

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

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Inshore Sailing Instructions

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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 Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 1.2 For the purposes of the preamble to Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the government right-of-way rules include Maritime Rule Parts 22 and 91, and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, to the extent that they provide for right-of-way.
- 1.3 Compliance with Safety Regulations:
 - (a) All 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 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 will 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, 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 will 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) Yachts shall carry a waterproof VHF radio;
 - (iii) Yachts shall collectively provide a dedicated support vessel, which shall carry a suitable first aid kit, and be crewed by a minimum of two crew.
 - (e) Yachts complying with instruction 1.3(a), (b) or (c) must carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL(m)} \times 3.28$ knots.
 - (f) Despite instruction 1.3(e), classic yachts may compete without an engine provided that there is a support boat (approved by the Race Officer) available. A decision to approve or not approve a support boat, and any failure by the Race Committee to provide a support boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Instruction 2.3(f) was amended by NTC13 on 6 December 2015.

- 1.4 Harbour bylaws, interference with harbour traffic:

- (a) All yachts shall comply with the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.

- (b) There will be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
- (c) A yacht will be disqualified without a hearing if a vessel larger than 500 GRT reports to the Organising Authority, to the Harbour Master, or to Maritime New Zealand, that the yacht 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.

- 1.5 Crew shall wear lifejackets 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, and expressly gives permission for lifejackets not to be worn.
- 1.6 Yachts and crew shall comply with any guidelines published by the Race Committee regarding the wearing of lifejackets.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 Yachts shall report the following incidents which occur while racing to the Race Committee as soon as possible:
 - (a) man overboard;
 - (b) an injury requiring treatment from a doctor, nurse, ambulance, or in a hospital;
 - (c) contact with another yacht during a race causing serious damage;
 - (d) loss of a keel, rudder or mast, or damage which materially adversely affects the seaworthiness of the yacht;
 - (e) an inrush of water into the yacht.

Special rules for E6 class yachts, sports boats, and the Classic Yachts Championship Series

- 1.9 E6 class yachts may enter and compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent such a yacht to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 1.10 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).
- 1.11 Sports boats that do not comply with instruction 1.3(a) or (b) shall 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 support boats are available. The second support boat will be provided by the Organising Authority. The failure of the Organising Authority to provide a second support boat will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 1.12 The Organising Authority will not set a course that requires sports boats to sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark) for any race in the Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, Autumn Series, or At Home Series.
- 1.13 Every sports boat that does not comply with instruction 1.3(a) or (b) must be inspected by the Race Committee before racing for the first time.
- 1.13A Classic yachts may enter and compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct one or more classic yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent classic yachts to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Instruction 1.13A was added, and the heading to this section was amended, by NTC13 on 6 December 2015.

IRC & PHRF Rules

- 1.14 The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C apply to yachts competing under IRC.
- 1.15 IRC rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 will not apply.
- 1.16 For the purposes of IRC rule 21.1.5(d), this racing is not on consecutive days and the sails carried need not remain the same.
- 1.17 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.
- 1.18 Yachts that are sailing in a configuration that does not comply with their IRC or PHRF certificate shall advise the Sailing Committee on VHF channel 62 not later than 15 minutes prior to the start of a race.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.19 Racing rule 51 will be changed as follows:
 - (a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing.
 - (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.
 - 1.20 Rule 52 will not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
 - 1.21 All entered yachts will be rostered as a 'duty yacht' for up to six twilight and weekend race days.
 - (a) Until Opening Day, and subject to availability, yachts may choose which days they will provide volunteers for. On Opening Day, the Race Committee will allocate yachts to all remaining days on the duty yacht roster.
 - (b) Rostered duty yachts shall supply one volunteer to assist in the start box, on a support boat, or with hospitality as determined by the Race Committee, regardless of whether the yacht actually races on that day.
 - (c) If a yacht races on the day it is rostered as duty yacht but does not provide a volunteer, then the yacht shall be scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
 - (d) If a yacht does not race on the day it is rostered as duty yacht and does not provide a volunteer, then the yacht shall be scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) without a hearing in the next championship race it competes in. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
 - 1.22 From time to time the Organising Authority may require a yacht to conduct compliance checks on another yacht. Compliance checks may comprise safety, measurement and/or membership checks.
 - 1.23 Spinnakers and multi-purpose sails shall not be used in Rum races unless the Race Committee advises that such sails may be used. A broadcast will be made approximately 15 minutes prior to the start time on VHF channel 62. A yacht that uses a spinnaker or multi-purpose sail in breach of this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
 - 1.24 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a yacht 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 will 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**
- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RPNYC website and may be posted on the official notice board located in the RPNYC wardroom.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RPNYC website before 1000 hrs on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hrs on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2 For any event, the Organising Authority may issue a separate set of Sailing Instructions that may replace, modify or supplement these Sailing Instructions.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RPNYC flagpole. The existence of signals having been made ashore may also be broadcast periodically on VHF channel 62.
- 4.2 When flag 'Y' is displayed ashore, rule 40 (which requires lifejackets to be worn) applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.3 The Race Committee may abandon a race prior to the starting signal by posting a notice on the RPNYC website. This changes rule 27.3.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The schedule of races is detailed on the RPNYC website and may be printed in the Almanac.
- 5.2 To alert yachts that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 Classes and Class Flags

