

# Offshore Sailing at RPNYC

(extracts from the RPNYC 2015-16 Almanac)

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# Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

## 2015 – 2016 Season

30 October 2015 – 14 May 2016

### Offshore Notice of Race

The organising authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club (Inc.), (RPNYC)  
103 Oriental Parade Wellington | PO Box 9674, Wellington | Tel (04) 939 7069 | Fax (04) 939 7031

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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, the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009, and the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 3 modified as follows:
  - (a) Yachts must start the race with at least 2.5 litres of fresh water per person for each 100 nautical miles (or part thereof) of the course to be sailed.
  - (b) Yachts must carry a liferaft in accordance with safety regulation 17.11.
  - (c) Yachts must carry an additional lifebuoy and equipment in accordance with safety regulation 17.13(b).
  - (d) Yachts must carry a storm jib in accordance with safety regulation 15.15(b).
  - (e) Yachts must carry at least LWL(m) / 0.2 litres of engine fuel.
  - (f) Yachts must carry fire extinguishers in accordance with safety regulation 17.01.
  - (g) Yachts must store a copy of the 'Communications Instructions' near their VHF radio.
- 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.
- 1.9 In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1(b), YNZ prescribes that a yacht may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate without an increase in rating. Racers: Note that the area of the additional spinnaker (or any other on-board) cannot be greater than rated SPA.

## Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.10 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) Any yacht that does not have a representative attend pre-race briefings will be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing in that race. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 1.11 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.
- (a) 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 rule 41.
  - (b) 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 series 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, each crew member shall:
- (a) be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority; and
  - (b) be registered as a crew member on the RPNYC website.

### Entries

- 3.4 Yachts may enter individual races or the entire series.
- 3.5 Yachts must enter on the RPNYC website.
- 3.6 Entries must be received by 1700 hrs on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in. Entries lodged after the closing time for entries and up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race briefing and accompanied by the late entry fee in addition to the regular entry fee may be received at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### Registration

- 3.7 Yachts intending to compete in a race must register on the RPNYC website by 1700 hrs on the day before each race briefing. Registrations received after the closing time for registration and up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race briefing may be received at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 4 Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

- (a) Entry Fee (one race): \$85
- (b) Entry Fee (entire offshore series): \$275
- (c) Late Entry Fee: Entry fee plus \$50

## 5 Schedule

5.1 Unless excused by the Race Committee, a representative of each yacht must attend each race briefing. All race briefings will be held at the RPNYC clubhouse.

5.2 Briefing and warning signal:

Race	Briefing	Warning Signal	Approximate Distance
Brothers	30 Oct 2015 1900 hrs	31 Oct 2015 0700 hrs	72 nm
Underwood–Ship Cove	14 Nov 2015 0700 hrs	14 Nov 2015 0900 hrs	100 nm
Nelson	22 Jan 2016 1230 hrs	22 Jan 2016 1430 hrs	117 nm
Kapiti–Ship Cove	11 Mar 2016 1600 hrs	11 Mar 2016 1800 hrs	115 nm
Latitude	16 Apr 2016 0700 hrs	16 Apr 2016 0900 hrs	100 nm
Reserve Day (Brothers)	14 May 2016 0700 hrs	14 May 2016 0900 hrs	72 nm

5.3 If one or more races are abandoned, the Organising Authority shall conduct a Brothers race on the reserve day. The reserve day will not be used if none of the five scheduled races are abandoned.

## 6 Measurements

6.1 No changes to PHRF and IRC rating certificates may be made after a race briefing except:

- (a) as a result of a rating protest, to correct rating office errors; or
- (b) as a result of YNZ updating a yacht's PHRF certificate as part of its PHRF review process.

## 7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published in the RPNYC Almanac and will be available on the RPNYC website. A Race Appendix and Communications Instructions will be made available at or before each briefing.

## 8 Venue

8.1 The races will be held in Wellington Harbour, Cook Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound, Tasman Bay, and the Pacific Ocean.

## 9 The Course

9.1 A range of courses may be specified in each Race Appendix.

## 10 Penalty System

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.

## 11 Scoring

- 11.1 Races will be scored on IRC, PHRF, Offshore Handicap and Line Honours.
- 11.2 Any race in which fewer than three yachts start will be deemed to have been abandoned.
- 11.3 Three races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4 When fewer than five races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.5 When five races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.6 The Offshore Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races.
- 11.7 A yacht will not be scored in the Offshore Series unless it has started in at least two races. The number of entries for the series will be the number of yachts that have started in at least two races in the series. This changes rules A4 and A9.

## 12 Prizes

- 12.1 The Organising Authority shall award the trophies normally associated with the Organising Authority's offshore races.
- 12.2 Only yachts recorded on the RPNYC Yacht Register and where the person in charge is a current financial member of RPNYC will be eligible for RPNYC trophies.

## 13 Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1 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.

## 14 Insurance

- 14.1 Each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$3,000,000 per event. Evidence of insurance shall be provided by 1700 hrs on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in.



# Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

## 2015 – 16 Coastal Series

19 December 2015 – 30 January 2016

### Coastal Notice of Race

The organising authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club (Inc.), (RPNYC)  
103 Oriental Parade Wellington | PO Box 9674, Wellington | Tel (04) 939 7069 | Fax (04) 939 70311

This notice of race is for yachts intending to race in the entire Coastal Series. Yachts that wish to enter individual races should refer to the separate notices of race issued for each 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 and the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009.
- 1.2 The series will comprise the Cook Strait Classic, the Wellington–Picton Race, and the Fitzroy Bay Race. These races will also be run as standalone events with separate notices of race. The standalone event and the Coastal Series event will share the same Sailing Instructions. Only yachts that enter the Coastal Series will be eligible for a Coastal Series result. Yachts that enter the Coastal Series will be eligible for both a Coastal Series result and a standalone event result. A separate event entry will not be required.
- 1.3 Yachts competing in the Fitzroy Bay Race 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).
- 1.4 Yachts competing in the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 3, modified as follows:
  - (a) Yachts must start the race with at least 2.5 litres of fresh water per person.
  - (b) Yachts must carry at least LWL(m) / 0.2 litres of engine fuel.
  - (c) Yachts must carry fire extinguishers in accordance with safety regulation 17.01.
  - (d) Yachts must carry a copy of the 'Communications Instructions' and store it near their VHF radio.
- 1.5 Safety checks of any yacht in any division may be made at any time.
- 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.
- 1.9 In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1(b) YNZ prescribes that for the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race, a yacht may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate without an increase in rating. Racers: Note that the area of the additional spinnaker (or any other on-board) cannot be greater than rated SPA.

## Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.10 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) Any yacht that does not have a representative attend pre-race briefings for the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race will be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing in that race. This changes rules A4 and A5.
  - (f) Yachts may be required to carry a tracking device provided by the Organising Authority. If so required, yachts must follow the operating instructions provided by the Organising Authority.
  - (g) 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.

## 2 Advertising

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

## 3 Eligibility, entry, and registration

- 3.1 The series 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:
- (a) for the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race, each crew member shall:
    - (i) be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority; and
    - (ii) be registered as a crew member on the RPNYC website.
  - (b) for the Fitzroy Bay Race, 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 1700 hrs on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in. Entries lodged after the closing time for entries and up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race briefing and accompanied by the late entry fee in addition to the regular entry fee may be received at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## Registration

- 3.6 Yachts intending to compete in the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race must register on the RPNYC website by 1700 hrs on the day before each race briefing. Registrations received after the closing time for registration and up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race briefing may be received at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 4 Fees

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
- (a) Series Entry Fee: \$125
  - (b) Late Entry Fee: Entry fee plus \$50

## 5 Schedule

- 5.1 Unless excused by the Race Committee, a representative of each yacht must register and attend the briefings for the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race. All race briefings will be held at the RPNYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 Briefing and warning signal:

Race	Briefing	Warning Signal	Approximate Distance
Cook Strait Classic	19 Dec 2015 0800 hrs	19 Dec 2015 1000 hrs	32 nm
Wellington–Picton Race	2 Jan 2016 0800 hrs	2 Jan 2016 1000 hrs	38 nm
Fitzroy Bay Race	NA	30 Jan 2016 0900 hrs	35 nm

## 6 Measurements

- 6.1 No changes to PHRF and IRC rating certificates may be made after a race briefing except:
- (a) as a result of a rating protest, to correct rating office errors; or
  - (b) as a result of YNZ updating a yacht's PHRF certificate as part of its PHRF review process.

## 7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RPNYC website at least seven days before each race, and will be available at the briefings for the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race.

## 8 Venue

- 8.1 The races will be held in Wellington Harbour, Cook Strait, and Queen Charlotte Sound.

## 9 The Course

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

## 10 Penalty System

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

## 11 Scoring

- 11.1 Races will be scored on IRC, PHRF, Offshore Handicap and Line Honours.
- 11.2 Any race in which fewer than three yachts start will be deemed to have been abandoned.



- 11.3 Two races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4 No scores will be excluded.
- 11.5 The Coastal Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races.
- 11.6 A yacht will not be scored in the Coastal Series unless it has started in at least two races. The number of entries for the series will be the number of yachts that have started in at least two races in the series. This changes rules A4 and A9.

## **12 Prizes**

- 12.1 The Organising Authority shall award the trophies normally associated with the Organising Authority's offshore races.
- 12.2 Only yachts recorded on the RPNYC Yacht Register and where the person in charge is a current financial member of RPNYC will be eligible for RPNYC trophies.

## **13 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 13.1 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.

