



2009 IFDS World Blind Sailing Championships
Lake Rotorua, Rotorua, New Zealand
13th – 21st March 2009
Organising Authority
Bay Of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron (BOPTYS)
in Conjunction with Blind Sailing New Zealand (BSNZ)

PROVISIONAL NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing*,
- 1.2** No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3** The Regatta will be sailed in Noelex 25 Trailer Yachts and will have a total crew of 4
- 1.4** Spinnakers will not be used.
 - (a) The boats are not required to have a current weight certificate.
 - (b) Membership of the class is not required.
 - (c) Boats will be allocated on a rotation basis. This will be confirmed in the sailing instructions.
 - (d) The use of any electronic navigational aids is not permitted.
- 1.5** All boats will be supplied by the Organising Authority and will be provided with new sails.
- 1.6** Approved bouyancy aids shall be worn by all crew at all times whilst racing. Crews shall supply their own bouyancy aids.
- 1.7** If there is any conflict between languages English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The regatta is open to National & State teams and limited to one team in each of the B1, B2, and B3 Divisions.
- 3.2** Teams must be affiliated to an IFDS Recognised National Authority. These are listed on the IFDS Website at www.sailing.org/1204.php
- 3.3** Competitor Countries / States must be a current financial member of Blind Sailing International (BSI). The fee of \$50 USD per Country / State may be paid at registration.
- 3.4** All Vision Impaired (VIP) competitors shall present at Registration on Friday March 13, 2009, a copy of the attached Blindness Grading Form completed and signed by an accredited Ophthalmologist.
- 3.5 (a) B1 Division** teams will comprise of:
 - B1 VIP Helmsperson who can assist with the Mainsheet and the Mainsheet Traveller.



- B1 or B2 VIP Mainsheet hand.
- Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing.
- Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.

3.5 (b) B2 Division teams will comprise of:

- B1 or a B2 VIP Helmsperson who can assist with the Mainsheet and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- B1, or B2, VIP Mainsheet hand.
- Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing.
- Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.

3.5 (c) B3 Division teams will comprise of:

- B1, B2, or a B3 VIP Helmsperson who can assist with the Mainsheet and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- B1, B2, or B3 VIP Mainsheet hand.
- Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing.
- Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.

3.6 There shall be no substitution of team members except in an emergency and only with the written permission of the Organising Authority.

4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. Each Sighted Tactician and Sighted Crew shall be a Group 1 or Group 2 competitor in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22 *ISAF Sailor Classification Code*.

4.2 Vision impaired competitors will undertake an ophthalmological examination as part of the registration process on Friday March 13, 2009.

4.3 Vision impaired competitors may be subject to ophthalmological examinations at any time during the event. Competitors shall cooperate with the classification staff as requested.

4.4 At the discretion of the classifier, the ophthalmological examination at registration may be less than the requirements for an IBSA International Classification.

4.5 International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) Medical and Protest Procedures will be adopted for this event with the following changes:

- a) Classifiers are not required to be accredited IBSA International Classifiers
- b) Classifiers may classify a competitor from their own country
- c) All protest fees will be \$100 NZD
- d) IFDS shall appoint the classifiers and other classification officials

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:



\$1,500 NZD for each boat team entered i.e. \$4,500 NZD for Countries / States with three boat teams. Fees do not include travel or accommodation.

- 5.2 Other Fees for Social Events will be notified at a later date.
Check the website www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com for latest details

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Entries will only be accepted on the attached entry form.
- 6.2 The completed Entry Form accompanied by all Fees shall be forwarded to:
The Secretary
2009 IFDS World Blind Sailing Organising Authority
PO Box 2263
Rotorua 3040
NEW ZEALAND
- 6.3 Entries close on 31st December 2008. A late entry fee of NZ\$2500.00 will apply for entries accepted after this date.
- 6.4 The Organising Authority may accept late entries at its sole discretion.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1	Friday	March 13	Registration	From 0900 hrs
	Friday	March 13	Practice Day 1	From 1400 hrs
	Saturday	March 14	Practice Day 2	From 1000 hrs
	Saturday	March 14	Opening Ceremony	From 1700 hrs
			(Time to be confirmed)	
	Sunday	March 15	Racing	
	Monday	March 16	Racing	
	Tuesday	March 17	Reserve Day	
	Wednesday	March 18	Racing	
	Thursday	March 19	Racing	
	Friday	March 20	2 nd Reserve Day	
	Saturday	March 21	Racing	
	Saturday	March 21	Prize Giving	After Racing

- 7.2 The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1000hrs each racing day.
- 7.3 No Warning Signal shall be displayed after 1400 hrs on Saturday March 21.
- 7.4 The target time for races is 30-40 minutes. This may be varied by the Race Committee.
- 7.5 No division will sail more than 18 races

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Provisional sailing instructions will be available on the web site www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com 1 week before the Regatta.
- 8.2 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration from 0900hrs Friday March 13 2009 at the Rotorua Water Sports Centre.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 Rotorua Water Sports Centre



Lakefront

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- 9.2** The racing area will be between Mokoia Island and the Lakefront, Lake Rotorua, Rotorua, New Zealand.

10 COURSES

- 10.1** The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward configuration.
- 10.2** The length and duration of races will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1** An International Jury will be appointed and decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.4
- 11.2** Penalty turns. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one 360° turn including one tack and one gybe is required.
- 11.3** If either the Sighted Tactician or the Sighted Crew touch either the Helm or the Mainsheet at any time while racing, whether it be an emergency or not, the boat is required to complete a 360° Penalty turn as soon as possible after the incident.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** The bonus point system of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2** Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3**
- a) When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores.
 - b) When seven (7) to twelve (12) races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.
 - c) When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their two worst scores.
- 12.4** Nations / States entering teams in all three divisions will have their scores aggregated for the Squadron Cup teams event. For teams not entering all divisions the aggregated score shall include points equal to a DNS in each race for those divisions in which they are not entered.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1** The sailing instructions may set restrictions on the use of Team Support Boats,

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.



PRIZES

- .1 Medals will be awarded as follows:
Gold, Silver & Bronze in each division.
- .2 Squadron Cup for the Teams event.
- .3 Colin Spanhake Trophy for the B1 Division

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- .1 Competitors participate in the Regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race.
- .2 The Organising Authority, Blind Sailing International and International Association for Disabled Sailing has no liability for loss, damage or Penalty suffered by any vessel crew or any person taking part in this event.

DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- .1 At registration each participating team shall lodge with the Organising Authority a Damage Deposit of NZ\$1,000. i.e. A 3 boat team will be NZ\$3,000.00.
- .2 The amount of each Damage Deposit shall be maintained at NZ\$1,000 for the duration of the Regatta, taking into consideration any deductions made by the Organising Authority for any damages that may occur during the Regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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