- 6.1 Divisional racing will be for Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and the Classic Yacht Division. Fleet racing will be for the Combined Division only.
- 6.2 The Combined Division comprises all yachts.
- 6.3 The class flags are as follows:

Division	Flag
Division 1	K
Division 2	E
Division 3	G
Classic Yacht Division	D
Combined Division	T

7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 All races will be held within Wellington Harbour including the south coast as far as Island Bay.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams and course descriptions on the RPNYC website and printed in the Almanac show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Courses will be identified by displaying the course number as follows:
- For Point Jerningham starts, the course for each division will be displayed above the division indicator. For Combined Division races, the course will be displayed above the Division 1 indicator.
 - For RPNYC starts, the course for each division will be displayed in or underneath the start box windows.
 - For on-the-water starts, the course number will be displayed on the Race Committee boat.

- 8.3 When flag 'F' is displayed, the course will be a special course and will be broadcast on VHF channel 62 approximately 15 minutes prior to the start time.
- 8.4 The location of the start is shown on the RPNYC website and may be shown in the Almanac.
- 8.5 Where the finish is listed as 'FR', the race will finish at RPNYC. Where the finish is listed as 'FJ', the race will finish at Point Jerningham.
- 8.6 When flag 'R' is displayed from the Point Jerningham Start Box, together with any of courses 1–15, then after rounding the final mark of the course and before finishing yachts will round mark number 9, and finish at RPNYC. If approaching mark number 9 from the north, yachts will take mark number 9 to starboard. If approaching mark number 9 from the south, yachts will take mark number 9 to port.

9 Marks

- 9.1 The course marks are described on the RPNYC website and may be shown in the Almanac.
- 9.2 A Race Committee boat signalling a change to a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.1.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be orange cylindrical marks with a black band, or any other mark as broadcast by the Race Committee on VHF channel 62.
- 9.4 A round orange separation mark may be laid in the vicinity of mark 1. When laid, this mark is to be rounded to port after rounding mark 1 and before rounding the next mark or finishing.
- 9.5 The Race Committee may advise yachts of the approximate location of a laid mark on VHF channel 62. A failure to so advise will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1 The following areas are obstructions:
- (a) the Mokopuna Island exclusion area (see instruction 19.2).
 - (b) a line between Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Any race in which fewer than two yachts start will be deemed to have been abandoned.
- 11.2 A yacht will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) if she starts later than the earlier of:
- (a) ten minutes after her starting signal; or
 - (b) the preparatory signal for the next start.
- This changes rule A4.
- 11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 If any part of a yacht'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 will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.5 When two or more divisions are scheduled to start at the same starting time and starting line:
- (a) the Race Committee may use the Combined Division class flag as the warning signal for these divisions and different courses may be signalled for each division; or

- (b) the Race Committee may use each division's class flag, and start the divisions at intervals. If the divisions are started at intervals, the normal starting order will be:

Division 1
Division 2
Division 3
Classic Yacht Division

11.6 The location of the starting line for each race will appear in the schedule of races, published on the RPNYC website and may appear in the Almanac. The starting lines are:

- (a) RPNYC: A line between the start box flagpole and the starting mark laid to the north of the clubhouse. If no mark is laid, the line is an extension of the line between the start box flagpole and the light on the outer end of the boat harbour entrance.
- (b) Point Jerningham: A line between the main start box flagpole and the starting mark laid to the east of the start box.
- (c) On the water: A line between an orange staff on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the start mark at the port end.

11.7 An inner distance mark may be laid at any starting line at which a starting mark has been laid. When the inner distance mark is laid to starboard of the starting mark, it shall be passed to starboard either when approaching the starting line to start or after having started. When the inner distance mark is laid to port of the starting mark, it shall be passed to port either when approaching the starting line or after having started.

11.7A An inner distance mark may be laid at any finishing line at which a finishing mark has been laid. When the inner distance mark is laid to starboard of the finishing mark, it shall be passed to starboard either when approaching the finishing line to finish, or after having finished. When the inner distance mark is laid to port of the finishing mark, it shall be passed to port either when approaching the finishing line or after having finished.

