



2025 Wellington to Akaroa Race

Two Handed and Fully Crewed

Notice of Race

6 February 2025

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

The Host Club is the Akaroa Yacht Club

This Notice of Race states the requirements that all yachts and skippers must meet to enter the race. The Sailing Instructions provide the detail of how the race will be run on the water. All yachts must meet all requirements of this Notice of Race to be acknowledged as an accepted competitor.

1. Rules

General and Safety Rules

1.1 The race will be governed by:

- (a) the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"),
- (b) the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2021,
- (c) the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016, and
- (d) the 2025 Wellington to Akaroa Race Code of Conduct.

1.2 All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand ("YNZ") Safety Regulations ("SR"), Category 2 modified as follows:

(a) Personal floatation devices

- (i) Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions".
- (ii) A combined lifejacket and harness with tether shall be worn when on deck:
 - between the hours of sunset and sunrise,
 - when alone on deck,
 - when reefed,
 - when true windspeed is 25 knots or above, or
 - when visibility is less than 1 nautical mile.

(b) Communications

- (i) Yachts must have an approved satellite voice communication system.
- (ii) The satellite voice communication system shall be powered on, and able to receive calls at all times.

- (iii) Yachts must provide the satellite phone number and satellite system e-mail address to the race committee.
 - (iv) Yachts must test with RPNYC that transmissions from their VHF can be received clearly, and satellite voice and e-mail communications are functioning properly prior to the briefing on 5 February 2025.
 - (v) Yachts must carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving AIS data.
 - (vi) The AIS transponder must be switched on at all times, such that it is transmitting data.
 - (vii) The AIS transponder VHF aerial shall be mounted external to the hull.
- (c) Yachts must carry a category 2 liferaft in accordance with SR 17.11.
- (d) Yachts must carry sufficient engine fuel at the start of the race to give the yacht a motoring range of at least 150nm in flat water.
- (e) Yachts must carry at least 20L of the above engine fuel separate from the primary supply. .
- (f) Yachts must have a method to connect a hose to the primary filter for the engine from the separate fuel supply, and the fuel return line, in order to run the engine.
- (g) Yachts must carry sufficient paper charts and associated publications to ensure they can continue to navigate satisfactorily in the event of the failure of electronic navigation aids.
- (h) Charts
- (i) Yachts must carry the following paper charts:
 - NZ23 (North Island)
 - NZ463 (Approaches to Wellington)
 - NZ6324 (Akaroa Harbour)
 - (ii) Yachts are recommended to carry the following paper charts:
 - NZ46 (Cook Strait)
 - NZ463 (Approaches to Wellington)
 - NZ4633 (Wellington Harbour)
 - NZ62 (Cape Palliser to Kaikoura Peninsula)
 - NZ63 (Kaikoura Peninsular to Banks Peninsula)
 - NZ6321 (Lyttelton Harbour)
 - NZ6324 (Akaroa Harbour)
 - Symbols, Terms and Abbreviations NP5011 or equivalent.
 - Current NZ Almanac, including tide tables for 2025.
 - Cruising Guides
 - (i) Electronically stored charts must be stored on at least two separate chart plotting devices, one of which must be able to be powered separately from the yachts main power source and be able to be recharged independently of the main engine and operate for an extended period of time. These devices must not be reliant on cellular coverage or internet connectivity to function.

