

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2013–2014 Season

11 September 2013 – 26 April 2014

Inshore Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)

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1 Event

- 1.1 This Notice of Race covers all racing except: Offshore Races; the Port Nicholson Regatta; Corporate Races; match-racing events; races organised by the Port Nicholson Yachting Trust; and any other race or series that the Organising Authority may at any time specify.
- 1.2 For any race or series, the Organising Authority may issue a separate Notice of Race that may replace, modify or supplement this Notice of Race.

2 Rules

General and Safety Rules

- 2.1 All racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing along with the Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 2.2 Compliance with Safety Regulations:
 - (a) All boats shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver, bosun's chair and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633.
 - (b) Alternatively, trailer yachts may comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category C upgraded to include a VHF transceiver and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 shall apply to trailer yachts.
 - (c) Alternatively, sports boats may comply with Part VI of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category A upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver (or a VHF transceiver in a waterproof bag), one 'First aid kit - basic' (as described in the YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix A), at least 10 litres of fuel and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 shall apply to sports boats.
 - (d) Alternatively, E6 class yachts may comply with the following:
 - (i) Crew members shall wear buoyancy vests or lifejackets in good repair properly secured about their persons and complying with YNZ Safety Regulations appendix 4, at all times while afloat;
 - (ii) Boats shall carry a waterproof VHF radio;
 - (iii) Boats shall collectively provide a dedicated rescue vessel, which shall carry a suitable first aid kit, and be crewed by a minimum of two crew.
 - (e) Boats complying with paragraphs 2.2(a), (b) or (c) must carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the boat in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL} \text{ (m)} \times 3.28$ knots.
- 2.3 Sports boats that do not comply with paragraphs 2.2(a) or 2.2(b) may not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark) unless at least two rescue boats are available. The responsibility for organising the second rescue boat shall lie with the owners/skippers of the sports boat fleet.

- 2.4 E6 class yachts shall not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark).
- 2.5 The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts not to compete. A decision to allow or prevent the E6 yachts competing shall not be grounds for redress.
- 2.6 Boats may be required to carry a tracking device provided by the Organising Authority. If so required, boats must follow the operating instructions provided by the Organising Authority.

IRC and PHRF Rules

- 2.7 The IRC Rules 2013 Parts A, B and C apply to boats competing under IRC.
- 2.8 IRC rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 shall not apply.
- 2.9 For the purposes of IRC rule 21.1.5(d) and (e), this racing is not on consecutive days and the sails carried need not remain the same.
- 2.10 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 2.11 Racing rules shall be changed as follows. The changes shall appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - (a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes rule 51.
 - (b) Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes rule 51.
 - (c) Rule 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
 - (d) For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

Duty Boats

- 2.12 All entered boats shall be rostered as the 'duty boat' for twilight and weekend racing. The duty boat shall supply one volunteer to assist in the start box, on a rescue boat, or with hospitality as determined by the Race Committee, regardless of whether the boat actually races on that day.
- 2.13 From time to time the Organising Authority may require a boat to conduct compliance checks on another boat. Compliance checks may comprise safety, measurement and/or membership checks.

3 Advertising

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

- 4.1 Racing is open to all self-righting monohull yachts and all multihull yachts.
- 4.2 The Organising Authority may allocate boats into divisions.
- 4.3 Entries shall be accepted from RPNYC boats and from visiting boats.
- 4.4 RPNYC boats:
 - (a) To be eligible to compete, the boat must be registered on the RPNYC Boat Register.
 - (b) To be eligible to compete, the person in charge of the entrant and each crew member must be a qualifying person.
 - (c) A qualifying person is:
 - (i) a Senior Member, Junior Member, Family Member, Veteran Member or an Honorary Life Member of the RPNYC; or

- (ii) a General Member who is a current financial senior member of another YNZ and WYA affiliated yacht club, provided that the person has sailed in fewer than 10 RPNYC races in the current financial year; or
- (iii) a General Member who, not then being a member of RPNYC, completed a Wellington Ocean Sport Centre course within two months prior to application for membership, and became a General Member in the current financial year; or
- (iv) a current financial member of an Affiliated Club, provided that the person's details have been provided to the RPNYC by the Affiliated Club member.

4.5 Visiting boats:

- (a) To be eligible to compete, each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority.
- (b) Visiting boats shall not be eligible for RPNYC trophies, but shall be eligible for prizes.
- (c) The Organising Authority may accept, reject or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting boat for any reason.

Entries

4.6 Eligible boats may enter by either:

- (a) completing the entry form and sending it, together with the boat's IRC and/or PHRF rating certificates, safety declaration and the entry fee, to the Organising Authority; or
- (b) completing the online entry process on RPNYC's website.

4.7 Entries must be lodged in the entry box located at the RPNYC clubhouse (or submitted using the online entry process) at least two hours prior to the scheduled start time of the race or event in which the entrant wishes to participate.

