



Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2024-2025 Racing Season

Barton Marine Offshore Championship Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)
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This Notice of Race states the requirements that all yachts and Skippers must meet to enter. The Sailing Instructions provide the detail of how the race(s) will be run on the water. All yachts must meet all requirements of this Notice of Race to be acknowledged as a competitor.

1 RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009, the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012, and Controls, will apply:
- 1.3 All yachts shall comply with Part II Category 3 of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations as specified in the schedule of races NoR 7.2.
- 1.4 For Category 3 modified races, the Part II Category 3 requirements are modified to include the following items that yachts must carry:
 - (i) a liferaft in accordance with safety regulation 17.11
 - (ii) a storm jib in accordance with safety regulation 15.15(b); and
 - (iii) fire extinguishers in accordance with safety regulation 17.01.
- 1.5 Personal Flotation Devices

For all offshore races: Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions." However, in offshore races a combined lifejacket and harness with tether shall be worn when on deck:

 - between the hours of sunset and sunrise
 - when alone on deck
 - when reefed
 - when true windspeed is 25 knots or above
 - when visibility is less than 1 nautical mile.

See also YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, items 17.5 to 17.9.
- 1.6 All yachts shall carry sufficient paper charts and associated publications to ensure they can continue to navigate satisfactorily in the event of the failure of electronic navigation aids. Each yacht is responsible for its own safety and should consider additional charts for inshore navigation and ports of refuge.

E.g.

 - (i) NZ46 (Cook Strait)
 - (ii) NZ463 (Approaches to Wellington)

- (iii) NZ4633 (Wellington Harbour)
- (iv) Symbols, Terms and Abbreviations NP5011 or equivalent.
- (v) Current NZ Almanac, including tide tables for 2024/25
- (vi) Cruising Guides

- 1.7 Navigation charts shall also be stored electronically and shall be stored on at least two separate chart plotting devices, one of which must be able to be powered separately from the yacht's main power source and be able to be recharged independently of the main engine and operate for an extended period of time. These devices must not be reliant on cellular or internet coverage to function.
- 1.8 Yachts are recommended to carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving AIS data.
- 1.9 Yachts with an AIS transponder installed shall have it switched on at all times and transmitting data. The AIS transponder VHF aerial shall be mounted external to the hull.
- 1.10 Safety Checks of any yacht may be made at any time.
- 1.11 RRS appendix T will apply.
- 1.12 RRS 78.2 will not apply

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.rpnyc.org.nz no later than the pre-season briefing.
- 2.2 A race appendix will be made available at or before each individual race briefing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rpnyc.org.nz

4 ADVERTISING

Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Race Committee in accordance with WS Regulation 20.

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 Yachting New Zealand yacht register.
- 5.3 The Organising Authority may accept, reject, or subsequently cancel the entry of a yacht for any reason.
- 5.4 To be eligible to compete in a race and/or the offshore series, the following membership requirements shall be met:
 - Each crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's National Authority.
 - Each crew member shall be registered as a crew member prior to the briefing in the format prescribed by the Organising Authority.
- 5.5 Each yacht must have a minimum of a current Category 3 safety certificate. To be submitted no later than the briefing for the first race in the series or the briefing of the race entered.
- 5.6 Liferaft inspection certificate is to be carried if a liferaft is required and is to be submitted no later than the briefing for the first race in the series or the briefing of the race entered.

- 5.7 406 EPIRB registration certificate for all EPIRB's and PLB's to be carried during the race (see beacons.org.nz). Emergency contacts must be up to date and are to be submitted no later than the briefing for the first race of the series or the briefing of the race entered.
- 5.8 Each yacht shall have a current PHRF certificate issued by Yachting New Zealand should it wish to be scored under PHRF.
- 5.9 Entries shall be lodged on the RPNYC website twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing for the race in which the entrant wishes to participate.
- 5.10 Yachts may enter individual races or the entire series.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The required entry fees are:

Event	Entry fee
Offshore series except Akaroa Race	\$160
Any individual race from the offshore series	\$50

- 6.2 An RPNYC Season entry includes the offshore series but does not include the Akaroa Race.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Unless excused by the Race Committee, a representative of each yacht must attend the race briefing for each race entered. All race briefings will be held at the RPNYC clubhouse.