## **14 Insurance**

- 14.1 For the Cook Strait Classic and the Wellington–Picton Race, each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$3,000,000 per event. Evidence of insurance shall be provided by 1700 hrs on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in.
- 14.2 For the Fitzroy Bay Race, each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per event. Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club



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# Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2015 – 2016 Season

30 October 2015 – 14 May 2016

## Offshore 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, the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009, and the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 3 modified as follows:
  - (a) Yachts must start the race with at least 2.5 litres of fresh water per person for each 100 nautical miles (or part thereof) of the course to be sailed.
  - (b) Yachts must carry a liferaft in accordance with safety regulation 17.11.
  - (c) Yachts must carry an additional lifebuoy and equipment in accordance with safety regulation 17.13(b).
  - (d) Yachts must carry a storm jib in accordance with safety regulation 15.15(b).
  - (e) Yachts must carry at least LWL(m) / 0.2 litres of engine fuel.
  - (f) Yachts must carry fire extinguishers in accordance with safety regulation 17.01.
  - (g) Yachts must store a copy of the 'Communications Instructions' near their VHF radio.
- 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 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.

- 1.7 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

## **IRC 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 will not apply.
- 1.10 In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1(b) YNZ prescribes that a yacht may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate without an increase in rating. Racers: Note that the area of the additional spinnaker (or any other on-board) cannot be greater than rated SPA.

## **Changes to Racing Rules**

- 1.11 Racing rules will 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 will not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
  - (d) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall apply. This changes the rules of Part 2.
  - (e) 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.
  - (f) Any yacht that does not have a representative attend pre-race briefings will be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing in that race. This changes rules A4 and A5.
  - (g) 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.
  - (h) 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.
  - (i) Rule 78.2 will not apply.
- 1.12 Safety checks of any yacht in any division may be made at any time.
- 1.13 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

## **2 Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RPNYC website.

## **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RPNYC website at least one hour before they take effect.

## **4 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

## 5 Schedule of Events

- 5.1 Yachts intending to compete in a race shall register on the RPNYC website by 1700 hrs on the day before each race briefing. Registrations received after the closing time for registration and up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the race briefing may be received at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.2 Every crew member shall be registered as a crew member on the RPNYC website.
- 5.3 Unless excused by the Race Committee, a representative of each yacht must attend each race briefing. All race briefings will be held at the RPNYC clubhouse.
- 5.4 Briefing and warning signal:

Race	Briefing	Warning Signal	Approximate Distance
Brothers	30 Oct 2015 1900 hrs	31 Oct 2015 0700 hrs	72 nm
Underwood—Ship Cove	14 Nov 2015 0700 hrs	14 Nov 2015 0900 hrs	100 nm
Nelson	22 Jan 2016 1230 hrs	22 Jan 2016 1430 hrs	117 nm
Kapiti—Ship Cove	11 Mar 2016 1600 hrs	11 Mar 2016 1800 hrs	115 nm
Latitude	16 Apr 2016 0700 hrs	16 Apr 2016 0900 hrs	100 nm
Reserve Day (Brothers)	14 May 2016 0700 hrs	14 May 2016 0900 hrs	72 nm

## 6 Class Flag

- 6.1 The class flag will be flag 'T'.

## 7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 Refer to the Race Appendices.

## 8 Courses

- 8.1 Refer to the Race Appendices.

## 9 Marks

- 9.1 Refer to the Race Appendices.

## 10 Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1 Refer to the Race Appendices.

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 Refer to the Race Appendices.

## 12 The Finish

- 12.1 Refer to the Race Appendices.

## **13 Radio Scheds**

13.1 Refer to the Race Appendices and the Communications Instructions for the timing of radio scheds and radio sched procedures.

13.2 A yacht that fails to report will either:

- (a) incur a 1% elapsed time penalty (without a hearing) for every missed report; or
- (b) be protested by the Race Committee.

This changes rule 63.1.

13.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the penalty in instruction 13.2(a) does not bind a Protest Committee.

## **14 Declaration Form**

14.1 Each yacht shall submit a finish declaration online or by email within 48 hours of finishing each race.

## **15 Time Limit**

15.1 There is no time limit.

## **16 Protests and Requests for Redress**

16.1 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.

16.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a race official within the protest time limit.

16.3 The protest time limit is 48 hours after the last yacht has finished 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.

16.4 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.

16.5 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 1.4–1.6, 1.11(f)–(h), 14.1, 18, and 21 shall not be grounds for protest by a yacht. Further restrictions on the grounds for protest by a yacht may be imposed in the Race Appendices. This changes rule 60.1(a).

16.6 The Race Committee may protest a yacht for a breach of the instructions listed in instruction 16.5, or for any matter related to safety, on the basis of a report from an interested party. This changes rule 60.2(a).

## **17 Scoring**

17.1 Races will be scored on IRC, PHRF, Offshore Handicap and Line Honours.

17.2 Any race in which fewer than three yachts start will be deemed to have been abandoned.

17.3 Three races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.4 When fewer than five races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.5 When five races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.6 The Offshore Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races.

17.7 A yacht will not be scored in the Offshore Series unless it has started in at least two races. The number of entries for the series will be the number of yachts that have started in at least two races in the series. This changes rules A4 and A9.

## 18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 At the start of each leg, yachts shall carry sufficient food and water appropriate for the leg.
- 18.2 Any yacht withdrawing from the race and/or leg for any reason must advise Maritime Radio as soon as possible by the best means available.
- 18.3 Each yacht shall, no less than 15 minutes prior to its warning signal, contact Port Nicholson Sports on VHF channel 62 advising of her intention to race and the number of people on board.
- 18.4 Radio watch:
  - (a) Prior to the start, yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 62.
  - (b) After the start and while racing, yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 16.

