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BARTON MARINE OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25

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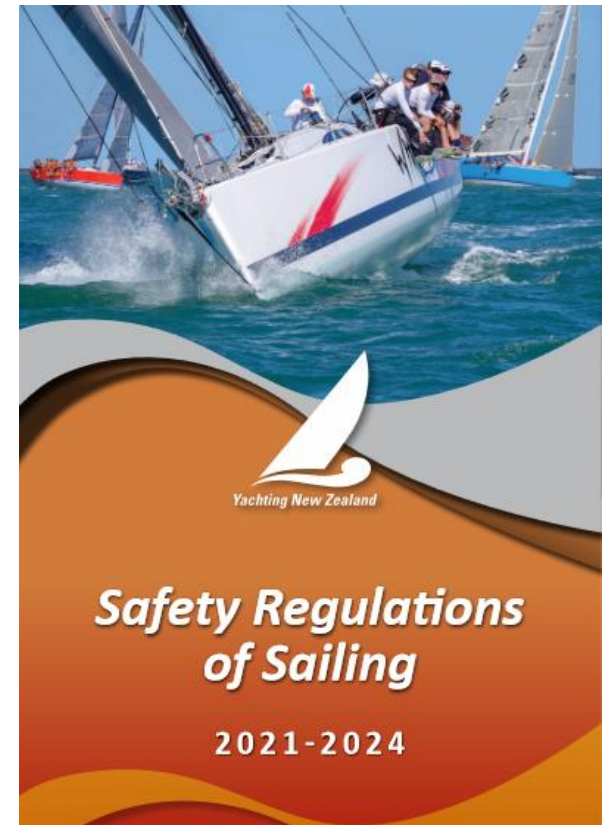
Offshore Championship Documents

Racing Rules of Sailing and YNZ Safety Regulations



Competitors need to be familiar with the documents that control the Offshore Championship

New Rules and Safety Regulations dues 1 January 2025





Offshore Championship Documents

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions



Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club 2022-2023 Racing Season

Barton Marine Offshore Championship Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)
103 Deane Parade Wellington | PO Box 8874, Wellington | info@rpnyc.org.nz

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 All yachts shall comply with Part II Category 3 of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations as specified in the schedule of races [MoR 6.2](#).
- 1.3 For Category 3 modified races, the Part II Category 3 requirements are modified to include the following items that yachts must carry:
 - (i) a life raft 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Navigation charts shall also be stored electronically and shall be stored on at least two (2) 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 coverage to function.
- 1.6 **SAFETY and LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**
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 [outboard](#)
 - when true wind speed 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.
- 1.7 The Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, the Marlborough District Council Navigation Bylaw 2009, the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012, and Controls, Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 and Controls will apply:

NoR – the races in the championship, entry and eligibility, and how your yacht needs to be prepared for each race.

SI's – How the races will be run on the water.



Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club 2023-2024 Racing Season

Barton Marine Offshore Series Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)
103 Deane Parade Wellington | PO Box 8874, Wellington | sailing@rpnyc.org.nz

1 Rules

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with Part II category 3 of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) safety regulations as specified in the schedule of races [MoR 6.2/51.5.2](#).
- 1.3 For category 3 modified races, the Part II category 3 requirements are modified, all yachts must carry all additional items as detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 1.4 **SAFETY and LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**
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 [outboard](#)
 - When true wind speed 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.
- 1.5 Safety Checks of any yacht may be made at any time.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between this document and the Notice of Race, then this document will take precedence.
- 1.7 In areas where the Regional Bylaws and Controls apply:
 - (a) There shall be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 300m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
 - (b) 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).
- 1.8 **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 51.



Offshore Championship Documents

Race Appendix and Pre/Post Race Declarations



Race Appendix –
Specific additional
sailing instructions
for that particular
race.

