



2019 PORT NICHOLSON REGATTA Incorporating the 2019 IRC and PHRF National Championships 21st – 24th February 2019

The Organising Authority is the **Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)**

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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 and multi-hulls**, Part II, Category 5 amended to include a VHF transceiver, bosun'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 "Inshore Kit" (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 1), 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 **sports multi-hull yachts**, Part VII amended to include one "Inshore Kit" (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 1), and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - e. All boats shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 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).
 - f. This changes rule 63.1.
- 1.5. Racing rules 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 RRS 52.
 - 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 RRS 51.
 - c. RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T (*Arbitration*) will apply.

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. 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. Twelve races are scheduled as per the table below

	Friday 22 February 2019	Saturday 23 February 2019	Sunday 24 February 2019
First warning signal	0955 hours	0955hours	0955 hours
Division			
Division A	4 Races	5 Races	3 Races
Division B			
Multi Hulls			
Harbour Division	No Racing	2 Races	2 Races
White Sails Division			
Special Invitational Race	1725 Warning Signal	No Race	No Race

5.2. 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.

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

5.4. **Special Invitational Race:** The regatta will incorporate the traditional RPNYC “Ambassadors Race” with invited guests and dignitaries aboard competing yachts racing a short harbour course starting at RPNYC. The warning signal is scheduled for 1725 hours on Friday 22nd February 2019. The race will be scored on General Handicap for applicable prizes, including the RPNYC Ambassadors Trophy. This race will not be scored as part of the regatta series.

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 A	K	PHRF >= 0.800 and/or IRC
	Division B	E	PHRF <= 0.799
	Multi-Hull	G	N/A
	Harbour/White Sails Divisions	T	N/A

6.3. **Special Invitational Race:** This will be a single fleet start, using flag ‘T’.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1. Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

7.2. 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.



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. 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

- 10.1. The areas that are designated as obstructions are described in attachment B and below. No boat shall:
 - a. sail between the Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham; or
 - b. 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 STARTS

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the yellow cylindrical 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. 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. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the yellow cylindrical finishing mark with a black band on the port end. (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 (where applicable) on PHRF, IRC, General Handicap and if applicable Class Championship.
- 18.2. 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the National Championship Divisions.
- 18.3. There is no minimum number of races for non National Championship Divisions.
- 18.4. For the Harbour and White Sails divisions a boats series score will be the total of her race scores - no score will be excluded. This changes A2.1.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. The Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the safety regulations.
- 19.2. Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 19.3. [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.
- 19.4. [DP] Boats retiring from racing shall, in accordance with SI 19.3 shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the protest time limit.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

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: 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 2019 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 or general handicap.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