Instruction 11.7A was added by NTC 16 on 5 February 2016.

11.8 The Race Committee may alter the start location by broadcasting the new location on VHF channel 62 not less than 45 minutes prior to the warning signal. The Race Committee may postpone racing in order to maintain the 45-minute notice required.

11.9 Mark Foy/Pursuit starts:

- (a) Start times will be posted on the RPNYC website, and may be posted on the official notice board, not later than 1700 hrs on the day before the race.
- (b) For yachts starting after the limit yacht, a preparatory signal consisting of flag 'P' accompanied by one sound signal will be displayed one minute before each yacht's starting time. Each start will be indicated by the lowering of flag 'P' accompanied by one sound signal. This changes rule 26.
- (c) The Race Committee may broadcast details of yachts due to start on VHF channel 62.

11.10 In darkness or reduced visibility (as assessed by the Race Committee and advised to competitors by VHF not less than 10 minutes prior to the warning signal), the start procedure in rule 26 is changed to:

Signal	Lights
Warning signal	One green light
Preparatory signal	Two green lights
One minute signal	One green light extinguished
Start	Second green light extinguished
Individual recall	One red light
General recall	Two red lights

12 Change of the Position of the Next Mark

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Except at a gate, yachts shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 12.2 Alternatively, the Race Committee may announce a change of the position of the next mark on VHF channel 62. Such an announcement will include the approximate position of the new mark, or the approximate distance and approximate bearing from the previous mark. This changes rule 33.

13 Missing Mark

- 13.1 If a mark is missing or out of position, the Race Committee may replace it and announce the new mark's description and approximate position on VHF channel 62. The new mark may or may not display flag 'M'. This changes rule 34.

14 Shortening the Course

- 14.1 Instead of displaying flag 'S' with two sounds, a race may also be shortened in accordance with rule 32.2 by an announcement on VHF channel 62. This changes rule 32.2.
- 14.2 Alternatively, a race may be shortened by an announcement on VHF channel 62 directing yachts to round a particular mark of the course and proceed directly to and cross the finishing line. In this case, rule 32.2 will not apply.

15 The Finish

- 15.1 Finishing lines:
- (a) RPNYC: A line between the start box flagpole and the finishing mark laid to the north of the clubhouse. If no mark is laid, the line is an extension of the line between the start box flagpole and the light on the outer end of the boat harbour entrance.
 - (b) Point Jerningham: A line between the main start box flagpole and the finishing mark laid to the east of the start box. If no mark is laid, or the finishing mark has been removed, or during the hours of darkness, the line is an extension of the line between the white and black pole on the hill behind the start box and the main start box flagpole, bearing 75° – 255° M. During the hours of darkness, the main start box flagpole will be replaced by one red light.
 - (c) On the water: A line between an orange staff on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark laid to starboard of the Race Committee boat.
- 15.2 Any yacht that finishes after the time shown in the following table shall record its own finishing time (using GPS time). Declarations shall be made by email to sailing@rpnyc.org.nz.

Race	Record own time
Twilight Race	After 2030 hrs
Rum Race	After 2000 hrs
All other racing	After 1730 hrs

- 15.3 A yacht recording its own finishing time shall use the laid finish line (if a finish line has been laid) or the transits provided for in instructions 15.1(a) and (b) if a finish line has not been laid or has been removed.
- 15.4 If the Race Committee records a finishing time independently of the yacht, then the Race Committee will use that finishing time for the yacht instead.

- 15.5 Any yacht recording its own finishing time in accordance with instruction 15.2 that does not provide a declaration identifying the yacht, the race and the finishing time within 24 hours of its finishing time shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

16 Time Limits

- 16.1 The Race Committee will not display the warning signal for a division unless at least 45 minutes have elapsed since the first yacht in that division finished the previous race, or all yachts have finished, whichever is earlier.
- 16.2 Upon displaying the warning signal for a division, all yachts in that division that have not finished the previous race will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.3 For races that finish on the water, yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first yacht in their division sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

17 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 The protest time limit for a protest by a yacht is 90 minutes after the last yacht, regardless of its division, has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to all classes or divisions. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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).
- 17.4 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 17.5 Protests will normally be held in the Noel Manthel Boardroom at the RPNYC clubhouse at 1800 hrs on the first Tuesday after the race unless otherwise notified. If the hearing is to be held at an alternative time and place, the parties will be advised of the changes as early as possible.
- 17.6 The Protest Committee may apply an alternative penalty to that of disqualification as provided for in rule 64.1(a).
- 17.7 Breaches of Notice of Race paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6, or instructions 1.3-1.8, 1.10, 1.11, 1.13, 1.18, 1.20-1.22, 4.2, 11.3, 15.2, 15.3, 19, 20.3, 21, 22, 23, and 26, or an equivalent rule in the Notice of Race, will not be grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 17.8 The Race Committee may protest a yacht for a breach of the instructions listed in instruction 17.7, or for any matter related to safety, on the basis of a report from an interested party. This changes rule 60.2(a).
- 17.9 Reopening a hearing:
- (a) On the last scheduled day of racing for a series, a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered:
 - (i) within the protest time limit when the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous race day; or
 - (ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
 - (b) For the purposes of the Season Championship, the last scheduled day of racing for a series will be the last day of the series (Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, or Autumn Series) of which the race is a part.

