

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

Fitzroy Bay Race

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Sailing Instructions

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

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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 Council 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 boat 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 A boat starting later than 25 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 1.7 Harbour bylaws, interference with harbour traffic:
 - (a) All yachts must comply with the Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws and the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009 when each applies.
 - (b) There shall be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at that width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
 - (c) A boat shall be disqualified without a hearing if a vessel larger than 500 GRT reports to the Organising Authority, to a Harbour Master, or to Maritime New Zealand, that the boat has either:
 - (i) entered her moving prohibited zone; or
 - (ii) impeded her navigation (including, but not limited to, requiring her to take avoiding action).

This changes rule 63.1.

IRC & PHRF Rules

- 1.8 The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C apply to yachts competing under IRC.
- 1.9 IRC rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 shall not apply.
- 1.10 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.11 Racing rules shall be changed as follows.
 - (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) Any boat that does not have a representative attend the pre-race briefing will be scored DNC. This changes rule A4.1.
 - (e) 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.
- 1.12 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. The penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the RPNYC website and may be posted on the notice board located in the RPNYC wardroom.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by at least one hour before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

5 Schedule of Races

The warning signal will be made on 30 January 2015 at 0925hrs.

6 Classes and Class Flags

The warning signal will be flag 'T'.

7 Racing Areas

The race will be held in the enclosed limits of Wellington Harbour, and Cook Strait.

8 Courses

8.1 The courses are:

1	<i>Start – VM (Sinclair Head) – VM (Baring Head) –Finish</i>
2	<i>Start – VM (Island Bay) – VM (Baring Head) –Finish</i>

8.2 The course number shall be displayed below the start box window.

9 Marks

9.1 VM (Sinclair Head) is a line of longitude at 174° 43' E (due south from Sinclair Head). Yachts shall cross this line at any latitude from east to west before proceeding to the next mark.

9.2 VM (Sinclair Head) is a line of longitude at 174° 46.5' E (due south from the eastern side of Taputeranga Island). Yachts shall cross this line at any latitude from east to west before proceeding to the next mark.

9.3 VM (Baring Head) is a point at 41° 24' S, 174° 51.25' E. Yachts are not required to go around the mark, instead, they shall sail to a point that is both south and east of the mark before sailing to the finishing line.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

The following shall be obstructions:

- (a) the line between Point Jerningham Light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham; and
- (b) the line between the Steeple Rock Light and Steeple Rock.

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line shall be an extension of the line between the start box flagpole and the light on the outer end of the boat harbour entrance.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start signal, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 62. Failure to make a broadcast shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 The Finish

The finishing line shall be an extension of the line between the start box flagpole and the light on the outer end of the boat harbour entrance.

13 PredictWind GPS Tracking service

13.1 Each yacht must use the PredictWind GPS Tracking service.

13.2 Prior to the start, each yacht must:

- (a) test that the PredictWind GPS Tracking service is operating;
- (b) check that the battery level is sufficient; and
- (c) contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 62 to confirm that tracking signals are being received.

13.3 A yacht that fails to use the PredictWind GPS Tracking service will be protested by the Race Committee.

13.4 A yacht whose tracker fails during the race will, at the Race Committee's discretion:

- (a) be warned;
- (b) incur a 1% elapsed time penalty (without a hearing); or
- (c) be protested by the Race Committee.

This changes rule 63.1.

13.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the penalty in instruction 13.4 does not bind a Protest Committee.

13.6 The exercise of the Race Committee's discretion under instruction 13.4 is not grounds for redress. This changes rule This changes rule 62.1(a).

14 Time Limit

There is no time limit.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 The protest time limit for a protest by a yacht is 90 minutes after the last yacht finishes the race. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.2 The protest time limit for a protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee (extended protest time limit) is 48 hours after the end of the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.3.
- 15.3 If the Race Committee or Protest Committee intends to protest a yacht, it shall inform her within 48 hours of the end of the extended protest time limit. This changes rule 61.1(b).
- 15.4 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. YNZ regulation 4.5.5 will apply. This changes rule 44.1.
- 15.5 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a race official within the protest time limit.
- 15.6 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the race. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.
- 15.7 The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1(a). The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI. This changes rule A11.
- 15.8 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.11(e), 13, 17-20, and 22 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.9 The Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the instructions listed in instruction 14.5, or for any matter related to safety, on the basis of a report from an interested party. This changes rule 60.2(a).

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The race will be scored on IRC, PHRF, General Handicap and Line Honours.
- 16.2 The race will be deemed to have been abandoned if fewer than three yachts start.
- 16.3 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.

17 Safety Regulations

No boat shall sail inside:

- (a) the Point Jerningham Light; or
- (b) the Steeple Rock Light; or

18 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 18.1 Safety checks of any boat may be made at any time.
- 18.2 Any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with safety requirements, class rules, rating certificates and/or the Sailing Instructions.
- 18.3 On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee measurer to:
 - (a) proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection; and
 - (b) leave all equipment including sails, sheets and lifelines in the configuration in which it completed the race.
- 18.4 A boat that is racing in a measurement configuration that is at variance to the issued IRC and/or PHRF certificate or these Sailing Instructions may be subject to protest.

19 Trash Disposal

Yachts shall not put trash in the water.

20 Radio Communication

- 20.1 A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to use of mobile telephones, except where the communication is made in order to comply with the 'failed communications plan'.
- 20.2 Communications between competitors and the Race Committee may be made by any means available.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to 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.

22 Insurance

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