



## 2025 RS FEVA BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Birkenhead, Auckland, New Zealand

The Organising Authority is the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club in conjunction with the NZ RS Feva Class Association.

## SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This sheet, including attachments, is a supplement to Appendix S of the Racing Rules of Sailing

### 1 RULES (SI 1)

#### 1.1 *Obstructions:*

[DP] Boats must keep clear of all commercial ferries operating in the area, especially near the Birkenhead Wharf and the main span of the Harbour Bridge.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (SI 2)

2.1 The Race Office is located in the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club (NBYC) clubrooms at Birkenhead Wharf.

2.2 The official notice board will be located in the boatshed of the NBYC clubrooms.

2.3 Notices to Competitors may also be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SI 4)

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located on the deck of the start tower on the Birkenhead wharf.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

3.3 A boat shall not leave the shore until flag D is displayed. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed.

## 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES (SI 5)

### 4.1 Schedule of Events:

Date	Time	Item	Races
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> March	0900	Briefing	
	1100	Racing	Up to 4 races
	1600	Debrief and Social / BBQ	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> March	0900	Briefing	
	1030	Racing	Up to 4 races
	1630 approx	Prizegiving	

4.2 Depending on the forecast, the time of the first warning for the following day may change. Any changes will be made in accordance with SI 3.1 *Changes to Sailing Instructions*.

The time of the first warning will be posted on the event WhatsApp app by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.3 On Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March, no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

## 5 CLASS FLAG (SI 6)

5.1 The class flag will be a black RS Feva logo on a pink background.

## 6 COURSES (SI 7)

6.1 The courses to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are shown in Addendum A.

6.2 On Sat, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, a longer harbour, passage race may replace one of the scheduled races. The course, marks and other details of this race will be explained at the briefing. Time limits in SSI 10.1 shall not apply to such a harbour course.

6.3 In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying flag M, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port.

## 7 MARKS (SI 8)

7.1 The description of the marks is in the table in Addendum A.

## 8 THE START (SI 9)

8.1 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

## 9 CHANGE OF COURSE (SI 10)

9.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33, *Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course*. Appendix S, SI 10 is deleted.

## 10 TIME LIMITS (SI 12)

Target time for first finisher	Finish Window	Race Time Limit
30 minutes	10 minutes	45 minutes

- 10.2 There is no prescribed time limit for the first boat to pass mark 1. Appendix S, SI 12.2 is deleted.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with the One-Turn penalty.

## **12 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 12.2 The official Check-Out and Check-In Sheets will be located in the NBYC clubrooms near to the main launching ramp.
- a) Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally recording their sail number, name and signature on the check-out sheets. Failure to legibly complete the Check-out sheet may result in the competitor being scored DNC for all races that day.
  - b) Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, no later than the protest time limit by personally signing the check-in sheets.
- 12.3 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.

## **13 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 13.1 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

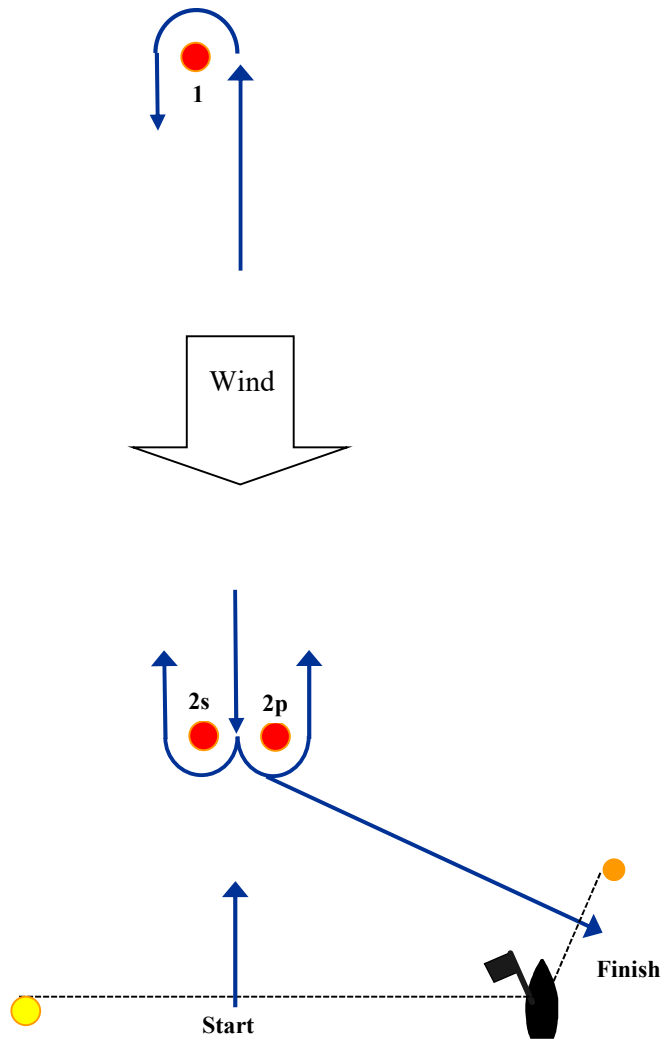
## **14 [DP] TEAM SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