Pre and Post Race
declarations

- 1 Rule**
- 1.1 As per Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and including the items below
 - 1.2 Nelson City Council Bylaw 218 Navigation Safety (the Bylaw) shall apply
 - 1.3 All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulation category 3 modified, as per the modifications stated in the Notice of Race.
- 2 Racing Area**
- 2.1 Racing shall take place in Wellington Harbour, Cook Strait, and Tasman Bay.
- 3 Course**
- 3.1 The course is:
Start – **Barrett Reef Buoy (S)** – **Stephens Island (P)** – **Port Nelson Approach Beacon (P)** – Finish
 - 3.2 All areas that are obstructions apply.
- 4 Areas that are Obstructions**
- 4.1 The following shall be obstructions:
 - (a) a line between Point Jemingham Light and the nearest point of **land**;
 - (b) a line between the Steeple Rock Light and Steeple **Rock**;
 - (c) a line between Thomas Rock and the nearest point of land.
- 5 Hazards and Dangers**
- 5.1 Competitors should note the following hazards and dangers. All competitors should check navigational charts for the course area for safe navigation:
 - (a) Cray pots on south coast of Wellington
 - (b) Awash Rock below the Brothers Islands
 - (c) Cook Rock in Cook Strait
 - (d) Walker Rock at Cape Jackson
 - (e) The Cut entrance to Nelson Harbour (See 11. Safety requirements below)



2023-2024 Barton Marine Offshore Championship Pre-Race Declaration

Yacht Name _____

Race _____ Date _____

1. Does this yacht comply in all respects with its YNZ Safety Certificate? Yes No

2. Does this yacht comply with the safety requirements stated in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions? Yes No

3. Is the crew physically and medically fit to undertake the race? Yes No

Skipper Signature _____


Name _____

If the answer to any of the above questions is 'No', the skipper must consult the Race Officer to explain the circumstances and seek permission to start the race.



Offshore Championship Documents

Yacht Details and Crew List – Will be done via SailSys where possible

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Technical Information ⌵

Boat Admins 1 ⌵

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Crew Management 6
Crew Registration QR Code
⌵

Invite your crew to create a SailSys account so they can keep their information and emergency contact details up to date. Once invited, you can add your crew to races.

Name	Email	AS Number	Account Status	Profile Status	Invite Crew
Charlotte Duke	charlotte.raone@gmail.com	-	Registered	✔	Remove
Deb Williams	splashprincess@xtra.co.nz	-	Registered	✔	Remove
Gabby Storey	gabbystorey@gmail.com	-	Registered	✔	Remove
Geoff Herd	geoffherd@gmail.com	-	Registered	✔	Remove
Mia Karalus	miakaralus@gmail.com	-	Invited	⋯	Reinvite Remove
Phil Gurnsey	phil.gurnsey@gmail.com	-	Registered	✔	Remove



RRS Fundamental Rules

Rule 1 - SAFETY

1.1 – Helping Those in Danger

A boat. Competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

Your closest help is likely to be competitors around you!

1.2 – Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

Rule 2 - Fair Sailing

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play.



RRS Fundamental Rules

Rule 3 - DECISION TO RACE

The decision for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.

Sailing Instruction 23.3

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.



SAFETY

STOP THE ACCIDENT BEFORE IT HAPPENS

- **Have good crew systems that allow crew to perform manoeuvres safely**
- **Move around the boat trying to keep your centre of gravity low**
- **Get into position for the manoeuvre so you are braced and can hang on where required. The do the job at hand.**
- **Use so harness tethers so they keep the crew inside the lifelines. Do not tow crew in the water!**
- **Use lifejackets and tethers. Not just when the rules say you should.**
- **Talk through manoeuvres before executing so crew know what is happening and when.**



SAFETY

All yachts shall have a valid category 3 safety certificate

All yachts will comply with the requirements of Part II Category 3 of the YNZ Safety Regulations 2021-2024.

For Category 3 modified races, yachts will carry the following items:

- (i) A liferaft in accordance with safety regulation 17.11
- (ii) A storm jib in accordance with safety regulation 15.15(b)
- (iii) Fire extinguishers in accordance with safety regulation 17.01

Electronic navigation charts shall be stored on at least 2 separate chart plotting devices, 1 of which must be able to be powered separately from the yachts main power source and be able to be recharged independently of the main engine and operate for an extended period. These devices must not be reliant on cellular coverage to function (must work without Internet connectivity.)



Drills

Do regular drills

- Man Overboard
- Practice Storm Sails
- Emergency Steering – see how it works
- Getting ready to deploy liferaft
- Fire Fighting





SAFETY – SI 19.3

19.3 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 in rush of water into the yacht.



Life Jackets

Sailing Instruction 1.4

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.

[Check your lifejacket servicing. Including crew members who provide their own lifejackets.](#)





Entry Documents

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- 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.


