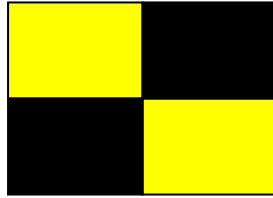




Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2024-2025 Barton Marine Offshore Championship



Notice to Competitors – NTC01 (Offshore)

Cook Strait Classic

Overview

Several club yachts have expressed interest in participating in the Cook Strait Classic race in the 2024-25 season. The sailing committee has reviewed the options available and developed one that allows yachts to compete with the offshore fleet.

Yachts can enter the Cook Strait Classic as a single offshore race within the season program. To facilitate this, the sailing committee will allow yachts to enter this race as a YNZ Category (Cat) 4 Modified safety requirement.

Yachts entering as Cat 4 Modified will need to complete the declaration and safety equipment checklist, as well as pre-race safety inspection.

Yachts entering under Cat 4 Modified will have specific weather restrictions imposed on the race. If the conditions are such that the race cannot proceed for boats entered in Cat 4 Modified, those with full Cat 3 or higher safety certificates will still be permitted to race in accordance with the offshore championship requirements.

1. Cat 4 Modified Safety Requirements

- 1.1. All yachts shall comply with Part II Category 4 of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations and requirements are modified to include the following items that yachts must carry
 - i a liferaft or dinghy in accordance with safety regulation 17.12
 - ii lifejacket for each crew member in accordance with safety regulations 17.05-17.08
 - iii Harnesses for each crew member. This modifies safety regulation 17.08
 - iv Jackstays in accordance with safety regulation 17.23
 - v VHF radios in accordance with safety regulation 18.02
 - vi Locator Beacon in accordance with safety regulation 18.06 (Including registration)
 - vii a storm jib or heavy weather jib in accordance with safety regulation 15.15(b), (c)
 - viii Mainsail reefing in accordance with safety regulation 15.15 (d), 15.15(e) is recommended
 - ix Lifelines in accordance with safety regulation 17.19(a)
 - x Bosun's chair in accordance with safety regulation 15.12
 - xi Paper chart NZ46 on board

2. Scoring

- 2.1. Yachts entered in the Cook Strait Classic Race under Cat 4 modified are eligible for individual race trophies and results.
- 2.2. Yachts entered in the Cook Strait Classic Race under Cat 4 modified are not eligible for points in the Barton Marine Offshore Championship.
3. Barton Marine Offshore Championship Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
 - 3.1. Yachts entered in the Cook Strait Classic Race under Cat 4 modified must comply with ALL requirements of this Notice to Competitors and the Sailing Instructions for the Barton Marine Offshore Championship

This changes **NoR 1.3 & NoR 7.2**

Race Committee

18th November 2024