City of Sails Sprints

29th September 2026 to 1st April 2027

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club (Birkenhead Wharf, Auckland 0626)

in conjunction with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

These Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) supplement RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and shall be read together with the Notice of Race.

1. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SI 4)

1.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located to the east of the RNZYS Clubrooms, 181 Westhaven Drive.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI 3)

2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 12:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES (SI 5)

3.1. The scheduled race days for each fleet are detailed in NoR 9.

3.2. A maximum of four (4) back-to-back races are scheduled on each race day for each class racing that day.

3.3. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on each race day is 17:55.

3.4. The warning signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the last boat in the preceding race. *ie. the warning signal for one class may be made before all boats in another class have finished.*

4. CLASS FLAGS (SI 6)

4.1. The class flags will be:

Class	Class Flag
Etchells	Pale blue flag
MRX	MRX logo on white background
Young 88	Pink flag
Elliott 7	Lime Green Flag

5. COURSES (SI 7)

5.1. The courses will be either L or LA as described in RRS Appendix S.

5.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

6. MARKS (SI 8)

6.1. Unless otherwise advised by the race committee, the marks will be:

Mark	Description
1	Red inflatable cylindrical buoy
1a	Red teardrop buoy
2s, 2p	Red inflatable tetrahedral buoy
Starting mark - starboard end	Race committee boat
Starting mark - port end	Yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy
Finishing mark - port end	Race committee boat
Finishing mark – starboard end	Yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy

6.2. Robotic marks may be used in place of any inflatable course mark described in SI 6.1. When a robotic mark is used, its colour and/or appearance may differ from that described in SI 6.1. The Race Committee will advise competitors of the identification of any robotic marks before racing.

6.3. A robotic mark may move to maintain its intended position. Such movement will not constitute a change of course or grounds for redress.

7. SAILS

7.1. [NP] For the Young 88, Elliott 7 and MRX class, no later than five (5) minutes before the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display which headsails are to be used:

***Approx.* Wind Strength**	**Signal Displayed**	**Young 88 Sails** Mainsail and;	**Elliott 7** Mainsail and;	**MRX Sails** Mainsail and;
< 15 knots	No signal	No. 1 Genoa and Spinnaker	Jib and Spinnaker/Gennaker as allocated by OA	Any jib/genoa, and spinnaker
15-25 knots	Flag F	No. 2 Jib and Spinnaker	Jib and Spinnaker/Gennaker as allocated by OA	No. 2 Jib and Spinnaker
> 25 knots	Flag K	No. 2 Jib and no Spinnaker	Jib and no Spinnaker/Gennaker	No. 2 Jib and no Spinnaker

7.3. For the Elliott 7 class, sails will be allocated by the OA. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during the series to satisfy sponsorship commitments or other requirements.

8. COACHING

8.1. RRS 41, Outside Help, is changed to allow on-water coaching during racing. A boat may receive assistance and advice from a class-association-approved coach at any time before, during or after racing. Such communication may be verbal or via VHF radio.

9. THE START (SI 10)

9.1. Racing will be started using RRS 26.

9.2. When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.3. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE (SI 11)

10.1. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33

11. THE FINISH (SI 12)

11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM (SI 13)

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

12.2. For the MRX fleet, on-the-water umpiring may be used. When an umpire boat is on the water, RNZYS Appendix UF will apply.

13. TIME LIMITS (SI 14)

13.1. The race time limit and finishing window will be:

Fleet / Class	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Etchells	40 minutes	10 minutes
Young 88	40 minutes	10 minutes
MRX	40 minutes	10 minutes
Elliott 7	40 minutes	10 minutes

13.2. There will be no Mark 1 time limit.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS (SI 13)

14.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 12:00 (midday) on the day following the day when the incident occurred. This changes SI 13.2.

14.2. Completed hearing request forms may be emailed to raceoffice@rnzys.org.nz

15. DAMAGE - MRX

15.1. For MRX, when the race committee decides that a boat has broken RRS 14 and damage resulted, it may impose a points penalty without a hearing. The competitor shall be informed of the penalty as soon as practicable and may request a hearing at the time of being informed.

15.2. Damage will be classified as follows:

Damage Level	Description	Indicative Repair Requirement
Level A - Minor	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair; minor surface work may be required. Normally no more than 1 hour of work.
Level B	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat but does not affect normal operation in that race.	Temporary work may be needed before racing again. More than 1 hour but normally no more than 3 hours of work.
Level C - Major	Normal operation is compromised and structural integrity may be impaired.	Repair is required before racing again. More than 3 hours of work.

15.3. The points penalty applied to the boat's score for the race in which the damage occurred will be:

Damage Level	Points
Level A	2
Level B	3
Level C	5

15.4. A damage penalty under this instruction shall not be excluded from a boat's series score.

16. COMMUNICATION

16.1. The official notice board is located at www.cityofsailssprints.com.

16.2. The OA will communicate with competitors via the event WhatsApp group. The joining link will be published on the event website.

16.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF Ch 17. Failure to receive a radio message from the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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