

# Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

## Fitzroy Bay Race

30 January 2016

### Notice of Race

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

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**This notice of race is for yachts intending to race in the Fitzroy Bay Race, but not the entire Coastal Series. Yachts that wish to enter the Coastal Series should refer to the notice of race issued for that event.**

## 1 Rules

### General and Safety Rules

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing along with the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 1.2 Yachts 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 charts NZ 463 (Approaches to Wellington) and NZ 4633 (Wellington Harbour).
- 1.3 Safety checks of any yacht in any division may be made at any time.
- 1.4 Crew shall wear lifejackets or be tethered to the yacht at all times unless the person in charge of the yacht considers that conditions are such that there is no significant increase in the risk to safety to any person through not wearing a lifejacket or being tethered to the yacht, and expressly gives permission for lifejackets and tethers not to be worn.
- 1.5 Yachts and crew shall comply with any guidelines published by the Race Committee regarding the wearing of lifejackets and tethers.
- 1.6 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

### IRC Rules

- 1.7 The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C apply to yachts competing under IRC.
- 1.8 IRC rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 will not apply.

### Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.9 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 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 will 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.

- (e) Yachts may be required to operate a smartphone-based tracking device at the yacht's own cost. If so required, yachts shall follow the operating instructions provided by the Organising Authority.
- (f) Yachts may receive and use any information freely available to all yachts, and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors (whether on a subscription or free basis). Permitted sources of information must provide the same information to all competitors who seek it, and must not provide yacht-specific weather routing information. Competitors may use any means to retrieve information. This changes RRS 41.
- (g) Rule 78.2 will not apply.

## **2 Advertising**

- 2.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **3 Eligibility, entry, and registration**

### Eligibility

- 3.1 The race is open to all multihull and self-righting monohull yachts.
- 3.2 Each yacht must, in the opinion of the Organising Authority, be capable of safely taking part in the race.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in this event, 80% of the crew must be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority.

### Entries

- 3.4 Yachts must enter on the RPNYC website.
- 3.5 Entries must be received by 0800 hrs on 30 January 2016. Entries lodged after the closing time for entries and accompanied by the late entry fee may be received at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **4 Fees**

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
  - (a) Yachts that have entered for the entire inshore season or the Offshore Series shall not be required to pay a fee.
  - (b) For all other yachts:
    - (i) Entry Fee: \$45
    - (ii) Late Entry Fee: Entry fee plus \$50

## **5 Schedule**

- 5.1 The warning signal will be made at 0925 hrs.

## **6 Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions are available on the RPNYC website.

## **7 Venue**

- 7.1 The race will be held in Wellington Harbour and Cook Strait.

## **8 The Course**

- 8.1 A range of courses may be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 Penalty System**

- 9.1 The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.

## **10 Scoring**

- 10.1 Races will be scored on IRC, PHRF, General Handicap and Line Honours.
- 10.2 The General Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races.

## **11 Disclaimer of Liability**

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

## **12 Insurance**

- 12.1 Each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per event.