To be loaded in SailSys



Entry Documents – In SailSys

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Make & Model	ROSS TUBO
Class	Keelboat
Year	1999



Handicaps PHRF Ins, PHRF Psg

Technical Information

Boat Admins 1

File Library Upload File

PHRF Certificate - The Guarantee - 2024-25 Expiry: 31/05/2025	Edit Delete
The Guarantee Cat 5 Check Expiry: 30/09/2025	Edit Delete
The Guarantee Insurance Certificate Expiry: 31/05/2025	Edit Delete
The Guarantee Cat 2 2022-24 Expiry: 22/11/2024	Edit Delete
The Guarantee EPIRB Expiry: 30/09/2025	Edit Delete
The Guarantee Liferaft Certificate 09-2024-2027 Expiry: 31/08/2027	Edit Delete



Changes to Racing Rules SI – 1.8

- (f) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, Part 22 of the Maritime Rules (Collision Prevention Rule, (International Regulations for preventing collisions at Sea)) shall apply. This changes RRS Part 2.
- (g) Suspension of racing: (changes RRS 41 and RRS 47.1.)
 - (i) A yacht may suspend racing for safety and seamanship reasons (e.g. to make repairs) provided that she marks her position where the suspension commences and informs RPNYC at the first reasonable opportunity. This shall not be used to gain tactical advantage (e.g. to get out of adverse tide etc.)
 - (i) A yacht that has suspended racing may use a propulsion engine, haul out, or make fast, until she resumes racing.
 - (i) A yacht that has suspended racing, may, before resuming racing, remove garbage, use any equipment or receive help to effect repairs but shall not take on food or other provisions, or replace equipment, without the prior permission of RPNYC.
 - (i) Before resuming racing, a yacht shall return to the position where she suspended racing and inform RPNYC at her first reasonable opportunity.



Changes to Racing Rules SI – 1.7

- (h) Outside Assistance: (Changes RRS 41I)
 - (i) Whilst racing, boats may utilise weather information that is routinely available throughout the year to the general public, and whose availability is publicly indexed. (e.g. searchable by Google).
 - (i) Boats shall not arrange for weather routers or meteorologists or other individuals to provide them with advice, custom data or compilations of public data during the race, including screenshots of public data no matter how that information is communicated.
 - (i) Boats may receive regularly scheduled weather broadcasts, GRIB data, weather fax transmissions or other internet based forecast information including weather routing functions within an application, whether subscription based or free of charge. (e.g. Metservice or Predictwind)
 - (i) Prior to the Warning Signal for a leg, there is no limitation on private services or any other source of data or consulting.



Radio Instructions SI - 13

13.1 Each yacht shall, no less than 15 minutes prior to its warning signal, contact Port Nicholson Sports Radio on VHF channel 62 advising of her intention to race and the number of people on board.

(confirms POB and that the VHF radio is operating at the start of the race.)

13.2 If directed to do so by the race committee, all yachts must lodge a trip report with Maritime Radio on VHF channel 16 **prior to the warning signal**. The race committee will likely give this direction if six or fewer boats register for the race.

(To be done prior to the warning signal, not at the harbour entrance!!!)

13.4 A yacht that fails to make a report as per the sailing instructions or the race appendix shall either:

(a) Incur a 1% elapsed time penalty (without a hearing) for every missed report.

(b) Be protested by the race committee.

This changes RRS 63.1.

13.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the penalty in sailing instruction 13.4(a) does not bind a protest committee.

13.6 Radio watch:

(a) Prior to the start, yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 62.

(b) After the start once the yacht has exited the harbour, and while racing, yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 16.



Radio Instructions

Communications Instructions Form

COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

YACHT UNABLE TO CONTACT RO OR MARITIME OPS

- All messages to the RO should be passed to via Maritime Ops, or directly via **cellphone**.
- If a yacht is unable to contact Maritime Ops by VHF, SSB, **cellphone** or any other means, then: - The yacht shall attempt to contact other vessels (either other race yachts or third parties) to relay a message to Maritime Ops; and if that fails:
 - The yacht shall attempt to **make contact with Maritime Ops by cellphone** (or any other means of communication carried).
- If a yacht overhears a failed attempt by another yacht to contact the RO or Maritime Ops, then that yacht shall attempt to relay the message on their behalf.