## 19 Prizes

- 19.1 Line and handicap prizes will be awarded.

## 20 Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 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.

## 21 Insurance

- 21.1 Each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$3,000,000 per event. Evidence of insurance shall be provided by 1700 hrs on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in.

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# Radio Information

## PORT NICHOLSON SPORTS RADIO / ROYAL PORT NICHOLSON YACHT CLUB

The Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club is equipped with VHF and SSB radios. **VHF channel 62** is monitored at all times during inshore racing, while **VHF channels 14 and 16** are monitored where practical. SSB is monitored by arrangement only.

For more information, phone 04 939 7069 or email [sailing@rpnyc.org.nz](mailto:sailing@rpnyc.org.nz).

## PORT NICHOLSON ASSOCIATION RADIO

Port Nicholson Association Radio Limited (PNAR) is a company owned by the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, Lowry Bay Yacht Club, and Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club, and operates a VHF radio repeater (**VHF channel 62**) from Mt Kaukau, Wellington.

Extensive VHF communications are provided for emergency, recreational and commercial marine operators within the Wellington, Palliser, Marlborough, Cook, D'Urville, and Kapiti areas. Wellington Harbour Radio (Beacon Hill) maintains a 24-hour listening watch on this channel.

PNAR provides free access to the channel as the channel's main purpose is to support Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). PNAR can provide a tax deductible receipt for any donations made to assist in providing the channel. Suggested donations are \$15 for a private user and \$25 for a commercial user.

For more information, phone RPNYC on 04 939 7069 or email [sailing@rpnyc.org.nz](mailto:sailing@rpnyc.org.nz).

## WELLINGTON HARBOUR RADIO (BEACON HILL)

Beacon Hill is operated by the Wellington Regional Council and maintains a 24-hour listening watch on **VHF channels 04, 14, 16 and 62**.

- **VHF channel 14** is Beacon Hill's harbour working channel
- **VHF channel 04** covers Cape Palliser towards Castlepoint
- **VHF channel 62** covers Cook Strait and up the west coast past Kapiti Island

For more information, phone 04 388 1911 or visit [www.gw.govt.nz/Beacon-Hill-Signal-Station](http://www.gw.govt.nz/Beacon-Hill-Signal-Station).

## MARITIME RADIO / MARITIME OPERATIONS CENTRE

Maritime New Zealand operates extensive VHF and SSB radio services for New Zealand's coastal waters and the South Pacific, as well as providing around-the-clock monitoring of VHF and SSB distress channels.

For more information, phone 0800 627 484 or 04 914 8333, visit [www.maritimenz.govt.nz](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz), or email [maritime@kordia.co.nz](mailto:maritime@kordia.co.nz).

In an **emergency**, phone 111 and ask for Police, or contact Maritime Radio on **VHF channel 16**.

## WELLINGTON POLICE MARITIME UNIT

The Wellington Police Maritime Unit provides both crime and disorder and search and rescue services. The Wellington Police Maritime Unit operates 'Lady Elizabeth IV' (18.5m) and 'Police 8' (12m). When manned, these vessels will monitor **VHF channels 14 and 16**.

For more information, phone 04 472 0150.

In an **emergency**, phone 111 and ask for Police, or contact Maritime Radio on **VHF channel 16**.

## COASTGUARD

### VHF Channels 01, 05, 63, 65, 66

Coastguard is a non-profit charitable organisation and is a provider of marine search and rescue services.

Wellington Volunteer Coastguard is based in Wellington Harbour (Evans Bay) and maintains a listening watch on **VHF channels 16 and 62** from 9am to 6pm (NZDT) and from 9am to 7pm (NZST). After hours, Wellington Volunteer Coastguard responds to Police call-outs as required.

Coastguard Mana is based at the Mana Marina, at the northern end of Cook Strait. Coastguard Marlborough is based in Picton.

Coastguard operates a nowcasting service on **VHF channel 23**.

For more information:

- **Wellington Volunteer Coastguard:** phone 04 386 3531 (urgent), phone 04 386 3530 (non-urgent), or visit [www.coastguardwellington.org.nz](http://www.coastguardwellington.org.nz)
- **Coastguard Mana:** phone 04 233 9160 or visit [www.coastguardmana.org.nz](http://www.coastguardmana.org.nz)
- **Coastguard Marlborough:** visit [www.coastguardmarlborough.org.nz](http://www.coastguardmarlborough.org.nz)

**In an emergency**, phone 111 and ask for Police, or contact Maritime Radio on **VHF channel 16**.

## MARLBOROUGH MARINE RADIO ASSOCIATION

The Marlborough Marine Radio Association operates VHF repeaters (**VHF channels 01, 05, 63 and 65**) in the Marlborough Region providing VHF communications from Cape Farewell, to Cape Egmont, to Cape Palliser, including Cook Strait, Able Tasman, and the Marlborough Sounds.

