

Notice of Race: Port Nicholson Regatta 2016

Incorporating the 2016 PHRF National Championship

11 – 14 February 2016

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club (Inc.), ("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 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 A serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller shall be installed capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL(m)} \times 3.28$ knots.
- 1.6 Safety checks of any boat may be made at any time.

IRC and PHRF Rules

- 1.7 IRC Rules 2016 parts A, B, and C shall apply to boats competing under IRC.
- 1.8 IRC Rules 21.1.5d, 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 shall not apply.
- 1.9 PHRF and/or IRC certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.10 Rules 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 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.
- 1.11 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.

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.

3.3 To be eligible to compete, each entrant and crew member shall be a full financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority. Membership checks will be made.

Entries

3.4 Eligible boats may:

- (a) enter online and pay the entry fee at www.rpnyc.org.nz; or
- (b) complete the entry form (available at www.rpnyc.org.nz) and send it together with the entry fee to the Organising Authority.

3.5 Entries, including crew lists, must be received by 1830hrs on Thursday 11 February 2016.

4. Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Date Entry Received	PHRF Entry Fee	NON PHRF Entry Fee
On or before 20 December 2015	\$225.00 per boat	\$200 per boat
From 21 December 2014 to 4 February 2016	\$275.00 per boat	\$250 per boat
On or after 5 February 2016	\$325.00 per boat	\$300 per boat

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration and Briefing:

- (a) Registration: 1600-1830hrs on Thursday 11 February 2016
- (b) Briefing: 1900hrs on Thursday 11 February 2016
- (c) A representative of each yacht must register and attend the briefing.

5.2 Racing Schedule:

- (a) Racing is scheduled for 12, 13 and 14 February 2016.
- (b) Nine races are scheduled.
- (c) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055hrs.
- (d) Back to back races, as signalled, are scheduled.

5.3 On Sunday 14 February 2016, 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.
- 6.2 Each boat wishing to be scored on IRC shall produce a valid IRC certificate at or before registration.
- 6.3 No changes to IRC and PHRF certificates may be made after 1830hrs on Thursday 11 February 2016, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will 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, IRC, and General Handicap.

- 10.3 Fives races will be required to be completed to constitute a series for the 2016 PHRF National Championship. One race will be required to be completed to constitute a series for General Handicap and IRC.
- 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 Boats

- 11.1 Support boats shall not be allowed.

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 2016 Port Nicholson Regatta Champion. The regatta champion will be determined by the 2016 Port Nicholson Regatta committee.
- 13.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on PHRF, IRC, and General Handicap.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1 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.

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