9S - FR	300
56	S - 8P - 11S - 6S - 4P - 8P - 4P - 9S - FR	300

Harbour Mark Locations (diagram approximate only):

