

NORTH SAILS  WINTER SERIES
16 May to 22 August 2010
Nelson

The organising authority is the Tasman Bay Cruising Club Incorporated (TBCC), Nelson.

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012*.

1.2 Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II with Race Category 5 applying to keelboats and multi-hulls.

1.3 Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V shall apply with Event Category B applying to trailer yachts.

2.0 Changes to Racing Rules

For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

3.0 Eligibility & Entry

3.1 The series is open to all keelboat, multihull and trailer yacht classes.

3.2 Boats shall be registered with Yachting New Zealand. Proof of registration may be sought.

3.3 Each competitor shall be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

3.4 Entries will be accepted from the issue of this notice until 1200 hours on the day of each race

3.5 A series fee of \$30 shall be paid at the TBCC premises prior to the commencement of the series. Alternatively competitors may pay \$10 per race.

3.6 All boats must have a working VHF marine radio transmitter and receiver.

3.7 A minimum of three boats must sign on each day to constitute racing on the day.

4.0 Schedule of Events

Races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Date	Time of Warning Signal
1	16 May	1325 hours
2	30 May	1325 hours
3	13 June	1325 hours
4	27 June	1325 hours
5	11 July	1325 hours
6	25 July	1325 hours
7	8 August	1325 hours
8	22 August	1325 hours

5.0 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available from the TBCC web site in PDF format only. No hard copies.

6.0 Courses

Will be decided on the day. However they will be predominately outside courses.

6.1 The series courses will include an area of Nelson Harbour and Tasman Bay.

6.2 The decision as to which course will be sailed on the day will be decided by the race officer, prior to the briefing on each race day. Course to be sailed on the day will be notified at the briefing

6.3 Courses will be, depending on the weather, races starting and finishing at the NYC judges box or outside windward leeward courses using a start finish vessel and laid buoys.

6.4 A briefing will be held each race day at 1200hrs at the TBCC clubrooms.

7.0 Scoring System

7.1 The Low-Points Scoring System of appendix A will apply. Appendix A9 will also apply.

7.2 A minimum of six races must be completed to constitute a series.

7.3 A competitor's worst one score will be dropped when calculating their overall series result.

8.0 Racing Area

The racing area will be the Port of Nelson and Tasman Bay.

9.0 Handicapping

The TBCC fleet handicap system shall apply.

10.0 Prizes

10.1 There will be prizes for each race. A very good sponsors prize package.

11.0 Disclaimer

11.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision To Race. The organising 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 series.

11.2 The organising authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment, or the competence of its skipper or crew.

12.0 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid public liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per event or the equivalent.

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Entry Form

Organising Authority: The Tasman Bay Cruising Club (TBCC) Akersten Street, Nelson

Design/Class of Boat: _____ Sail No: _____

Name of Boat: _____ Berth No: _____

Competitor Name: _____ Gender (M/F): _____

Address: _____

Club of Membership: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____ VHF callsign: _____

1. I have read the Notice of Race.

2. I agree to be bound by the *Rules of Racing (RRS)* and other rules that govern this series. I understand that yacht racing has inherent risks and dangers that are beyond the control of the organising authority and its officers, members and servants nor other persons assisting with the conduct of the series accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the series or howsoever arising in connection with the series.

3. I declare that my boat complies with the *Safety Regulations* Part II category 5/Part V category B (delete one)

4. I agree to payment of the series fee as specified in the Notice of Race.

5. I agree to comply by the sailing instructions for this series.

6. I confirm that I have public liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per event or the equivalent.

7. I agree that my vessel is registered under the current owner with Yachting NZ.

8. I confirm that there is a licensed VHF radio operator on board.

Signature _____