

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2020-2021 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: interclub series, offshore series, offshore open series, offshore two-handed 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.

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 (YNZ) 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 NZ 4633.
 - (b) For trailer yachts, part V, category C amended 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 2.1-2.4 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 NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ safety regulations part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - (d) For multihull sports boats, part VII 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 NZ 4633.
 - (e) Yachts complying with paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding four (4) knots.
 - (f) Despite paragraph 2.2(e), 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 (Wellington harbour bylaws) will apply:
- (a) For the avoidance of doubt, when a boat sailing under the rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the Wellington harbour bylaws.
 - (b) There shall 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.

- (c) A boat shall be disqualified without a hearing if a vessel larger than 500 GRT reports to the organising authority, to the harbour master, or to Maritime New Zealand, that the boat has either:
 - (i) entered her moving prohibition zone; or
 - (ii) impeded her navigation (including but not limited to requiring her to take avoiding action).

2.4 The racing rules of sailing 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.

2.5 RRS appendix T will apply.

2.6 Special rules for E6 class yachts, sports boats, and multihull sports boats shall apply:

- (a) E6 class yachts, sports boats, and multihull sports boats may compete at the race committee's discretion. The race officer may direct E6 class yachts, or sports boats or multihull sports boats not to compete in any 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, sports boats and multihull 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.

3 Safety

3.1 Safety checks of any yacht in any division may be made at any time.

3.2 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 the safety of 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.

3.3 Yachts shall report the following incidents which occur while racing to the race committee as soon as possible:

- (a) Man overboard.
- (b) An injury requiring treatment from a doctor, nurse, ambulance, or in a hospital.
- (c) Contact with another yacht during a race causing serious damage.
- (d) Loss of a keel, rudder or mast, or damage which materially adversely affects the seaworthiness of the yacht.
- (e) An inrush of water into the yacht.

4 Advertising

4.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Violation of paragraph 4.1 will cause World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 to apply.

5 Eligibility and entry

- 5.1 Racing is open to all multihull and self-righting monohull yachts.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Visiting yachts will not be eligible for RPNYC trophies but will be eligible for prizes.
- 5.4 The organising authority may accept, reject, or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting yacht for any reason.
- 5.5 To be eligible to compete in a race or series the following membership requirements shall be met:
- (a) At least 80% of the crew of a RPNYC yacht shall be:
 - (i) a senior member, junior member, veteran member, an honorary member, or an 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 ten (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 Sports Centre sailing course within two (2) 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) At least 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 (3) races.
- 5.6 The eligibility requirements described in paragraph 5.5 do not apply to the rum series or the special series.
- 5.7 Entries shall be lodged on the RPNYC website prior to the scheduled warning signal for the race or event in which the entrant wishes to participate.
- 5.8 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).
- 5.9 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.
 - (b) Provide name(s), contact details, and details of club membership of the crew.

6 Fees

- 6.1 The required entry fees are:

Event	Entry fees
All inshore racing for the entire season	\$275
Any individual series	\$85

Event	Entry fees
Interclub series	No fee
Special series	No fee
Rum series	No fee

7 Schedule of races

- 7.1 A representative of each yacht intending to race in the 2020-2021 season shall attend the pre-season briefing in the RPNYC clubhouse at 1830 hours on Thursday 10th September 2020.
- 7.2 The racing schedule is shown in the 2020-2021 chronology of races and events published on the RPNYC website.
- 7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be published with the racing schedule.
- 7.4 Series' names, number of scheduled race days per series, and maximum number of races per series are:

Series	Number of race days	Maximum number of races	First race start time
Fleet championship	6	6	1000 hours (excl. interclub)
Divisional championship			
Spring	4	12	1300 hours
Summer	2	6	1300 hours
Autumn	2	6	1300 hours
Alan Martin	3	9	1300 hours
Rum	23	23	1800 hours
Special	6	6	Various
Twilight	4	16	1800 hours
Two-handed	11	11	0900 hours
Winter	5	6	1200 hours
Winter two-handed	3	4	1000 hours

8 Measurement

- 8.1 Each yacht shall have a current PHRF certificate issued by Yachting New Zealand should it wish to be scored under PHRF.
- 8.2 PHRF certificate compliance measurements may be conducted at any time.
- 8.3 A yacht shall always comply with RRS 78.1.

9 Sailing instructions

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

10 Racing area

- 10.1 Except for the Latitude race, all 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.

11 Courses

- 11.1 Windward-leeward, triangle, or harbour courses may be sailed.
- 11.2 The courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are published on the RPNYC website in a document entitled 2020-2021 courses.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 Races will be scored on PHRF, general handicap and line.
- 12.2 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, or two-handed.
- 12.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed in a series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When six (6) 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 (3) races thereafter.
- 12.5 For the rum series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. NOR 12.4 will not apply.
- 12.6 The minimum number of races to be completed for a series shall be one (1).

13 Radio communication

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

14 Prizes

- 14.1 The organising authority may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions, or subgroups of a race, series, or division. The organising authority may issue a schedule of trophies prior to the end of season prize giving.
- 14.2 RPNYC trophies may 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.
- 14.3 Only yachts that comply with their class rules are eligible for class trophies.
- 14.4 Presented trophies remain the property of RPNYC and are not to leave the clubroom premises.

15 Insurance

- 15.1 Each yacht that races shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000 per incident or the equivalent thereof.
- 15.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided if requested by the organising authority.

16 Disclaimer of liability

- 16.1 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, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with any organised race, including but not limited to the time prior to, during or after a race.

17 Further information

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