4.8 A late entry may be accepted by the Organising Authority at any time, including after a race has been completed. A refusal to accept a late entry shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4.9 The Organising Authority may, at any time and for any race, require entrants to:

- (a) nominate one crew member to be the person in charge for the purposes of rule 46; and/or
- (b) provide name(s), contact details and details of club membership of the crew.

5 Fees

Event	Entry Fee
All racing over the entire season	\$275
All racing prior New Year's Day	\$165
All racing on or after New Year's Day	\$165
All racing in any individual series	\$85
All racing on any individual race day	\$30

6 Schedule

6.1 A representative of each yacht intending to race in the 2013–2014 season must attend a pre-season briefing in the RPNYC clubhouse at 1900 hours on Wednesday 11 September 2013.

6.2 The racing schedule shall be published in the RPNYC Almanac.

7 Measurements

7.1 Subject to clause 6.2, PHRF and/or IRC rating certificates must be produced before a boat races.

- 7.2 The Organising Authority may accept a boat's IRC and/or PHRF certificate at any time, including after a race or series has been completed. Rule 78.2 shall not apply. A refusal to accept a certificate later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled warning signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions shall be available on the RPNYC website no later than 1200 hours on Wednesday 11 September 2013, and shall be available at the pre-season briefing.

9 Venue

- 9.1 The races shall be held within Wellington Harbour including the south coast as far as Island Bay.

10 The Courses

- 10.1 Windward-leeward, triangle and/or harbour courses may be sailed.

11 Scoring

Divisions

- 11.1 The Open Division shall comprise all Division 1 boats and all multihull boats. Division 1 and the Open Division shall race together. The Combined Division comprises all boats.
- 11.2 Divisional racing shall be for Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, the Classic Yacht Division and the Open Division. Fleet racing shall be for the Combined Division only.
- 11.3 A boat shall be eligible for the Classic Yacht Division if she was built prior to 1940 or to a pre-1940 design using traditional materials and methods. The Race Committee may, where appropriate, permit other boats to join the classic yacht division.

Handicaps

- 11.4 Except for Rum Races, the Open Division and the Classic Yacht Division, races shall be scored on finishing order and for corrected time using IRC and PHRF ratings and the applicable General Handicap.
- 11.5 Rum races, the Open Division and the Classic Yacht Division shall be scored on finishing order and General Handicap only.
- 11.6 The General Handicap shall be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races. Different General Handicaps may be maintained for Fleet, Divisional, Twilight, Two Handed and Rum racing.

Series

- 11.7 A boat shall not be scored in a series unless it has started in at least two races in that series. The number of entries for a series shall be the number of boats that have started in at least two races in that series. This changes rules A4 and A9.
- 11.8 The Season Championship for each division shall consist of each race in the Spring Series, Christmas Series, New Year Series, Autumn Series and Island Bay Series, and shall be scored on PHRF only.
- 11.9 The following table shows each series that shall be scored, the scheduled number of races in the series, the minimum number of races required to be completed to constitute the series and the number of worst scores to be excluded from the series.

Series	Open Div, Div 1 and Div 2			Div 3		
	Scheduled	Minimum	Drops	Scheduled	Minimum	Drops
Inshore Championship	21	10	7	16	8	6
Spring	4	2	1	3	2	1
Christmas	5	2	1	4	2	1
New Year	5	2	1	3	2	1
Autumn	5	2	1	4	2	1
Island Bay	2	1	0	2	1	0

Series	All Divisions		
	Scheduled	Minimum	Drops
Twilight 1	6	2	2
Twilight 2	4	2	1
Two Handed	4	2	1
At Home	5	2	2

11.10 For the Classic Yacht Series, the scheduled number of races is 7, the minimum number of races is 1, and the number of drops is 3.

11.11 When the number of races completed in the Spring Series, Christmas Series, New Year Series, Autumn Series, Two Handed Series, or Twilight 2 Series exceeds the minimum number of races, one drop shall be allowed.

11.12 For all other series, drops shall be allowed as follows:

- (a) Twilight Series 1: One drop after 5 completed races, a further drop after 6 completed races.
- (b) Inshore Championship Series for the Open Division, Division 1 and Division 2: one drop after 9 completed races, further drops after 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 completed races.
- (c) Inshore Championship Series for Division 3: one drop after 8 completed races, further drops after 10, 12, 14, 15 and 16 completed races.
- (d) Classic Yacht Series: one drop after 3 completed races, further drops after 5 and 7 completed races.
- (e) At Home Series: one drop after 3 completed races, a further drop after 5 completed races.

12 Prizes

12.1 The Organising Authority may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions or sections within a race or series. The Organising Authority shall issue a schedule of trophies prior to the end-of-season prize-giving.

12.2 RPNYC trophies may only be awarded to boats entered as RPNYC boats. If, but for this paragraph, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting boat, then the trophy shall instead be awarded to the highest placed RPNYC boat.

12.3 Eligibility for class trophies requires boats to comply with their class rules.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to rule 4. The Organising Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

14 Insurance

- 14.1 Each boat that races must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 per event, or the equivalent.

15 Further Information

- 15.1 For further information, please visit www.rpnyc.org.nz.