



Lowry Bay Yacht Club



2024 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race

9 -10 March 2024

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Incorporated (LBYC)
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1. General Rules and Safety Requirements

- 1.1 The LBYC 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2021.
- 1.2 The race is a distance-over-time event and is scheduled over a 24hr period. As such, to be in the race, it will be compulsory for all entrants to carry a GPS.
- 1.3 The International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall apply between a yacht that is racing and one that is not, and between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Sunset is at 1950hrs & Sunrise at 0712hrs on the weekend of 9 March 2024. This modifies the RRS.
- 1.4 For protests, where only a Rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. This modifies the RRS.

Safety Requirements

- 1.5.1 Keel yachts (including multihulls) shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021-2024, Category 5 upgraded to include two VHF transceivers, a GPS receiver, bosun's chair, jackstay lines fitted to the yacht, tether safety lines for 50% of the crew, Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633, and a whistle and light on all life-jackets. Life jackets are required to have crotch straps fitted.
- 1.5.2 Trailer yachts shall comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations 2021-2024, Category B upgraded to include two VHF transceivers, a GPS receiver, jackstay fitted to the yacht, tether safety lines for 50% of the crew, Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633 (a requirement of Cat B), and a whistle and light on all life-jackets. Life jackets are required to have crotch straps fitted. A minimum of 5 litres of fuel.

1.5.3 All yachts with outboards shall keep them mounted in an operable position at all times.

2. Advertising

2.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the (OA).

3. Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

3.1 Racing is open to all multihull, self-righting monohull yachts and Cat B trailer yachts whose owners are members of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand (YNZ).

3.2 To be eligible to compete in this event, the skipper of each yacht shall be a financial member of a yacht club recognised by YNZ.

3.3 All yachts must have a cabin that crew can rest in.

Compliance with safety regulations

3.4 Yachts shall be inspected for safety compliance before the race and yachts failing to meet the relevant requirements in any safety inspection carried out under YNZ safety regulations shall not be allowed to race unless corrective action has been taken. There are 4 Keeler safety sheets with 10-12 items taken from the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021-2024, Category 5 & 4 Trailer yacht safety sheets taken from the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021-2024, Category B that will be used for the safety compliance checks.

3.5 Minimum number of skipper and crew is four (4) for any yacht.

3.6 At least one of the crew (besides the skipper) must be capable of helming the yacht, have prior experience in night sailing, and able to operate a VHF radio when the skipper is resting.

Entry

3.7 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form and bringing this to the race briefing on the 21 February 2024 (details in 4.1) and pay the fee at the bar.

3.8 Entry Fee

Early Bird entry fee is \$100 per boat from 15 January to 20 February 2024.

Standard Entry fee is \$125 per boat from 21 February to 1 March 2024.

Late Entry fee is \$150 from 2 March to 6 March 2024. (See 3.10)

3.9 Entries can also be sent via email to info@lbyc.org.nz and fee paid by 1 March 2024 via internet banking to the account number on the entry form.

3.10 Late entries will be accepted up until 1800hrs on Wednesday 6 March 2024. All documents must be provided, as in 4.2, at the same time.

4. Schedule

Registration

- 4.1 A representative for each yacht shall register their yacht in the Seaview room of Lowry Bay Yacht Club on Wednesday 21 February 2024 between 1700-1900hrs.
- 4.2 Skippers/Owners will be required to produce the following documents when registering:
- (a) A copy of the insurance certificate showing that the entrant has third party property liability policy of at least \$5,000,000 for this race, or the equivalent.
 - (b) A complete crew list showing the full name (correctly spelled), phone number and emergency contact for each crew member. Any medical information we should be made aware of should also be noted.
 - (c) The name and cell phone number of a nominated crew member who can be contacted throughout the duration of the race (not the skipper).
 - (d) A declaration stating that each yacht has at least two members on board who have prior night sailing experience of which 1 of them is capable of helming the yacht.
 - (e) For any entrant that has crew under the age of 18, a declaration from that person's guardian giving permission for them to compete.

Briefings

- 4.3 The race briefing is scheduled for 1930hrs Wednesday 21 February 2024 in the LBYC clubrooms. Entry packs will be presented to the skippers at this briefing.
- 4.4 A final morning briefing will be at 0900hrs Saturday 9 March 2024 in the LBYC clubrooms.
- 4.5 All yachts **must** be represented at the race briefing on Wednesday 21 February. The skipper **must** attend the final briefing on Saturday 9 March. The skipper may bring one other crew member to the briefings.

Start

- 4.7 The scheduled start of the race is at 1100hrs on Saturday, 9 March 2024 from the start line at the Point Howard mark of the course.