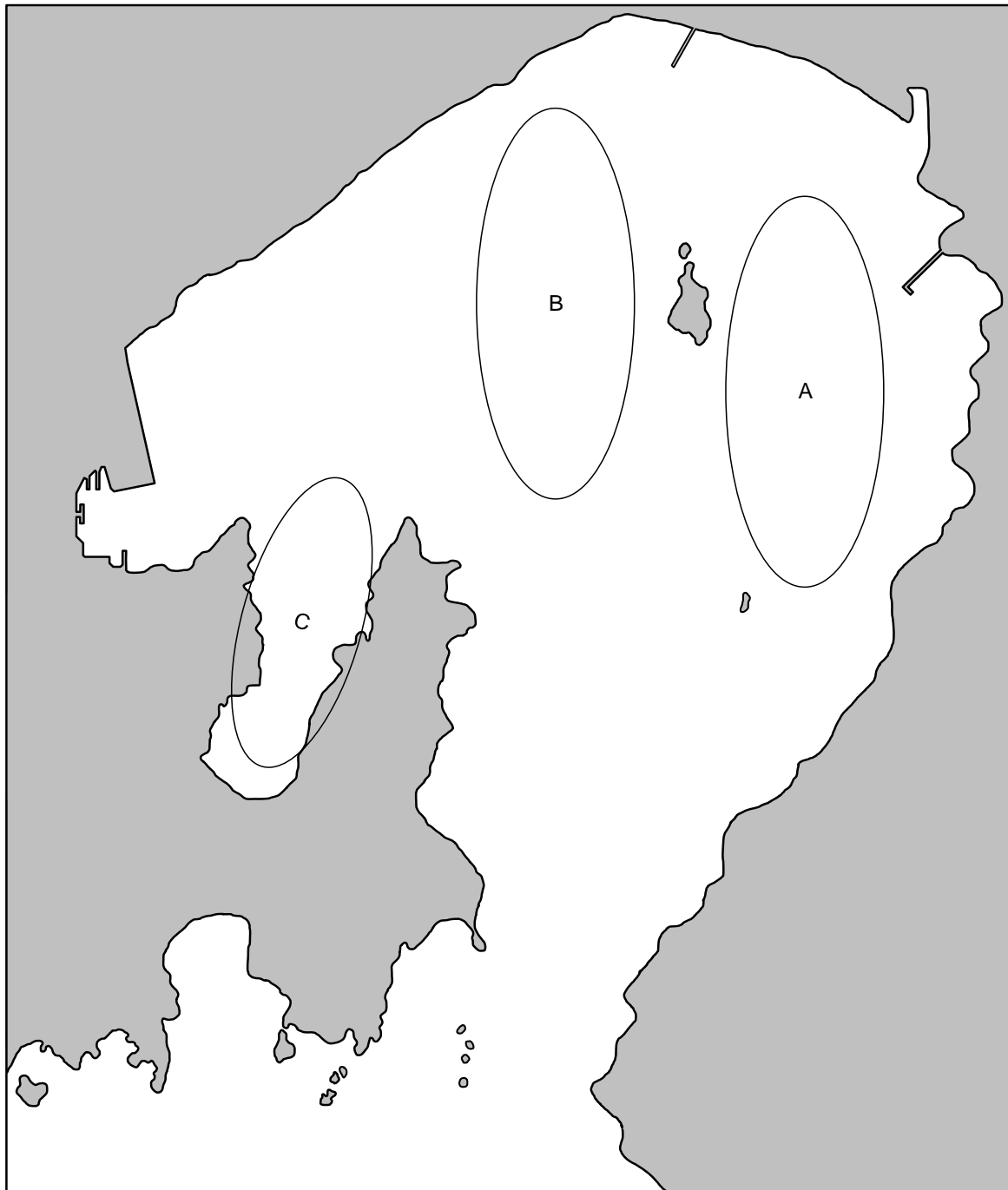
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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";*



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, 5, 11 and 12 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.
- Marks 1, 2, 3, 3P, 3S, 8, 9, 15, 18, 23, 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 will be in the vicinity of the RPNYC Clubrooms

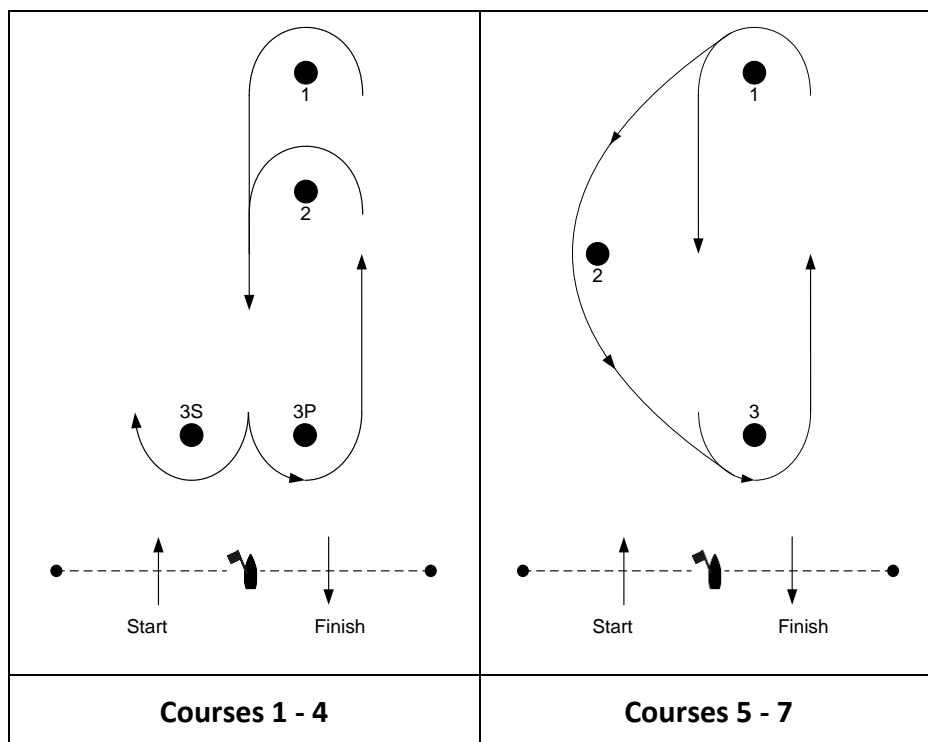
Laid Courses:

- 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.
- The target time is 40 minutes for all laid courses.

#	Course	Time Limit (Mins)
1	S – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – F	60
2	S – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – F	60
3	S – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – F	60
4	S – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – F	60
5	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – F	60
6	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - 1 - F	60
7	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – F	60



Laid Course Diagrams:



Harbour Courses:

#	Course	Time Limit (Mins)
8	S - 1P - 10S - 9S - FR	120
9	S - 1P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	120
10	S - 1P - 10S - 5P - 8S - 9P - FR	180
11	S - 1P - 6S - 5P - 8S - 9P - FR	180
12	S - 1P - 10S - 5P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
13	S - 1P - 6S - 5P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
14	S - 1P - 10S - 11P - 8S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
15	S - 1P - 10S - 5S - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
16	S - 1P - 6P - 5S - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
17	S - 1P - 10P - 5P - 10S - 9S - FR	180
18	S - 1P - 15P - 5P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
19	S - 1P - 11P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
20	S - 1P - 11P - 15S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
21	S - 1P - 11P - 15S - 9S - FR	180
22	S - 1P - 10P - 11P - 9S - FR	180
23	S - 1P - 12P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
24	S - 1P - 4S - FR	120



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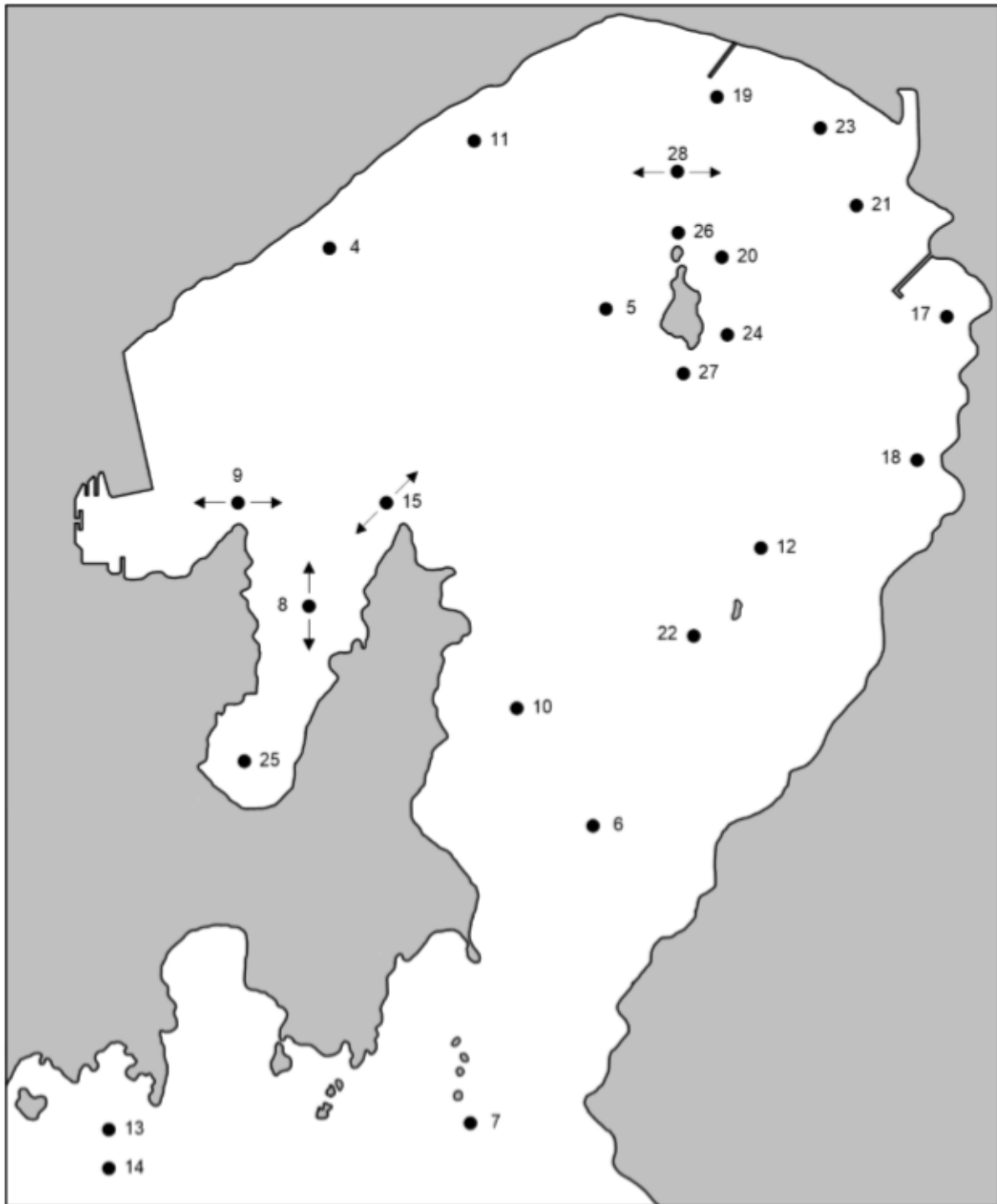
