

PLIMMERTON BOATING CLUB (PLBC)

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025-26 Ralph Kindl Sailing Season

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE PLIMMERTON BOATING CLUB Inc

Sponsored by *Ralph Kindl*



1 The Rules

- 1.1 The Plimmerton Boating Club racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 The current YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing Part 1 shall apply to all Un-ballasted Centreboard and Open Yachts, Sailboards and Ballasted yachts not complying with Parts II – VI of the Safety Regulations.
- 1.3 The current YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing Part V Category C shall apply to Trailer Yachts and Sportsboats and is upgraded to include a VHF transceiver; this changes the Safety Regulation Part V, clause 11.1. For Sports Boats C rules 13.1 and 13.2' parts reading "Note: For sportsboats this is only recommended" are deleted.
- 1.4 A safety check may be made on any boat at any time whilst participating in any club sailing event.
- 1.5 For Elliot 5.9 class boats, in accordance with Class Rule 14.4 an outboard motor must be carried.
- 1.6 For Trailer Yachts and Sportsboats, it is recommended that centreboards be locked fully down at all times while racing. .
- 1.7 Personal Flotation shall be worn at all times while afloat. This changes rule 40 and Part 4 preamble.
- 1.8 Rule 41 is changed to include "Except coaching of a non-tactical nature by an YNZ qualified or Club Instructor shall be permitted". Outside help from an official club rescue boat may be given to junior Optimist sailors for safety reasons.
- 1.9 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, arbitration may be offered prior to any formal hearing.

2 Entry & Eligibility

- 2.1 Boats intending to compete in any of the 2025-26 Spring, Summer and Autumn Series races shall supply the Race Committee with a completed PLBC Autumn Series Entry Form.
- 2.2 To be eligible for Plimmerton Boating Club trophies or prizes the skipper (owner and or helms-person) of the boat and crew shall be financial members of the Plimmerton Boating Club.
- 2.3 Except that Non Plimmerton Boating Club persons may sail in up to 3 races without affecting the boat's eligibility for Plimmerton Boating Club trophies.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the downstairs lounge, Plimmerton Boating Club.
- 3.2 A skipper's briefing will be held before racing commences each race day at 1200hrs

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and will be detailed during the skippers briefing.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Plimmerton Boating Club Start Tower.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The schedule of racing is given in Attachment 1 of the "2025-26 Series Race Calendar".
- 6.2 For all Series, the warning signal for the first race each day is scheduled to be given at 1255 hours.
- 6.3 The warning signal for a subsequent race for a division on the same day will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous race for that division.
- 6.4 Races will be numbered sequentially in the order they are raced.
- 6.5 Where possible a postponed race will be rescheduled to be sailed back to back with the next available scheduled race.

7 Class and Division Flags

Class	Division	Flag	Rating
Trailer Yachts (combined start) Finn Class	(TY1&2)	Code flag "K"	NZTYA TCF.
Open C/B, ILCA, Starling, Zephyr, Optimist, P Class, O'Pen Skiff (combined start)		Code flag "J"	YNZ TCF

8 The Racing Area

- 8.1 On the waters adjacent to Plimmerton Boating Club.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The course for each class will be displayed on the official course board, showing the order and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The courses will be displayed on the official notice board not later than 30 minutes before the warning signal for that class.

10 Marks

- 10.1 The course marks will be orange or red cylindrical and or spherical buoys.
- 10.2 The outer starting and finishing mark will be an orange flagged spherical dan-buoy.
- 10.3 For a Start-box start the inner distance mark if laid will be a small orange spherical buoy.
- 10.4 For an on the water start, the inner distance start mark will be the Committee Signal Boat.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26. Five lights may be lit from the start tower at the warning signal with one lamp extinguished every minute, the final / fifth lamp extinguished on the start. Times shall be taken from the sound signals. The incorrect timing or absence of a light signal shall not be grounds for redress
- 11.2 For Start-box start the starting line will be between the Black and Yellow Striped Board on the start tower and outer end starting mark.
- 11.3 An inner distance mark may be laid, boats when approaching the line to start shall sail between the inner distance mark and the starting mark.
- 11.4 For a Committee Boat start the starting line will be between the Orange Flagged pole on the Committee boat and the outer distance mark.
- 11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12 Change of the position of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The race committee boat signalling the change is a mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the correct side. This changes rule 28, *Sailing the Course*.
- 12.3 Rule 33 is changed so that instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee boat signal may display a green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red flag if the direction is changed to port.
- 12.4 In addition to flag S, when numeral pennant 1 is displayed with flag S at a rounding mark, before the leading boat has begun the leg, boats shall leave this mark on the required side and proceed to the finish line.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The start-box finishing line will be between the Black and Yellow Striped board attached to the rail on the Start Box and the nearby outer finishing mark. An inner distance mark may be laid, boats when finishing shall pass between the inner distance mark, if laid, and the nearby finishing mark.
- 13.2 The on water finish line will be between the orange flagged pole on the signal committee boat and the nearby finish mark.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 For all classes rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 Time Limits

- 15.1 The time limits for the first boat to sail the course and finish are as follows

<u>Division</u>	<u>Time Limit 1 Race Scheduled</u>	<u>Time Limit 2 Races (Back to Back)</u>
All	180 minutes	80 minutes

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes the rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 Protests

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit for each class is 90 minutes after the last boat of that class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the place and times of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1(a)
- 16.5 For arbitration Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1 *Taking a Penalty*). The scoring penalty for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 1.3, 1.7, 11.5 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a) *Penalties* for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply except as changed below.
- 17.2 Four races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When eight or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 When ten races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Each race day prior to racing all boats intending to race shall fill in the race day Sign-on / Safety Sheet. A boat failing to comply may be penalized. This changes rule A4.1.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 Radio Communications

- 19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 19.2 The Call Sign for the Start Box is "PLIMMERTON SPORTS RADIO". On Channel 17

20 Trophies and Prizes

20.1 No Trophies are to leave the Club Rooms

20.2 Visiting boats are not eligible for Club Racing Season trophies or prizes.

20.3 Trophies will be awarded for:

- Autumn Series
 - Handicap

21 Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 Competitors participate in the Plimmerton Boating Club Racing entirely at their own risk. Refer rule 4, *Decision to Race*.

21.2 The Organising Authority, Race Committee, individuals appointed and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after club racing or a race series or at any other time, nor are they responsible for the sea-worthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency, or adequacy of it's equipment.

22 Statement of Weather Policy

22.1 Races may be postponed should the prevailing average wind speed consistently exceed 25 knots or in the opinion of the Race Officer the forecast weather and or sea conditions pose a serious risk to competitors.