1.3 Additional safety checks of any yacht may be made at any time.

1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

PHRF Rules

1.5 PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

- 1.6 No changes to PHRF certificates may be made after 1800hrs on Friday 31 January 2025, except as a result of a PHRF protest, or as a result of a new certificate issued by Yachting New Zealand after this date.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.7 Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will 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 RRS 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 RRS 51.
 - (c) Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed; however, sails not being flown must remain within the boat's lifelines. This modifies RRS 51 only as to the movement of sails.
 - (d) RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
 - (e) Yachts may use an autopilot or other self-steering device. This changes rule 52.
 - (f) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing collisions at Sea shall apply. This changes RRS Part 2.
 - (g) Suspension of racing: (changes RRS 41 and RRS 47.1.)
 - (i) A yacht may suspend racing for any reason, provided that she informs the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
 - (ii) A yacht that has suspended racing may use a propulsion engine, haul out, or make fast, until she resumes racing.
 - (iii) A yacht that has suspended racing, may, before resuming racing, remove garbage, use any equipment or receive help to effect repairs but shall not take on food, water or other provisions, or replace sails or equipment, without the prior permission of the Race Committee.
 - (iv) Before resuming racing, a yacht shall return to the position where she suspended racing and inform the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
 - (h) Outside Assistance: (Changes RRS 41(c))
 - (i) Whilst racing, boats may utilise weather information that is routinely available throughout the year to the general public, and whose availability is publicly indexed. (e.g. searchable by Google). Boats shall not arrange for weather routers or meteorologists or other individuals to provide them with advice, custom data or compilations of public data during the race, including screenshots of public data no matter how that information is communicated.
 - (ii) Boats may receive regularly scheduled weather broadcasts, GRIB data, weather fax transmissions or internet based forecast information including weather routing functions within an application, whether subscription based or free of charge. (e.g. Metservice or Predictwind)
 - (iii) Prior to the Warning Signal, there is no limitation on private services or any other source of data or consulting.
- 1.8 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.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Race Committee in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. Eligibility and Entry

All required documentation must be provided to the Race Committee by the due date to retain a valid entry.

Eligibility

- 3.1 The event is open to all self-righting monohull yachts of not less than 7.924m hull length (as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing).
- 3.2 Each yacht must, in the opinion of Race Committee, be capable of safely taking part in the race.
- 3.3 All yachts are to provide a receipt of antifouling within six months, or have their hulls cleaned before the race. A copy of the receipt or evidence to be provided no later than the briefing on Friday 4 March 2022. Yachts are required to carry a receipt as proof of cleaning onboard for the entire race. This may be required to be produced to get entry into marinas or harbours during the race.
- 3.4 To be eligible to compete:
 - (a) Each crew member must be a financial member of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.
 - (b) The following people to have a current certificate from a Yachting New Zealand approved Advanced Sea Survival course, or an alternative course approved by the Race Committee:
 - (i) Two Handed division: Both crew.
 - (ii) Fully Crewed division: At least 25 percent of the crew. 50% Recommended
 - (c) The following people to have a current coastal or workplace first aid certificate, or an alternative medical qualification:
 - (i) Two Handed division: both crew.
 - (ii) Fully Crewed division: at least two crew.
 - (d) Competitors required to produce additional documentation following receipt of their entry and will be given a reasonable amount of time to produce this.
 - (e) For publicity purposes, yacht must provide high-resolution digital images of the yacht and skipper (fully crewed) and both crew (two handed). These images must be provided to the Organising Authority by 1800 hours on Monday 2 December 2024.

Entries

- 3.5 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form on the Organising Authority's website by 1800hrs on Monday 2 December 2024.
- 3.6 Any entry will not be considered complete until full payment has been received.
- 3.7 Late entries will be accepted until 1800hrs on Friday 31 January 2025.
- 3.8 The following documents must be provided to the Race Committee by 1800 hours on Friday 31 January 2025:
 - (a) A valid PHRF certificate.
 - (b) A category 2 safety certificate.
 - (c) A Liferaft inspection certificate.
 - (d) EIRPB registration certificates for all EIRPB's and PLB's to be carried during the race (emergency contacts must be up to date).
 - (e) Colour digital photos of the yacht, suitable for search and rescue purposes, including at least one photo of the boat under full sail.
 - (f) Evidence of insurance.

3.9 The Organising Authority reserves the right to reject the entry or a yacht or exclude a crew member for any reason.

4. Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry fee: \$300.00

Late entry fee: \$350.00

4.2 Entry fees are non-refundable for any yacht withdrawing after entry.

4.3 Entry fees may be refunded, at the Organising Authority's discretion, if an entry is rejected by the Race Committee.

5. Safety Check

5.1 Every yacht must be in a Wellington Marina and be available for a safety check inspection after 1200 hours on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

5.2 For inspection, yachts must be rigged ready to race. (e.g., Life rings in place, jackstays run).

5.3 Every yacht will have a safety check by honorary inspectors appointed by the Race Committee for compliance with its safety certificate, this Notice of Race, and its ability to safely take part in the race.