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25	S - 10P - 5P - 9S - FR	120
26	S - 6P - 5P - 9S - FR	180
27	S - 10P - 5P - 10S - 9S - FR	180
28	S - 10P - 5P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
29	S - 6P - 5P - 10S - 9S - FR	240
30	S - 6P - 5P - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
31	S - 6P - 5P - 6S - 9S - FR	240
32	S - 10S - 4P - 8P - 5S - 10S - 9S - FR	240
33	S - 6P - 5P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	300
34	S - 6P - 11P - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	300
35	S - 4S - 10P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
36	S - 4S - 6P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
37	S - 8P - 5S - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
38	S - 8P - 11S - 10S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
39	S - 8P - 11S - 6S - 4P - 9S - FR	240
40	S - 6P - 5S - Finish (in the vicinity of Ward Island / Mark 12)	120
41	S - 10P - 5S - Finish (in the vicinity of Ward Island / Mark 12)	120
44	S - 15P - 5P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
45	S - 6P - 28P - 5P - F	180
46	S - 10P - 28P - 4P - F	180
47	S - 10P - 11S - 18P - 23P - 5P - F	180
48	S - 10P - 28P - 5S - 4P - F	180
49	S - 10P - 5S - 27P - 18P - 28P - 5P - F	180
50	S - 11P - 12P - 28P - F	180
51	S - 15P - 4P - 9S - FR	180
52	S - 4S - 15S - 4P - 9S - FR	180
53	S - 9P - 5P - 11P - 9S - FR	180



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Harbour Mark Locations (diagram approximate only):





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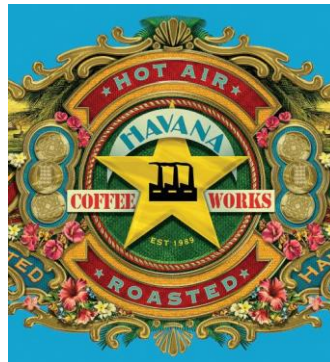


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