18 Scoring

Divisions

- 18.1 The Organising Authority may allocate yachts into divisions.
- 18.2 Divisional racing will be for Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3. Fleet racing will be for the Combined Division only. The Combined Division comprises all yachts.
- 18.3 A yacht will be eligible for the Classic Yacht Championship Series 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 yachts to enter the Classic Yacht Championship Series.

Handicaps

- 18.4 Except for Rum races and the Classic Yacht Championship Series, races will be scored on elapsed time and for corrected time using IRC and PHRF ratings and the applicable General Handicap.
- 18.5 Rum races and the Classic Yacht Championship Series will be scored on elapsed time and General Handicap only.
- 18.6 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. Different General Handicaps may be maintained for Fleet, Divisional, Twilight, Two Handed and Rum racing.
- 18.7 IRC and PHRF results will be calculated for all yachts with an IRC or PHRF handicap, unless the yacht advises the Race Committee that it is not sailing in its measured configuration.

The Season Championship

- 18.8 The Season Championship will be scored on General Handicap, PHRF, and IRC.
- 18.9 A yacht's score will be the sum of her series scores for the Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, and Autumn Series. If a yacht does not have a series score in one or more of those series, her score for those series will be the number of yachts in the Season Championship plus one.
- 18.10 No scores will be excluded.

The Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, and Autumn Series

- 18.11 The scheduled number of race days, and the maximum number of races per day is:

Series	Scheduled Days	Maximum Races/day
Spring Series	4	3
Alan Martin Series	4	3
Autumn Series	4	3

- 18.12 When fewer than four races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.13 When four or more races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, with a further worst score to be excluded after eight and 12 races.
- 18.14 The minimum number of races to be completed is two.

Other series

- 18.15 The following table shows each series that will be scored, the scheduled number of races in the series and the minimum number of races required to be completed to constitute the series.

Series	Scheduled Races	Minimum Races
Twilight 1 Series	5	2
Twilight 2 Series	5	2
Regatta Warm-up Series	5	2
Island Bay Series	2	1
Two Handed Series	4	2
Classic Yacht Championship Series	8	2
At Home Series	5	2

18.16 For the Regatta Warm-up Series:

- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four or more race races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.16A For the Island Bay Series:

- (a) A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) A yacht will only receive a series score when if she starts every completed race in the series.

Instruction 18.16A was added by NTC10 on 6 November 2015.

18.17 For all other series:

- (a) One race per day is scheduled.
- (b) When fewer than all scheduled races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When all scheduled races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (d) A yacht will only be scored in a series if she has entered and come to the starting area in at least two races in the series.

19 Safety Regulations

19.1 No yacht shall sail between Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.

19.2 No yacht shall enter the 'Mokopuna Island exclusion area' formed by the straight lines between the following points:

Latitude	Longitude
41°14.8'S	174°51.75'E
41°14.8'S	174°52.05'E
41°15.15'S	174°51.75'E
41°15.15'S	174°52.05'E

19.3 A yacht that withdraws or retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1 Any yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with safety requirements, class rules, rating certificates and/or the Sailing Instructions.
- 20.2 A yacht required by the Race Committee to conduct compliance checks on another yacht is deemed to be a Race Committee measurer.
- 20.3 If required by a Race Committee measurer, a yacht must:
 - (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.
- 20.4 A yacht 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.

21 Advertising

- 21.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

22 Trash Disposal

- 22.1 Yachts shall not put trash in the water.

23 Radio Communication

- 23.1 All radio communication between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through VHF channel 62 unless the Race Committee determines otherwise.
- 23.2 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 62. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

24 Prizes

- 24.1 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 will issue a schedule of trophies prior to the end-of-season prize-giving.
- 24.2 RPNYC trophies may only be awarded to yachts entered as RPNYC yachts. If, but for this instruction, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting yacht, then the trophy will instead be awarded to the highest placed RPNYC yacht.
- 24.3 Only yachts that comply with their class rules are eligible for class trophies.

25 Disclaimer of liability

- 25.1 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.

26 Insurance

- 26.1 Each yacht that races must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per event or the equivalent.