5.4 Yachts that do not pass the safety check may remedy any defects and request a further safety check.

5.5 Non-Wellington based yachts can request a suitable time the day before for a safety check.

6. Schedule

6.1 Both crew (Two Handed Division) and skippers and navigators (Fully Crewed Division) must attend the race briefing at 1800 hrs on Wednesday 5 February 2025 at the RPNYC clubhouse.

6.2 All crew must be represented at the farewell function at 1800hrs on Wednesday 5 February 2025 at the RPNYC clubhouse.

6.3 The race will start at 0900 hrs on Thursday 6 February 2025.

7. Divisions

7.1 Yachts will be split into the following divisions.

(a) Two Handed

(b) Fully Crewed

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 Final Sailing Instructions will be available on or before 31 January 2025.

9. The Courses

9.1 The course traverses the upper East coast of the South Island of New Zealand.

9.2 The course shall be:

RPNYC Start line Wellington Harbour to the finish line off the Akaroa Sailing Club (approximately 190 nautical miles)

10. Penalty System

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 The race will be scored on finishing time, PHRF and General Handicap.
- 11.2 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.3 Any change to the PHRF handicap for a yacht received by the Organising Authority prior to the start will be applied for the race.

12. Prizes

- 12.1 The following prizes will be awarded:
 - (a) 1st PHRF Overall Two Handed
 - (b) 1st PHRF Overall Fully Crewed
 - (c) 1st Line Overall Two Handed
 - (d) 1st Line Overall Fully Crewed
 - (e) 1st RPNYC Club Overall Two Handed
 - (f) 1st RPNYC Club Overall Fully Crewed
- 12.2 Other awards may be presented for noble events and achievements during the race.
- 12.3 A race plaque/memento will be issued to each yacht completing the race.

13. Declarations

- 13.1 All skippers will be required to complete and sign a pre-race declaration at each briefing.
- 13.2 All skippers are to complete and sign a post-race declaration.
- 13.3 Failure to submit a declaration to the race committee within 24 hours after finishing will result in a 5% penalty to be added to the elapsed time of the leg.

14. Berthage

Wellington

- 14.1 Yachts are to arrange their own berthage in a Wellington marina for the days prior to the start. All berthage in Wellington is the responsibility of each Skipper and/or owner.

Akaroa

- 14.2 Yachts will anchor in the harbour. Crews will be collected by a dinghy on request.

15. Berthage Lines and Fenders

- 15.1 Yachts must provide adequate mooring lines and fenders. Yachts may be mooring and rafting in Akaroa.
- 15.2 At least four fenders of suitable size are required (larger yachts may require more fenders).
- 15.3 Yachts must carry at least 2 mooring lines made of stretchable material that are at least 1.5 times the yacht's length.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

- 16.2 Competitors who participate do so entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS Fundamental Rule 3. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.
- 16.3 The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in the Race Committees' opinion it is manifestly unsafe for yachts to race. Each yacht must exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or continue to race.
- 16.4 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency / adequacy of its equipment or the competence of it's Skippers and crew.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 Each yacht must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million dollars and a recommended cover of ten million dollars for the race.

18. Summary of key dates

Regular entries close	NOR 3.9	1800hrs	Monday 2 December 2024
Evidence of insurance to be provided	NOR 15.2	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
PHRF Certificates to be provided	NOR 1.7	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
Late entries close	NOR 3.12	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
Advanced Sea Survival, First-Aid Certificates	NOR 3.8 (c), (d), (e), (f)	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
Cat 2 safety certificate	NOR 3.3	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
Liferaft servicing certificate	NOR 3.4	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
EPRIB & PLB registration certificates	NOR 3.5	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
Final Sailing Instructions on or before	NOR 8.1	1800hrs	Friday 31 January 2025
Boats to be present for safety	NOR 5.1	1200hrs	Wednesday 5 February 2025
Farewell function	NOR 6.2	1800hrs	Wednesday 5 February 2025
Hull cleaning or antifouling receipt or evidence	NOR 3.7	1800hrs	Wednesday 5 February 2025
Race Briefing	NOR 6.1	1800hrs	Wednesday 5 February 2025
Race Start	NOR 6.3a	0900hrs	Thursday 6 February 2025

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