

Port Nicholson Regatta 2017

Incorporating the 2017 PHRF National Championship

9-12 March 2017

Notice of Race

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

General and safety rules

- 1.1 The regatta 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 Compliance with Safety Regulations:
 - (a) All boats 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, at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.5 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 (or a VHF transceiver in a waterproof bag), 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 2.1-2.5 will apply to sports boats.
 - (d) Alternatively, E6 class yachts shall comply with Part I of the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver.
 - (e) 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 compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
 - (f) Yachts complying with paragraph 1.2(a), (b) or (c) shall 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.
- 1.3 Safety checks of any boat may be made at any time.
- 1.4 PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Changes to racing rules

- 1.5 RRS 51 and 52 will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - (a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS 51.
 - (b) Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes RRS 51.
 - (c) RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
- 1.6 For protests where only a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

2. Advertising

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

3. Eligibility and entry

Eligibility

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all self-righting monohull yachts and multi-hulls.
- 3.2 The Organising Authority may split boats into divisions. Some divisions (especially divisions for sports boats, trailer yachts and E6 class yachts) may not be eligible for the PHRF national championship.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete, each competitor must be a full financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority. Membership checks will be made.

Entries

- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter online and pay the entry fee at www.rpnyc.org.nz.
- 3.5 Entries, including competitor lists, must be received by 1830hrs on Thursday 9 March 2017.

4. Fees

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
- (a) Keelboats and those entering the PHRF nationals: \$225.00
 - (b) Trailer yachts and sports boats not entering the PHRF nationals: \$100.00

5. Schedule

- 5.1 Registration and briefing:
- (a) Registration: 1600-1830hrs on Thursday 9 March 2017.
 - (b) Briefing: 1900hrs on Thursday 9 March 2017.
 - (c) A representative of each yacht must register and attend the briefing.
- 5.2 Racing schedule:
- (a) Racing is scheduled for 10, 11 and 12 March 2017.
 - (b) Nine races are scheduled.
 - (c) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955hrs.
 - (d) Back to back races, as signalled, are scheduled.

Paragraph 5.2(c) was amended by NTC #1 on 2 March 2017 by changing the time of the warning signal from 1055 to 0955.

- 5.3 On Sunday 12 March 2017, no warning signal will be made after 1455 hours.

6. Measurements

- 6.1 Each boat wishing to be scored on PHRF shall produce a valid PHRF certificate at or before registration. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 6.2 No changes to PHRF certificates may be made after 1830hrs on Thursday 9 March 2017, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

7. Sailing instructions

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

8. Venue

- 8.1 Registration will be held at the RPNYC Clubhouse, and the briefing location will be advised at registration.

8.2 All races will be held within Wellington harbour as marked on chart NZ4633.

9. The courses

9.1 Windward-leeward, triangle and/or harbour courses may be sailed.

10. Scoring

10.1 A division or race will not be scored unless two or more boats start in that division or race.

10.2 Races will be scored on PHRF and General Handicap.

10.3 Fives races will be required to be completed to constitute a series for the 2017 PHRF National Championship. One race will be required to be completed to constitute a series for General Handicap.

10.4 When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.5 When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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

10.7 Separate race results will be provided for any class with more than five entries.

11. Support vessels

11.1 Support vessels shall not be allowed, other than for E6 yachts and sports boats.

12. Radio communication

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. Prizes

13.1 The Ross Telford Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the 2017 Port Nicholson Regatta Champion. The regatta champion will be determined by the 2017 Port Nicholson Regatta committee.

13.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on PHRF and General Handicap.

14. Disclaimer of liability

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

15. Insurance

15.1 Each boat that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 per incident, or the equivalent.

16. Further information

16.1 A statement outlining the Organising Authority's general plans for the regatta, including the mix of courses, course length and division structure, will be available at www.rpnyc.org.nz.

16.2 For further information please contact the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club on +64 4 939 7069, email portnicholsonregatta@gmail.com or visit www.rpnyc.org.nz