- **VHF channel 01** Most areas
- **VHF channel 05** Abel Tasman
- **VHF channel 63** Queen Charlotte Sound, Kapiti, Cook Strait
- **VHF channel 65** Northern Cook Strait

A fee is payable for using these repeaters.

For more information, phone 03 573 8851 or visit [www.mmr.org.nz](http://www.mmr.org.nz).

## NELSON MARINE RADIO

Nelson Marine Radio is a service owned by and operated for members of the Nelson Marine Radio Association, and operates two repeater stations (**VHF channels 28 and 60**) covering Tasman Bay and Golden Bay.

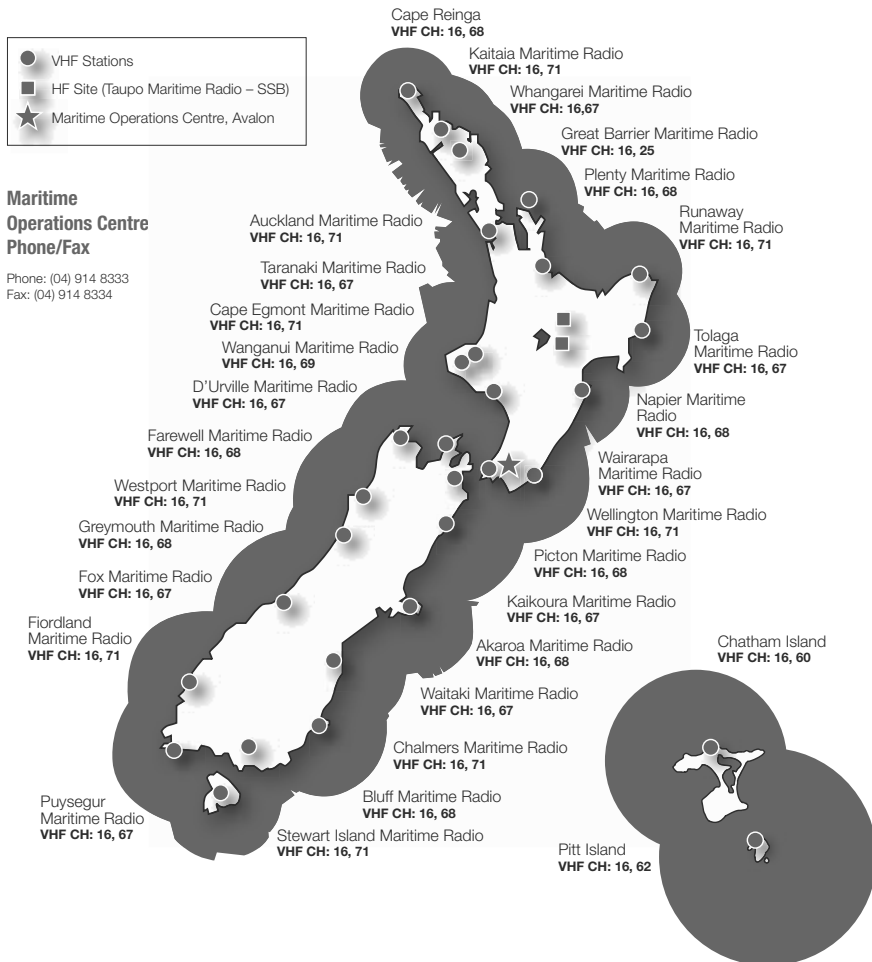
- **VHF channel 28** Tasman Bay
- **VHF channel 60** Golden Bay

A fee is payable for using these repeaters.

For more information, phone 03 528 7629 or 021 213 1350, or visit [nelsonmarineradio.com](http://nelsonmarineradio.com).



## MARITIME RADIO VHF COVERAGE



**Note:** This map represents approximate location and coverage of Maritime New Zealand's VHF radio stations. From time to time gaps may exist within the areas shown due to terrain shadows and system maintenance. Terrain shadows can occur close to the shore under cliffs or in bays and fiords.

- 24hr/day listening watch is kept by all VHF stations on channel 16.
- The coverage shown above is for vessels with a 25W radio working into a correctly installed antenna mounted 4m or more above the waterline.

# Cook Strait Information

## General

Cook Strait is a natural wind funnel bordered by high geographic features on the North and South Islands and at times creates a formidable challenge for boats sailing to and from the South Island. The following information is provided to help you cross the strait safely.

## Wind

Wind direction in Cook Strait is normally NW or S to SE. Storm force winds occur on average about 25 times a year. Gale force NW winds are usually very localised but S gales affect the whole strait. SE gales are more pronounced on the western side of the strait.

## Tidal Streams

Tidal streams in Cook Strait generally flow towards the NW for 5 hours and SE for 7 hours, however they are unreliable and the surface currents are affected by prolonged periods of strong winds and the shoreline configuration which can cause counter currents if close inshore.

High water occurs on the western side of Cook Strait about 4 hours later than Wellington at spring tides and slightly less at neap tides. This difference causes the strong streams. The streams are stronger during spring tides, which occur at two-weekly intervals, when high water Wellington is about 0600 and 1800.