Race Check In

- All yachts shall, no less than 15 minutes prior to its warning signal, contact Port Nicholson Sports radio on VHF 62 advising of her intention to race and the number of people on board.

CLOSING TRIP REPORT

- You must contact Maritime Radio to within 30 minutes of finishing to close your trip report.

FREQUENCIES FOR CONTACTING MARITIME RADIO



What to do if you are unable to contact the RO or Maritime Radio.

Race Check ins.

Closing the trip report

Keep next to the VHF radio

USEFUL CONTACTS

Name	Communications Method	Suitable Locations for Making Contact
Maritime Radio	VHF 16 (INITIAL CONTACT)	Most Areas
	VHF 67 (WORKING)	Tasman Bay, Northern Cook Strait
	VHF 68 (WORKING)	Marlborough Sounds, Cook Strait
	VHF 71 (WORKING)	Wellington, Cook Strait
	Telephone 04 550 5280	Or 0800 827 484
Wellington Harbour Radio (Beacon Hill)	VHF 14	Wellington Harbour
	VHF 16	
	VHF 62	Wellington Harbour, South Coast, Cook Strait
	Telephone 04 388 1911	
Coastguard	VHF 16	Wellington Harbour, South Coast, Cook Strait
	VHF 62	
	VHF 20 or 79	Nowcasting
	Telephone 04 386 3531	For urgent telephone contact
Race Officer	027 4403143	Jim Gordon
Duty Officer	021 476 514	Pedro Morgan



SI – 19 Safety Regulations

- 19 .1 At the start of each race, yachts shall carry sufficient food and water appropriate for the race.
- 19.2 Any yacht withdrawing from the race for any reason must advise Maritime Radio as soon as possible by any means available.

SI – 20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20 .1 Any yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with safety requirements, safety certificates, Notice of Race 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 A yacht that is racing in a measurement configuration that is at variance to the issued PHRF certificate or the notice of race and sailing instructions will be subject to protest.

SI – 21 Berthing

- 21.1 At yachts are responsible for arranging their own berthage prior to any race start and after finishing a race.

SI – 22 Hull Cleaning

- 22.1 All yachts are reminded of their obligations regarding bio-security requirements from MPI to have clean hulls. Yachts are recommended to carry a six in one certificate or the invoice/receipt from the pre-race hull clean on board. Marinas usually require evidence of hull cleaning prior to entry.



The Races

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



Sharing of Information

We all need to share information with each other and to help us be safe and to get better at offshore racing.

Help new yachts and crews get up to speed with offshore racing.

We all grow together if we share information. This is how the IMOCA and Class 40 fleets have become so strong in offshore racing.

Have Fun!

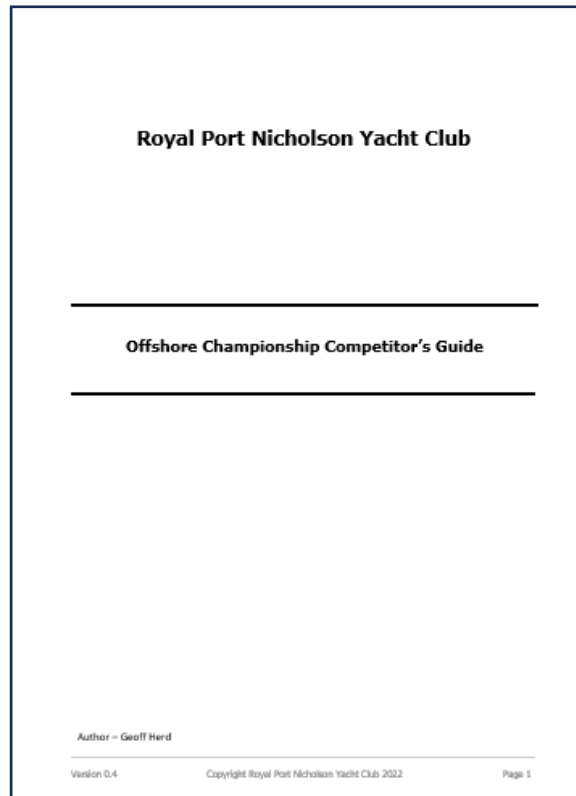
Sail safe but also have fun out there.

Join in the raft ups and de-brief the race.



Further information

Contact Geoff Herd or Brent Dewhurst if you would like information to help preparing for offshore races.



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