



# Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

## 2024-2025 Racing Season

### Inshore Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)  
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RPNYC Inshore Racing 2024-2025 Racing Season covers all racing conducted by the Organising Authority for the 2024-2025 season categorised as Inshore Racing, excluding the following: Interclub Series, Offshore Series, Port Nicholson Regatta, races organised by the Wellington Youth Sailing Trust, and any other race or series that the Organising Authority may at any time specify.

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in the Notice of Race rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 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 (YNZ) safety regulations shall apply and are amended or clarified as follows:
  - (a) Part II: keelboats must comply with Category 5 regulations and in addition, must carry:
    - (i) an installed VHF radio. This amends Category 5 regulation 18.02(i).
    - (ii) a bosun's chair. This amends Category 5 regulation 15.12.
    - (iii) Wellington harbour chart NZ 4633. This clarifies Category 5 regulation 19.03.
  - (b) Part V: trailer yachts must carry:
    - (i) at least 5 litres of fuel. This confirms category A and confirms category B & C regulation 13.03.
    - (ii) a VHF transceiver. This amends Category C regulation 11.02.
    - (iii) Wellington harbour chart NZ 4633. This clarifies Category C regulation 10.02.
  - (c) Part VI: sports boats must comply with Category A, amended to include carrying at least 5 litres of fuel.
  - (d) Part VII: sport multihull yachts must comply with the sport multihull equipment list in part VII amended to include carrying at least 5 litres of fuel.
  - (e) Boats complying with paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine capable of driving the boat in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 knots.
  - (f) Boats not complying with 1.2(e) may compete with the prior express permission of the Race Committee. The Race Committee will only give permission if a support boat is 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 Personal Flotation Devices

- (a) Competitors shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times, unless the person in charge of the boat considers that conditions are such that there is no significant increase in the risk to the safety of any competitor through not wearing a PFD, and expressly gives permission for PFD's not to be worn.
- (b) All competitors must wear a PFD at all times when Code Flag 'Y' is displayed by the Race Committee.

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.**"

See also YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, items 17.5 to 17.9.

1.4 The Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws will apply.

1.5 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 adjusting a canting keel or water ballast.

1.6 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, sports boats, or multihull sports boats not to compete in any given race. A decision to allow or prevent such a yacht from competing 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 approved by the Race Committee is available.

1.7 RRS appendix T will apply.

- (a) Appendix T1 (b) is amended to read as follows:

A Post-Race Penalty is a 50% Scoring Penalty calculated per Rule 44.3 (c). However, Rule 44.1 (a) applies.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board on [rpnyc.org.nz](http://rpnyc.org.nz) no later than the scheduled pre-season briefing.

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

3.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.rpnyc.org.nz](http://www.rpnyc.org.nz).

3.2 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF. The channel will be stipulated in the SIs.

3.3 The Race Committee may make courtesy posts on the Whatsapp group for the race or series.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **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 permit a yacht on the RPNYC yacht register to enter as a visiting yacht.
- 4.3 The Organising Authority may accept, reject, or subsequently cancel a visiting boat's entry for any reason.
- 4.4 [NP] To be eligible to compete in a race or series, the following membership requirements shall be met:
- (a) The crew of a RPNYC boat shall be sailing members as allowed under the RPNYC club rules.
  - (b) The crew of a visiting boat shall be financial members of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.
  - (c) Any competitor not a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority shall sail in no more than five race days.
- 4.5 [NP] Entries shall be lodged on the RPNYC website before the scheduled warning signal for the race or event in which the entrant wishes to participate.
- 4.6 [NP] Late entries may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 4.7 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 purpose of RRS 46.
  - (b) Provide name(s), contact details, and details of crew club membership.
- 4.8 All entered boats will be rostered as a duty boat for up to five (5) race days as follows:
- (a) The Race Committee will allocate boats to all days on the duty boat roster.
  - (b) Rostered duty boats shall arrange volunteers for the start box or support boat as determined by the Race Committee, regardless of whether the boat races on that day.
  - (c) If a boat does not race on the day it is rostered as the duty boat and provides the required number of volunteers, then the boat shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - (d) If a boat races on the day it is rostered as the duty boat but does not provide a volunteer, then the boat shall be scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
  - (e) If a boat does not race on the day it is rostered as the duty boat and does not provide a volunteer, then the boat shall be scored 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 boat as allowed for under SI 21.2.
  - (g) If, by undertaking rostered Duty Boat duties, a boat is unable to race due to that commitment, then the boat may be scored "RDG" (Redress Given) The points score for RDG will be equal to the average to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races in the series except the race in question, as per RRS A.9(a). All other boats' scores remain unchanged.

## 5 FEES

5.1 The required entry fees are:

Event	Entry fees
All inshore racing for the entire season	\$320
Any individual series (Rum includes all Rum Races, Women's Helm and Rum Twilight Races)	\$120
Any individual race day or Special Races	\$40

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 A representative of each boat intending to race in the 2024-2025 season shall attend the pre-season briefing in the RPNYC clubrooms.

7.2 The racing schedule is shown in the 2024-2025 chronology of races and events published on the RPNYC website.

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day's first race 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 of day warning signal
Fleet championship	6	6	Various
Inshore championship			
Alan Martin	4	4	1255 hours
Spring	3	3	1255 hours
Summer	2	6	1255 hours
Autumn	2	2	1255 hours
Gin	9	9	1300 hours
Rum – All Races (note: not a series)	24	24	1810 hours
Matilda Cup (Women's Helm)	7	7	1810 hours
Rum Twilight	3	3	1810 hours
Two-handed	7	7	0855 hours
Twilight	3	9	1755 hours
At home	4	4	1155 hours
Winter	5	5	1155 hours

Winter two-handed	5	5	0955 hours
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## 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

## 9 CHAFFERS BERTHING & CREW PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

- 9.1 [DP] Temporary berthing or picking up/dropping off crew at Chaffers Marina **is restricted to accredited Chaffers Marina berth holders**. All other boats may use the public wharf on the southwestern side of Chaffers Marina or in Clyde Quay boat harbour adjacent to RPNYC. Refer NoR Appendix 'A'.

## 10 RACING AREA

- 10.1 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 Laid courses 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.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 RRS A5.3 will apply. RRS A5.2 is changed as follows:  
 "A boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired or disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series."
- 12.2 Races will be scored on PHRF, general handicap and line.
- 12.3 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. fleet, rum, or two-handed.
- 12.4 When fewer than 6 races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.5 When 6 or more races have been completed in a series, a boat'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 3 races thereafter.
- 12.6 The minimum number of races to be completed for a series shall be one.

### **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 this event 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 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.

### **14 INSURANCE**

- 14.1 Each boat that races shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent thereof. Evidence of insurance shall be provided if requested by the Organising Authority.

### **15 PRIZES**

- 15.1 The Organising Authority may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions, or subgroups of a race, series, or division.
- 15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 15.3 Visiting boats will not be eligible for RPNYC trophies but will be eligible for prizes.
- 15.4 RPNYC trophies may only be awarded to boats entered as RPNYC boats. If, but for this paragraph, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting boat, then the trophy may instead be awarded to the highest-placed RPNYC boat.
- 15.5 Only boats that comply with their class rules are eligible for class trophies.
- 15.6 Presented trophies remain the property of RPNYC and are not to leave the clubroom premises.

### **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 For further information, please contact [sailing@rpnyc.org.nz](mailto:sailing@rpnyc.org.nz) or visit [www.rpnyc.org.nz](http://www.rpnyc.org.nz).

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Appendix A



Crew pick-up  
and drop-off