

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2018 - 2019 Inshore Racing Season

Inshore Notice of Race

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

- 1.1 This Notice of Race (NOR) covers all racing except the following: Offshore Series; Port Nicholson Regatta; races organised by the Port Nicholson Yachting Trust; and any other race or series that the Organising Authority may at any time specify.
- 1.2 For any race and/or series, the Organising Authority may issue a separate Notice of Race that may replace, modify or supplement this Notice of Race.

2 Rules

- 2.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply as follows:
 - (a) For keel boats, Part II, Category 5 amended to include a VHF transceiver, bosun's chair, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633.
 - (b) For trailer yachts, Part V, Category C amended to include a VHF transceiver, at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - (c) For sports boats, Part VI amended to include a waterproof VHF transceiver (or a VHF transceiver in a waterproof bag), one First Aid Kit – basic (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix A), at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - (d) Yachts complying with paragraph (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 4 knots.
 - (e) Despite paragraph 2.2(d), any yacht may compete without an engine with the prior express permission of the race committee. The race committee will only give permission if there is a support boat available, and may require an additional support boat to be available. A decision to give permission or not and any failure of the Race Committee to provide an additional support boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.3 The Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws will apply.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Racing RRS 51 and RRS 52 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 RRS 52.
 - (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.

2.6 The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2.7 Appendix T will apply.

2.8 Special rules for E6 class yachts, sports boats, and classic yachts shall apply:

- (a) E6 class yachts, sports boats and classic yachts may compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts, sport boats or classic 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 RRS 62.1(a).
- (b) E6 class yachts and sports boats shall not sail south of the No. 1 leading light (but may use the No. 1 leading light as a rounding mark) unless a second support boat is available. The support boat will be organised by the Race Committee.

3 Advertising

3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 applies.

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 Racing is open to all multihull and self-righting monohull yachts.

4.2 Entries will be accepted from yachts registered on the RPNYC Yacht Register (RPNYC yachts) and from visiting yachts. The Organising Authority may, but is not required to, permit a yacht on the RPNYC Yacht Register to enter as a visiting yacht.

4.3 Visiting yachts will not be eligible for RPNYC trophies, but will be eligible for prizes.

4.4 The Organising Authority may accept, reject or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting yacht for any reason.

4.5 To be eligible to compete in a race and/or series the following membership requirements shall be met:

- (a) 80% of the crew of a RPNYC yacht shall be:
 - (i) a Senior Member, Junior Member, Veteran Member, a Honorary Member or a Honorary Life Member of the RPNYC; or
 - (ii) a General Member who is a current financial senior member of another YNZ or WYA affiliated yacht club, provided that the person has sailed in fewer than 10 RPNYC race days in the current financial year; or
 - (iii) a General Member who, not then being a member of RPNYC, completed a Wellington Ocean Sport Centre course within two months prior to application for membership, and became a General Member in the current financial year; or
 - (iv) a current financial member of an affiliated club, provided that the person's details have been provided to the RPNYC by the affiliated club member.
- (b) 80% of the crew of a visiting yacht shall be financial members of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.
- (c) No person who is not a financial member of a club recognised by the person's national authority shall sail in more than three races (excluding races in the Rum series or Social series).
- (d) There shall be no membership requirements for the Rum series or the Social series.

4.6 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the online entry process on the RPNYC's website.

4.7 Entries shall be lodged on the RPNYC website at least two hours prior to the scheduled start time of the race or event in which the entrant wishes to participate.

4.8 A separate entry shall be required for the Interclub series.

4.9 A late entry may be accepted by the Organising Authority at any time, including after a race has been completed. A refusal to accept a late entry will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4.10 The Organising Authority may, at any time and for any race, require entrants to:

- (a) nominate one crew member to be the person in charge for the purposes of RRS 46; and/or
- (b) provide name(s), contact details and details of club membership of the crew.

5 Fees

5.1 The required fees are:

Event	Entry fee
All inshore racing for the entire season	\$275
Any individual series	\$85
Interclub series	No fee
Any single race day	\$30
Opening Day / Commodore's Trophy	No fee
Rum / Social series	No fee

- 5.2 Boats from Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, Lowry Bay Yacht Club or Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club wishing to participate in the Interclub series shall enter that series separately.
- 5.3 A boat that has paid a whole season race fee to the Lowry Bay Yacht Club may compete in up to five race days (excluding Rum/Social races) without payment of a fee.
- 5.4 A boat that is on the boat register of the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club, and whose owner and skipper are members of the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club, may compete in up to five race days (excluding Rum/Social races) without payment of a fee.

6 Schedule

- 6.1 A representative of each yacht intending to race in the 2018-2019 season shall attend a pre-season briefing in the RPNYC clubhouse at 1830 hours on Friday 14 September 2018.
- 6.2 The racing schedule will be published in the RPNYC Almanac and on the RPNYC website.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be published with the racing schedule.
- 6.4 Series' names, number of scheduled race days per series, and maximum number of races per series are:

Series	Number of race days	Number of races
Fleet Championship (Fleet)	8	8
Divisional Championship		
Spring	3	9
Summer	3	9
Alan Martin	3	9
Interclub	6	6
At home	3	3
Rum	21	21
Social	4	4
Special	2	2
Twilight	4	8
Two-handed	9	9

7 Measurement

- 7.1 Each boat shall have a current PHRF certificate issued by Yachting New Zealand, should it wish to be scored under PHRF.

8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be made available on the RPNYC website no later than the pre-season briefing.

9 Venue

9.1 The races will be held within Wellington Harbour, and up to 10nm outside Wellington Harbour, to the limits of Thoms Rock in the west and Turakirae Head in the east.

10 The Courses

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

11 Scoring

11.1 Races will be scored on PHRF, General Handicap and Line.

11.2 The General Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performance for that race and up to four prior races. Different General Handicaps may be maintained for each series, e.g. Divisional, Rum, Two-handed.

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

11.4 When six or more races have been completed in a series, 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 every three races thereafter.

11.5 For the Rum series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. NOR 11.3 and 11.4 will not apply.

11.6 The minimum number of races to be completed for a series shall be one.

12 Radio Communication

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 Prizes

13.1 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 may issue a schedule of trophies prior to the end-of-season prize giving.

13.2 RPNYC trophies shall only be awarded to yachts entered as RPNYC yachts. If, but for this paragraph, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting yacht, then the trophy may instead be awarded to the highest placed RPNYC yacht.

13.3 Eligibility for class trophies requires yachts to comply with their class rules.

14 Insurance

14.1 Each yacht that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per incident, or the equivalent thereof.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with any organised race, including but not limited to the time prior to, during or after the race.

16 Further Information

16.1 For further information, please contact sailing@rpnyc.org.nz or visit www.rpnyc.org.nz.