

# Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

## 2018 - 2019 Inshore Racing Season

### Inshore Sailing Instructions

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## 1 Rules

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 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 1.2(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).
- 1.3 The Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws will apply.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 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 Race Committee.
- 1.10 If any of the following incidents occur while racing, yachts shall report them to the Race Committee as soon as possible:
- (a) man overboard; or
  - (b) an injury requiring treatment from a doctor, nurse, ambulance, or in a hospital; or
  - (c) contact with another yacht during a race causing serious damage; or
  - (d) loss of a keel, rudder or mast, or damage which materially adversely affects the seaworthiness of the yacht; or
  - (e) an inrush of water into the yacht.
- 1.11 From time to time the Race Committee may require a yacht to conduct compliance checks on another yacht. Compliance checks may comprise safety, measurement and/or membership checks.
- 1.12 All entered yachts will be rostered as a duty yacht for up to four race days:
- (a) At the pre-season briefing, the Race Committee will allocate yachts to days on the duty yacht roster requiring a duty yacht. Yachts submitting entries after the briefing will be allocated days on the duty yacht roster upon submission of an entry.
  - (b) Rostered duty yachts shall supply one or more volunteers to assist in the start box or on a support boat as specified by the Race Committee, regardless of whether the yacht actually races on that day.
  - (c) If a yacht does not race on the day it is rostered as duty yacht and provides the required number of volunteers, then the yacht shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - (d) If a yacht races on the day it is rostered as duty yacht but does not provide the required volunteers, then the yacht shall be scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - (e) If a yacht does not race on the day it is rostered as duty yacht and does not provide the required volunteers, then the yacht shall be scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) without a hearing in the next Championship race it competes in. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - (f) Duty boats shall undertake, on at least one of their duty days, at least one compliance check of another yacht as allowed for under instruction 1.11 and instruction 20.2.
- 1.13 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 RRS 63.1.

- 1.14 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a yacht that has broken a RRS of Part 2 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. The penalty will be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 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 at least one hour prior to it taking effect, on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2 For any event, the Race Committee 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 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' in the RRS Postponement Signals is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.
- 4.3 When flag 'Y' is displayed ashore, RRS 40 (which requires lifejackets to be worn) applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.4 The Race Committee may abandon a race prior to the starting signal by posting a notice on the RPNYC website. This changes RRS 27.3.

## **5 Schedule of Races**

- 5.1 The racing schedule is shown in the section of the 2018-2019 Almanac entitled 2018-2019 Chronology of Races and Events.
- 5.2 A maximum of 4 races may be sailed per day.
- 5.3 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 The following divisions are proposed, subject to entries: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Combined and Classics. The class flags are as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Flag</b>
Combined	T
1	K
2	E
3	G
Classics	D

- 6.2 Yachts will be allocated to a division by the Sailing Committee.
- 6.3 The Combined division will comprise all yachts.

## 7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 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.

## 8 Courses

- 8.1 The courses are shown in the section of the 2018-2019 Almanac entitled 2018-2019 Courses. This details 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:
- (a) For Point Jerningham starts, the course for each division will be displayed above the division indicator.
  - (b) For RPNYC starts, the course for each division will be displayed in or underneath the start box windows.
  - (c) 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.

## 9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks are described in the section of the 2018-2019 Almanac entitled 2018-2019 Harbour Mark Locations and Descriptions.
- 9.2 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.
- 9.3 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 RRS 62.1.

## 10 Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1 The following areas are obstructions:
- (a) a line between the Mokopuna Island fairway mark and nearest point of land at Mokopuna Island; and
  - (b) a line between Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.

## 11 Starts

- 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 ten minutes after her starting signal. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 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 RRS 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 each division's class flag, and start the divisions at the same time; or
  - (b) the Race Committee may use each division's class flag, and start the divisions at intervals.
- 11.6 The location of the starting line for each race will appear in the section of the 2018-2019 Almanac entitled 2018-2019 Chronology of Races and Events. 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.
- 11.8 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.
- 11.9 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.
- 11.10 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 hours 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 RRS 26.
  - (c) The Race Committee may broadcast details of yachts due to start on VHF channel 62.

## **12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

- 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.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
- 12.3 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 RRS 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 RRS 34.

## **14 Shortening the Course**

- 14.1 Instead of displaying flag 'S' with two sounds, a race may also be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2 by an announcement on VHF channel 62. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 14.2 Alternatively, a race may be shortened by an announcement on VHF channel 62 or by displaying flag 'V' at a mark, directing yachts to round a particular mark of the course and proceed directly to and cross the course finishing line for that race. In this case, RRS 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: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the port end and the yellow cylindrical finishing mark with a black band on the starboard end.

15.2 Any yacht that finishes after the time shown in the following table shall record its own finishing time (using GPS time). Yachts shall also record their own finishing time if required to do so by the Race Officer. Such a requirement may be communicated via VHF channel 62. Declarations shall be made by email to [sailing@rpnyc.org.nz](mailto:sailing@rpnyc.org.nz).

Series	Record own time
Rum / Twilight	After 2000 hours
All other racing	After 1730 hours

- 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 instruction 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 60 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 RRS 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 RRS 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 RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.
- 17.2 The protest time limit for a protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee (known as the extended protest time limit) is 48 hours after the end of the protest time limit. This changes RRS 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 RRS 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 may 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 hours 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 RRS 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, 1.14, 1.16-1.21, 4.2, 11.3, 15.3, 19, 20.3, 20.4, 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 RRS 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 RRS 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 RRS 66.
  - (b) For the purposes of the Divisional Championship, the last scheduled day of racing for a series will be the last day of the series (Spring series, Summer series, and Alan Martin series) of which the race is a part.

## 18 Scoring

- 18.1 Races will be scored on PHRF, General Handicap and Line.
- 18.2 The General Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performance for that race and any prior race. Different General Handicaps may be maintained for different series, e.g. Rum, Championship, or Two-handed.
- 18.3 PHRF results will be calculated for all yachts with a valid PHRF handicap, unless the yacht advises the Race Committee that it is not sailing in its measured configuration.
- 18.4 When fewer than six races have been completed in a series, a yachts series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5 When six or more races have been completed in a series, a yachts 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.
- 18.6 For the Rum Series, a yachts series score will be the total of her race scores. Instructions 18.4 and 18.5 will not apply.
- 18.7 The minimum number of races to be completed for a series shall be one.

## 19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 No yacht shall sail between:
  - (a) the Mokopuna Island fairway mark and nearest point of land at Mokopuna Island; or
  - (b) the Point Jerningham light and the nearest point of land at Point Jerningham.

- 19.2 The Mokopuna Island fairway mark is a virtual mark at 41 14.900S 174 51.970E.
- 19.3 A yacht that withdraws or retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.4 Check-in and check-out (via radio) for races where a support boat is not available, or where races head south of Barret Reef Buoy is required:
- (a) Yachts shall radio in, stating their intention to race and number of persons on board prior to the race start.
  - (b) Yachts shall radio in, confirming they have returned to the marina. For yachts from Seaview Marina or Evans Bay Marina, skippers may need to inform the race officer via mobile once safely home.
  - (c) Yachts failing to radio in prior to the race start or after returning to the marina may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **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 The Race Committee may require a yacht to undertake a conduct compliance check on itself. If so required, the yacht will complete the compliance check form and return it to the Race Committee by the time specified.
- 20.5 A yacht that is racing in a measurement configuration that is at variance to the issued 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 Disposal of Trash**

- 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 RRS 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.
- 24.4 The following Championships are proposed: Fleet and Divisional.

## **25 Insurance**

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

## **26 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 26.1 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.