Tidal stream predictions for Tory Channel have generally been found to be very accurate.

## Sea

Broken water is experienced in different parts of the strait. This is caused by the cold north setting bottom current being forced to the surface on meeting the steep slopes of submarine canyons, which will also cause modification of the tidal stream. Broken water is also caused when the wind flow is against the tidal stream especially between Sinclair Head and Cape Terawhiti, off the eastern entrance of Tory Channel and in the vicinity of the Brothers Islands.

## Sailing Instructions

The combination of broken water and strong wind gusts between Sinclair Head and Cape Terawhiti make it advisable to transit this section of the passage (commonly known as the RIP) at slack water. This section of your voyage is generally the most uncomfortable and should not be attempted by small craft or the inexperienced except in favourable conditions. Strong southerly winds with a SE setting tidal stream can make this area a real horror show and in the interests of safe boating and harmonious crew relations, should be avoided. The times given are assuming a speed of 6-7 knots.

## Travelling Westbound

Leave Wellington to arrive at Sinclair Head 1 hour before HW Wellington. You will then have a favourable tidal stream across Cook Strait.

Alternatively, leave Wellington to arrive at Sinclair Head 1 hour before LW Wellington. You will have an adverse tidal stream across Cook Strait but this may be preferable in northerly winds. Tory Channel will be reached at slack water.

## Travelling Eastbound

Leave Tory Channel 2 hours after the tidal stream commences setting E. You will have a favourable tidal stream in the Cook Strait – Cape Terawhiti – Sinclair Head area.

Alternatively, in southerly winds leave Tory Channel as the tidal stream starts setting W. You will have an adverse tidal stream across Cook Strait but this may be preferable in southerly winds. Cape Terawhiti – Sinclair Head area will be reached at slack water.

## Tory Channel Eastern Entrance

Ships make frequent use of Tory Channel and you must keep clear of the mid channel at the eastern entrance when large ships are present. All ships transiting the entrance are required to give a 10-minute warning of this on VHF Channel 19 (Port Operations Channel). Whether a warning is heard or not, the entrance should be navigated with caution at all times.

Ferry and shipping timetables are subject to seasonal changes and skippers are reminded that they must keep clear of all shipping lanes at all times.

Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaws 2002 Part 3.3 - Tory Channel, in Subsection 3 requires that "... every ship whether inward bound or outward bound shall broadcast or cause to have broadcast a radio message giving 10 minutes warning of transit of the eastern entrance to Tory Channel and failure to do so is a breach of Harbour Bylaws. ...radio reporting procedures for Tory Channel are to be broadcast on VHF Channel 19. This frequency is the Port Operations frequency..."

There are new procedures for vessels transiting Tory Channel operating at less than 15 knots. The broadcast to all ships shall be based on the following criteria:

### Inward Bound Vessels:

When on an arc of 3 nautical miles to seaward centred on East Head Light make a broadcast on VHF Channel 19 advising of the intention to transit Tory Channel inward bound and providing the ETA at the Controlled Navigation Zone boundary as well as at East Head at the ship's anticipated speed. Subsequent broadcasts, confirming or amending ETA is to be made at intervals not exceeding 10 minutes.

### Outward Bound Vessels:

When abeam of Te Uira-Karapa (Clay Point) East light, make a broadcast on VHF Channel 19 advising all ships of the intention to transit Tory Channel outward bound and providing the ETA at the Controlled Navigation Zone boundary as well as East Head, at the ship's anticipated speed. Subsequent broadcasts, confirming or amending ETA is to be made at intervals not exceeding 10 minutes.

The above broadcasts may be repeated on VHF Channel 16.

## Radio

Ships maintain a listening watch on the following frequencies:

- Within Wellington Harbour limits VHF Channel 14
- Within Marlborough Harbour limits VHF Channel 19
- Cook Strait VHF Channel 16

## Clearing Marks

### Thoms Rock

This is situated between Karori Rock and Sinclair Head and lies 0.35 miles (650 metres) outside a line joining these points. Rock hopping in this area is not advisable.

- Day: Keep Pencarrow Lighthouse visible through Sinclair Head until Karori Rock is open from Cape Koamaru
- Night: Keep Pencarrow Light visible (red or white) until Tongue Point Light changes from red to white

### Sinclair Head

- Day: To pass about one mile off Sinclair Head keep Pencarrow Lighthouse (lower) and Old Lighthouse (upper) in line
- Night: Keep in the white sector of Pencarrow Light to pass 0.7 miles south of Sinclair

## Checking on Tidal Set

- Day: Observe Karori Rock relative to Sinclair Head or Turakirae Head. Observe Tory Channel entrance relative to Mount Stokes
- Night: Observe Tory Channel Entrance Leading Lights

# 2015 – 2016 Summary of Races

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

### SPRING SERIES

Race Day 1	26 Sep 15
Race Day 2	3 Oct 15
Race Day 3	10 Oct 15
Race Day 4	17 Oct 15

### ALAN MARTIN SERIES

Race Day 1	21 Nov 15
Race Day 2	28 Nov 15
Race Day 3	5 Dec 15
Race Day 4	12 Dec 15

