



# EBYMBC, LBYC and RPNYC

## 2023-2024 Racing Season

### Interclub Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)  
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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 a rule in the Notice of Race 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 *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: keel boats 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 paragraph (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.

1.3 Safety and Life-Saving Equipment

- (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 the adjustment of 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 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 approved by the Race Committee is available.
- 1.7 RRS appendix T will apply.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available at [rpnyc.org.nz](http://rpnyc.org.nz) no later than the scheduled pre-season briefing and may also be published on the LBYC and EBYMBC websites.

## **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 EBYMBC, LBYC, or RPNYC yacht register (registered yachts) and from visiting yachts. The Organising Authority may, at their discretion, permit a registered yacht to enter as a visiting yacht.
- 4.3 The organising authority may accept, reject, or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting boat for any reason.
- 4.4 [NP] Late entries may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 4.5 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.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 There is no entry fee for the Interclub Series.

## 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 2023-2024 season shall attend the pre-season briefing for their club, which will be held in each club's respective clubrooms.
- 7.2 The racing schedule is shown in the 2023-2024 chronology of races and events published on the RPNYC website and may also be published on the EBYMBC and LBYC websites.
- 7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be published with the racing schedule.
- 7.4 The number of scheduled race days for the interclub series is three and the maximum number of races per race day is one.

## 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 COVID COMPLIANCE

- 9.1 For all inshore racing permitted under the government's Covid restrictions, boat skippers shall comply with government restrictions and requirements applicable at that time.

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

- 10.1 [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 south-western side of Chaffers Marina or in Clyde Quay boat harbour adjacent to RPNYC. Refer NoR Appendix 'A'.

## 11 RACING AREA

- 11.1 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.

## 12 COURSES

- 12.1 For races being hosted by RPNYC, 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.
- 12.2 For races being hosted by LBYC, the courses available to be used are published on the LBYC website.
- 12.3 For races being hosted by EBYMBC, the course for the day will be posted on the EBYMBC noticeboard and will be broadcast on VHF channel 77.

### 13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Organising Authority will provide results for two divisions. Skippers must advise the Organising Authority which division they intend to compete in when completing the online entry form. The two divisions are:
- (a) Spinnaker division.
  - (b) Non-spinnaker division.
- 13.2 Spinnaker division races will be included in the RPNYC fleet championship series for entrants eligible to enter the RPNYC fleet championship series.
- 13.3 RRS A5.3 will apply. RRS A5.2 is changed as follows:  
“A boat that 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.”
- 13.4 Races will be scored on PHRF, interclub general handicap and line.
- 13.5 The interclub general handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performance for that race.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.8 A yacht will only be deemed to be entered in the interclub series if it has come to the starting area for at least one race in that series.
- 13.9 The minimum number of races to be completed for a series shall be one.

### 14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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.**

- 14.2 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.

## **15 INSURANCE**

- 15.1 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.

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 Trophies will be presented at the end of series prize giving to the overall series winners on interclub general handicap.
- 16.2 The individual clubs may award trophies for winners of specific races or subgroups of a race.
- 16.3 Only yachts entered with the club that is hosting each day's racing will be eligible for any trophies for that individual race that the hosting club would normally present to their registered yachts.
- 16.4 All entered yachts will be eligible for prizes, if any. 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 host club yacht.
- 16.5 Only yachts that comply with their class rules are eligible for class trophies.
- 16.6 Trophies presented by RPNYC remain the property of RPNYC and are not to leave the clubroom premises.
- 16.7 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 16.8 Visiting yachts will not be eligible for RPNYC trophies but will be eligible for prizes.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 17.1 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