- 7.2 Briefing and warning signal:

Race	Briefing	Warning signal	Approximate Distance	Safety Category
Brothers Island (championship)	21 Nov 2024 1800 hours	23 Nov 2024 0930 hours	67 nm	3
Cook Strait Classic (championship)	19 Dec 2024 1800 hours	21 Dec 2024 0830 hours	34 nm	3
Nelson Race (championship)	16 Jan 2025 1800 hours	17 Jan 2025 0955 hours	117 nm	3 Modified
The Akaroa Race information is included for information only but will be part of the offshore championship				
Akaroa Race (championship) Separate Nor/SI's, entry and entry fee	5 Feb 2025 1800 hours	6 Feb 2025 0855 hours	196 nm	Cat 2 modified
Two Handed Offshore Trophy Race (non-championship)	6 March 2025 1800 hours	9 March 2025 0900 hours	60nm	3

Kapiti Chetwodes Ship Cove (championship)	20 March 2025 1800 hours	22 March 2025 0830 Hours	Up to 136 nm	3 Modified
Return to Wellington Race Setters Cup (championship)	20 March 2025 1800 hours	23 Mar 2025 TBC	TBC	3
Port Underwood (championship)	3 April 2025 1800 hours	5 April 2025 0930 hours	60nm	3
Reserve Day	1 May 2025 1800 hours	3 May 2025 0730 hours	TBC	3

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The races will be held in Wellington harbour, Cook Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound, Tasman Bay, and the east coast of the South Island.

9 COURSES

9.1 A range of courses may be specified in the race appendix.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The scoring penalty described in RRS 44.3 will apply.

11 SCORING

11.1 Races will be scored on PHRF, offshore general handicap and line.

11.2 The offshore 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 (4) prior races.

11.3 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.

11.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in the series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.5 When five (5) races have been completed in the series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.6 The minimum number of races to be completed for the series shall be two (2).

12 BERTHING

12.1 All yachts are responsible for arranging their own berthage prior to any race start and after finishing a race.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in the RPNYC Offshore Series each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13.2 Competitors who participate in any RPNYC event do so entirely at their own risk. RPNYC will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

13.3 RPNYC will make starting signals unless in the Race Committees' opinion it is manifestly unsafe for yachts to race. Each yacht shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and decide whether or not to start or continue to race.

13.4 RPNYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency / adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper and crew.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 Each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million dollars (\$5m) and a recommended cover of ten million dollars (\$10m) for the race.

14.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided by the scheduled briefing time of the race the yacht intends to compete in if requested by the Organising Authority.

15 PRIZES

15.1 The Organising Authority shall award the trophies normally associated with the Organising Authority's offshore races. Trophies are not available for all race categories of all races.

15.2 All yacht entered are eligible to be awarded general trophies associated with each race.

15.3 Certain traditional RPNYC trophies will only be presented to RPNYC registered yachts.

15.4 Presented trophies remain the property of RPNYC and are not to leave the Club premises.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

17 SUMMARY OF KEY ITEMS

Offshore Championship Race Briefings	NOR 6.2	As per the schedule of races
Cat 3 or higher certificate	NOR 4.5	Before the race briefing for the first race or race entered.
Liferaft servicing certificate	NOR 4.6	Before the race briefing for the first race or race entered.
EPIRB and PLB registration certificates	NOR 4.7	Before the race briefing for the first race or race entered.
PHRF certificate	NOR 4.8	Before the race briefing for the first race or race entered.
Race entry	NOR 4.9	24 hours before the race briefing