

As Sent To RNZYS 22/07/2013 (As discussed with Melanie Benton)

A - SAFETY!

This notice was included as a Notice to Competitors when we were racing Hobie & Tornado at Takapuna especially with the Tornado - with a 2 mile beat they could be 2 or 3 miles apart on the up or down wind legs. With a small fleet and a minimum number of patrol boats this was essential.

All sailors are reminded of RRS 1.1 & 62.1c.

1.1 Helping those in danger:

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

62.1c Redress:

Giving help (except to herself or her crew) in compliance with Rule 1.1

All sailors are advised that they, as well as the patrol boats, are responsible for the well being of their fellow competitors and should a patrol boat not be on hand to render assistance to a boat or crew that is disabled:

- *They shall immediately notify a patrol boat that assistance is required or*
- *They shall stand by the disabled boat until assistance arrives.*

This is a modified version of the above which, if included in the Sailing Instructions, might mean that the Race Office is notified before the wrong story gets on the web.

Proposed inclusion in Sailing Instructions:

Safety: All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 & 62.1c. They are advised that they, as well as the race committee, are responsible for the well-being of their fellow competitors. Should they be aware of an incident on the water involving a fellow competitor they shall immediately notify the Race Committee and advise if assistance may be required.

B – SHIPPING CHANNEL!

This clause is included in the Sailing Instructions for all major dinghy regattas racing in or near the shipping channel. It is especially important for “Sail Auckland” and means that any infringement of this Rule is protestable. Also keeps the Harbour Master happy and I have used it to issue a stern warning to the wind surfers!!!

Standard inclusion in Sailing Instructions for events Racing in or near Shipping Channels:

Areas that are Obstructions: Boats associated with the regatta, including ALL support boats, shall at all times observe the Auckland Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaws when racing in the Rangitoto Channel in particular 3.14.1. - Moving Prohibited Zone

A moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side of a vessel, and continued at such width to 500m ahead, following the line of the buoyed channel when changing course, is reserved around any vessel of 500 gross tonnage or greater, when that vessel is underway within the pilotage areas of Auckland. When navigating within a marked channel, the moving prohibited zone to the side of the vessel may be reduced to the width of the marked channel and the zone ahead shall follow the line of the marked channel.

Janet W.

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