Finish

- 4.7 The scheduled finish of the race is at 1100hrs on Sunday, 10 March. The finishing position of each yacht will be the precise GPS location of the yacht at that time. (see 9.3 and 9.5)

Race Continuation, Postponement or Abandonment

- 4.8 Every endeavour will be made to continue the race for the whole 24 hours. However the Race Committee reserves the right to delay the start of the race, pause the race, or finish the race early, due to weather or any other condition that might impede the safety of the event.
- 4.9 If the Race Committee pauses the race, it will be restarted at a later time from a start line between the Point Howard Mark and a start boat. Skippers are required to record their precise GPS position when the race is paused. The Race Committee will

call for these positions to be reported. The Race Committee will only pause the race once.

4.10 If the race has not started by 1800hrs 9 March 2024 due to either insufficient or excessive wind conditions or other possible delaying factors, the race will be postponed, and the reserve weekend (16-17 March 2024) will be used.

4.11 The race will be deemed to be abandoned if less than 8 hours has been sailed.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the race briefing on 21 February. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the LBYC website 1 week prior to registration.

6. Venue

6.1 The 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race will be held within the confines of Wellington Harbour, which includes Fitzroy Bay.

7. The Course

7.1 The proposed course comprises of 3 different size laps.

7.2 The first lap is approximately 18Nm and is a course out to Fitzroy Bay and back to the Point Howard Wharf mark. The Race Committee reserves the right to delete this proposed first lap from the course if weather conditions are unsuitable.

7.2 The second lap is approximately 17nm and takes in most of Wellington Harbour. The subsequent laps are approximately 9nm and are at the Northern and Eastern ends of the harbour.

7.3 The Race Committee will determine, on the day, as to whether 1 or 2 large laps will be sailed. This will be announced at the final briefing (9 March) and displayed on the official noticeboard. A possible course shortening if the first lap takes too long will be announced on the official VHF channel.

7.4 The final course diagrams will be included in the sailing instructions.

7.5 A lap will be completed and counted after correctly rounding all marks in that lap and rounding the mark laid off Point Howard Wharf.

8. Handicaps

8.1 Handicaps Distance Correction Factor (DCF) shall be allocated at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

8.2 The handicaps allotted to a yacht shall not be grounds for requests for redress.

9. Scoring

9.1 The fleet will be sailed and scored as one division.

9.2 Lap distances (Nm) will be advised in the Sailing Instructions. Total distance will be calculated on the laps completed and the part lap at the finish of the race.

- 9.3 The part lap will be calculated by logging the yacht's GPS position at the finish time. This GPS position will be used by the race committee to work out how much of that lap was completed, relative to the rhumb line of the leg of the course being sailed
- 9.4 This total distance will be used to calculate the corrected distance on handicap.
- 9.5 A Log sheet will be issued to all yachts and **must** be completed during the race. This must be handed in to Race Control in the LBYC clubrooms within 60 minutes of the declaration of the end of the race.
- 9.6 At the discretion of the Race Committee, additional tracking technology may be used by all yachts to enable remote tracking.
However, the manual method of recording laps and part laps will be the primary scoring system. This will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the race briefing on 21 February.

10. Communication

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. Refer RRS 41
- 10.2 Yachts may make live streams or posts to the 24hr Endurance Yacht Race Facebook page during the race.

11. Support Yachts

- 11.1 Support yachts are not allowed.

12. Prizes

- 12.1 The prize giving will be held in, or adjacent to the LBYC clubrooms commencing at approx.1300hrs Sunday 10 March.
- 12.2 The 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race prizes and trophies will be awarded as follows:
Line Honours (Longest distance sailed) Heineken Centennial Tankard
Longest distance new record (if this is achieved) (Shield)
1st on handicap (corrected distance sailed) Gibson Sheat Cup
2nd,3rd,4th and 5th on handicap (corrected distance sailed).
Class prizes if there are 3 or more yachts of one class competing.
- 12.3 Spot prizes will be drawn for individual participants that are present at the prize giving.

13. Refunds

Competitor Withdrawals

If a competitor withdraws, the applicable entry fee refunds will be as follows:

- 13.1 If a competitor withdraws 48 hrs or more before the race first warning signal
- 75% refund
- 13.2 If a competitor withdraws 48 to 24 hrs before the race first warning signal
- 50% refund

- 13.3 If a competitor withdraws 24 hrs or less before the race first warning signal
- no refund

Cancellation

- 13.4 If the OA cancels the event due to being unable to sail on either the scheduled weekend, or the reserve weekend (bad weather) a 75% refund of entry fees may be sought on application in writing to info@lbyc.org.nz

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS rule 4. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.
- 14.2 Competitors accept that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledge that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their yacht to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their yacht and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
 - Their yacht is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol yachts and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - The provision of patrol yacht cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 14.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

15. Further Information

For visiting yachts, a marina berth will be made available on request to Seaview Marina for 2 nights either side of the race, free of charge. Contact the marina office prior to the event if you would like a berth (04 5683736)

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