

NELSON RADIO SAILING CLUB (NRSC)

CLUB RULES as at 6 July 2026

1 INTRODUCTION

The Club Rules are included in four documents available on the Club website:

- Constitution
- Club Rules
- Sailing Instructions
- Handicap Policy

To assist members this is a summary of the most applicable rules relating to general matters, while sailing rules are covered in the Sailing Instructions.

2 GENERAL RULES

Under Section 12 of the Constitution all members shall:

- 2.1 Promote the Purposes and Aims of the Club.
- 2.2 Refrain from actions that are inconsistent with the Club Purposes, these Rules, any Club Bylaws, and any decisions of the Club.
- 2.3 Abide by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.4 Acknowledge and abide by the Club Health and Safety Plan during all Club activities, for the good of themselves and others, and their property.
- 2.5 Pay any applicable subscriptions or fees.

3 HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

Relates to the fenced, Best Island Pond Sailing Area, which is leased by the Club from the NRSBU and some of these rules are a condition of that lease.

3.1 Person in Charge

There must always be a nominated person in charge of the venue and its activities.

- 3.1.1 For organised Club sailing events this will be the Race Officer.
- 3.1.2 For other events a person must always be nominated as being in charge.

3.2 Opening and Closing Procedures

- 3.2.1 Once unlocked all gates and container doors must be latched or secured in the open position.
- 3.2.2 On leaving the venue all rescue boats and equipment must be secure and all doors and gates shut and locked.

3.3 Vehicle Entry and Parking

- 3.3.1 Only vehicles with Mobility Parking Permits, or as approved by the Club Committee, may park inside the perimeter fence.
- 3.3.2 Other vehicles may only enter the perimeter to unload or load vehicles and must then park outside the perimeter fence.

3.4 Water Access

- 3.4.1 Access to the water past the rope boundary is prohibited. Boats must be launched, retrieved, or rescued from either pontoon or rescue boat.

3.5 Pontoons

- 3.5.1 A maximum of six persons allowed on a pontoon at any one time.
- 3.5.2 No children under 14 years of age are allowed on a pontoon.
- 3.5.3 A life buoy (with rope attached) must always be attached to each pontoon.
- 3.5.4 Life jackets must be readily available when sailing is taking place.

3.6 Rescue Boat

- 3.6.1 Maximum of two persons allowed in a rescue boat.
- 3.6.2 Lifejackets must be worn while in a rescue boat.
- 3.6.3 A person must always remain on shore while a rescue boat is in use.

3.7 Smoking and Vaping

- 3.7.1 Smoking and Vaping is not permitted in the Control, Launching or Rigging area. This is the area of grass, gravel and the raised mound southeast of flag poles.

3.8 Medical

- 3.8.1 An AED is kept in the south container.
- 3.8.2 A First Aid Kit is located on the door of the south container.

3.9 Non-Club Event Sailing

- 3.9.1 Members may use the pond outside of Club events providing there are at least two people present and all the above conditions are complied with.