- 14.1 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team support boats and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all races. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 50 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.

**ADDENDUM A**

**Course Illustration - Windward-Leeward with Reaching Finish**

**LR**



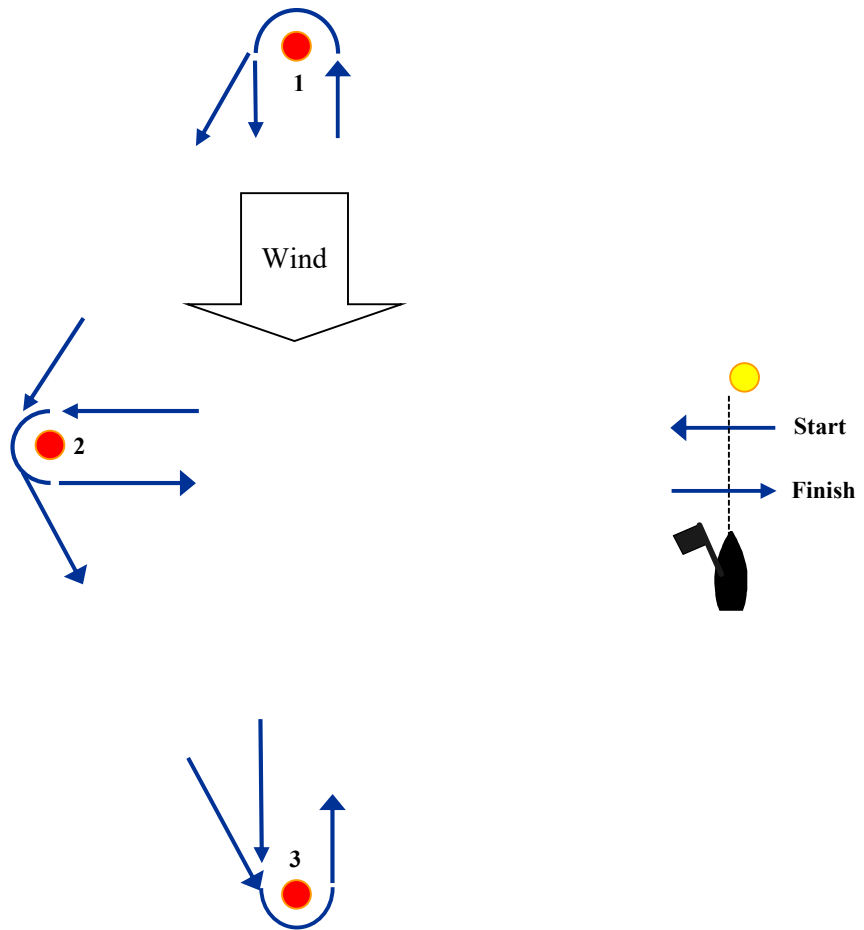
Course-id	Mark Rounding Order
LR1	Start – 1s/1p – 2p – Finish
LR2	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2p – Finish

Mark	Description
1, 2s, 2p	Large red inflatable cylinder
Start mark stbd end	Race committee signal boat
Start mark port end	Yellow inflatable cylinder
Finish mark stbd end	Race committee signal boat
Finish mark port end	Orange tear-drop

**ADDENDUM A**

**Course Illustration - SailGP course**

**GP**



Course-id	Mark Rounding Order
<b>GP1</b>	Start – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Finish
<b>GP2</b>	Start – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Finish

Mark	Description
<b>1, 2, 3</b>	Large red inflatable cylinder
<b>Start mark stbd end</b>	Yellow inflatable cylinder
<b>Start mark port end</b>	Race committee signal boat
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