### AUTUMN SERIES

Race Day 1	2 Apr 16
Race Day 2	9 Apr 16
Race Day 3	23 Apr 16
Race Day 4	30 Apr 16

## ISLAND BAY SERIES

Race Day 1	7 Nov 15
Race Day 2	19 Mar 16

## COASTAL SERIES

Cook Strait Classic	19 Dec 15
Wellington-Picton	2 Jan 16
Fitzroy Bay	30 Jan 16

## OFFSHORE SERIES

Brothers	31 Oct 15
Underwood- Ship Cove	14 Nov 15
Nelson	22 Jan 16
Kapiti-Ship Cove	11 Mar 16
Latitude Race	16 Apr 16
Reserve Day Race	14 May 16

## AT HOME SERIES

Race Day 1	31 Oct 15
Race Day 2	14 Nov 15

Race Day 3 23 Jan 16

Race Day 4 12 Mar 16

Race Day 5 16 Apr 16

## TWILIGHT SERIES

### TWILIGHT SERIES 1

Race Day 1	7 Oct 15
Race Day 2	21 Oct 15
Race Day 3	4 Nov 15
Race Day 4	18 Nov 15
Race Day 5	2 Dec 15

### TWILIGHT SERIES 2

Race Day 1	20 Jan 16
Race Day 2	3 Feb 16
Race Day 3	17 Feb 16
Race Day 4	2 Mar 16
Race Day 5	16 Mar 16

## TWO-HANDED SERIES

Race Day 1	3 Oct 15
Race Day 2	28 Nov 15
Race Day 3	20 Feb 16
Race Day 4	27 Feb 16

## CLASSICS SERIES

Race Day 1	19 Sep 15
Race Day 2	31 Oct 15
Race Day 3	28 Nov 15
Race Day 4	23 Jan 16
Race Day 5	27 Feb 16
Race Day 6	19 Mar 16
Race Day 7	16 Apr 16
Race Day 8	7 May 16

## RUM RACING

Race Day 1	30 Oct 15
Race Day 2	6 Nov 15
Race Day 3	13 Nov 15
Race Day 4	20 Nov 15
Race Day 5	27 Nov 15
Race Day 6	4 Dec 15
Race Day 7	11 Dec 15
Race Day 8	18 Dec 15
Race Day 9	29 Jan 16
Race Day 10	5 Feb 16
Race Day 11	19 Feb 16
Race Day 12	26 Feb 16

## WINTER SERIES

Race Day 1	19 Jun 16
Race Day 2	3 Jul 16
Race Day 3	17 Jul 16
Race Day 4	31 Jul 16
Race Day 5	14 Aug 16
Reserve Day 1	21 Aug 16
Reserve Day 2	28 Aug 16

## SPECIAL RACES AND EVENTS

Pre Season Briefing	9 Sep 15
Opening Day – 133rd Season	19 Sep 15
Ambassadors Race	19 Sep 15
Regatta Warm-up	6 Feb 16
Port Nicholson Regatta	12-14 Feb 16

Two-Handed Central Triangle	20 Feb 16
Veterans Race	27 Feb 16
Crews Race	5 Mar 16
ANZAC Race	25 Apr 16
Commodore's Trophy	7 May 16

## OTHER RACES, REGATTAS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

Waikawa Wine Race	6 Nov 15	Hebtro Trophy	10 Apr 16
LBYC Sail Wellington Regatta	8 Nov 15		
Waikawa Regatta	9-10 Jan 16		
Nelson Regatta	24-27 Jan 16		

**Questions, comments, queries  
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# Harbour Mark Locations and Descriptions

## DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

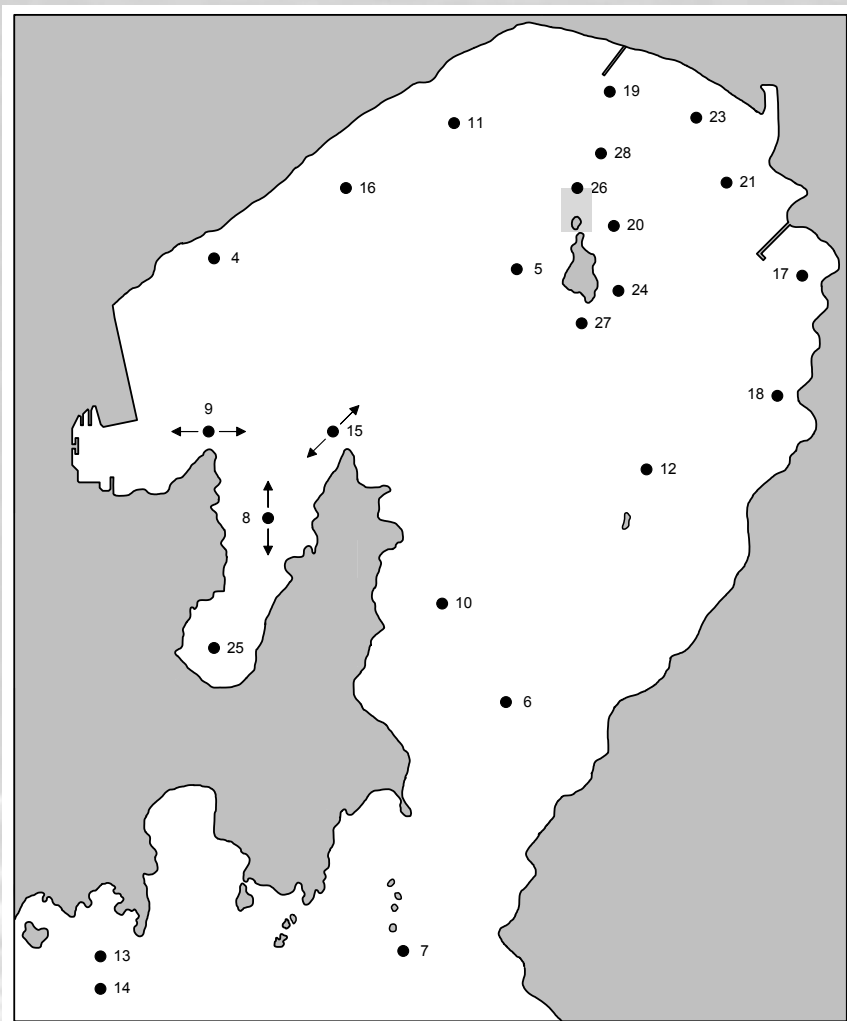
- No 1** Laid windward mark: cylindrical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 2** Laid wing mark: cylindrical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 3** Laid leeward mark: cylindrical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 4** Ngauranga Buoy: spherical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 5** Somes Island Buoy: spherical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 6** Number One Leading Light (41 19.060S 174 51.350E)
- No 7** Barrett Reef Buoy (41 21.140S 174 50.110E)
- No 8** Evans Bay Buoy: laid cylindrical ORANGE buoy with number affixed, located anywhere in Evans Bay
- No 9** Point Jerningham Buoy: laid spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy
- No 10** Falcon Shoal Buoy: spherical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 11** Korokoro Buoy: spherical ORANGE buoy with number affixed
- No 12** Ward Island Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 13** Island Bay Inner Buoy: laid spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy
- No 14** Island Bay Outer Buoy: laid spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy
- No 15** Point Halswell Buoy: laid spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy
- No 16** Horokivi Buoy: laid spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy
- No 17** Mahina Bay Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 18** Days Bay Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 19** Petone Wharf Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 20** Eastern Somes Island Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 21** Seaview Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 23** Jessie Street Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE or YELLOW buoy
- No 24** South Eastern Somes Island Buoy: spherical ORANGE buoy
- No 25** Fixed light ('Shoal Pile') at southern end of Evans Bay (41 18.610S 174 48.430E)
- No 26** Mokopuna Island and reef
- No 27** South Somes Buoy: spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy, laid to the south of Somes Island
- No 28** North Somes Buoy: laid spherical or cylindrical ORANGE buoy, laid to the north of Somes Island

**Starting/finishing mark:** When used, will be YELLOW cylindrical buoys.

**Inner distance mark:** When used, will be a round ORANGE or RED buoy

### Notes:

- Marks 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 28 may have no or any number affixed.
- There is an exclusion area around Mokopuna Island (see instruction 19.2). No buoys will be laid.
- If the Falcon Shoal Buoy is missing or unfixed, Falcon Shoal light becomes the mark.



## COURSE ABBREVIATIONS

- SR** Starting line at Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
- SJ** Starting line at Pt Jerningham
- FR** Finishing line at Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
- FJ** Finishing line at Pt Jerningham
- S** Starting line on the water (Race committee boat)
- F** Finishing line on the water (Race committee boat)
- nS** Mark rounding – leave the mark to starboard, where 'n' denotes the mark number
- nP** Mark rounding – leave the mark to port, where 'n' denotes the mark number

# Race Signals

<b>Race Signals</b>			<u>Start Sequence</u>	
	<b>L</b> Notice to competitors	<b>Y</b> Competitors must wear lifejackets	5 min	Gun / Horn
			4 min	Gun / Horn
			1 min	Long Horn
			start	Gun / Horn
<b>K</b> Division 1	<b>E</b> Division 2	<b>G</b> Division 3	<b>D</b> Classic Yacht Division	<b>T</b> Combined
<b>P</b> Preparatory Signal	<b>I</b> Rule 30.1 in effect Round the ends	<b>Z</b> Rule 30.2 in effect 20% penalty	Rule 30.3 in effect Disqualification	
<b>X</b> Individual Recall	First Substitute General Recall	Protest	Sailing to commence shortly Refer SI	Finish boat in position
<b>F</b> Special Course	<b>S</b> Shorten Course (refer to SIs)	<b>M</b> Replacement Mark	<b>C</b> Next mark position is changed	
<b>AP</b> All races not started are postponed	<b>N</b> All started races are abandoned Return to start area	<b>AP over A</b> Races not started are postponed No more racing today		<b>N over A</b> All races are abandoned No more racing today