

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2018 - 2019 Offshore Racing Season

Offshore Series 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 in the Offshore Series.
- 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) along with the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009, the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012, Hawke's Bay Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 and Controls.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Safety checks of any yacht in any division may be made at any time.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Yachts shall report the following incidents which occur while racing 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.

- 2.6 PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.
- 2.7 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 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) RRS52 shall 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) Unless excused by the Race Committee, 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 RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
 - (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.
 - (h) RRS 78.2 will not apply.

3 Advertising

- 3.1 Yachts 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 requirements shall be met:
- (a) each crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority; and
 - (b) each crew member shall be registered as a crew member on the RPNYC website.
- 4.6 Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry process on the RPNYC's website.
- 4.7 Entries must be received by 1700 hours on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in.
- 4.8 Yachts may enter individual races or the entire series.
- 4.9 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 Organising Authority. A refusal to accept a late entry will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

5 Fees

5.1 The required fees are:

- (a) Entry fee (one race): \$30
- (b) Entry fee (entire offshore series): \$85
- (c) Late entry fee: Entry fee plus \$50.

6 Schedule

6.1 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.

6.2 Briefing and warning signal:

Race	Briefing	Warning signal	Approximate distance
Brothers	25 Oct 2018 1900	27 Oct 2018 0625	72nm
Cook Strait	13 Dec 2018 1900	15 Dec 2018 0955	52nm
Nelson	16 Jan 2019 1900	18 Jan 2019 1255	117nm
Catherine Cove	30 Jan 2019 1900	1 Feb 2019 2255	103nm
Chetwodes	6 Mar 2019 1900	8 Mar 2019 1725	117nm
Cape Palliser / Cape Campbell	14 Mar 2019 1900	16 Mar 2019 0755	110nm
Napier	17 Apr 2019 1900	19 Apr 2019 1255	200nm

7 Measurements

7.1 No changes to PHRF 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.

8 Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RPNYC website. A Race Appendix and Communication Instructions will be made available at or before each briefing.

9 Venue

9.1 The races will be held in Wellington Harbour, Cook Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound, Tasman Bay, the North Island coast including Bearing Head, Cape Palliser, Castlepoint and Napier.

10 The Courses

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

11 Scoring

11.1 Races will be scored using Line, Fleet Offshore, and PHRF Passage handicaps.

- 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 seven races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.5 When seven races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.6 The Fleet Offshore handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and the four preceding races.

12 Penalty System

- 12.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

13 Prizes

- 13.1 The Organising Authority shall award the trophies normally associated with the Organising Authority's offshore races.
- 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 \$3,000,000 per incident, or the equivalent thereof. Evidence of insurance shall be provided by 1700 hours on the day before the race briefing for the first race the yacht intends to compete in.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

- 15.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS4, 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.