



Altex Wellington Women's Regatta 2025

15 – 16 March 2025

The Organising Authority is Lowry Bay Yacht Club (LBYC)

Seaview Marina Port Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington New Zealand

www.lbyc.org.nz

Notice of Race

The notation '[DP]' at the beginning of a rule is subject to discretionary penalty (see RRS Introduction Notation).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Safety regulations:
 - a. Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021–2024 Part II Category 5 shall apply to **keel boats** and **multihulls**, and the minimum amount of engine fuel to be carried at the start of each day shall be LWL(m) /0.4.
 - b. Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021–2024 Part V Category A shall apply to **trailer yachts**, and a minimum of ten (10) litres of engine fuel shall be carried at the start of each day.
 - c. Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021–2024 Part VI Category A shall apply to **sports boats**, and a minimum of ten (10) litres of engine fuel shall be carried at the start of each day.
 - d. Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021-2024 Part 1 amended to include an operative waterproof VHF transceiver, Part V paragraphs 2.01 to 2.04, and SR Appendix 4 shall apply to **Elliot 6m** class yachts.
 - e. The Race Committee may direct Elliot 6m class yachts not to compete in any given race due to adverse weather conditions. A decision to give or not give such direction will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
 - f. All boats shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the boat in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 knots.

NB: RRS 2021 to 2024 and YNZ Safety Regulations 2021 to 2024 will be replaced by their respective publishers on 1 January 2025. The new versions of both publications will take effect for LBYC Sailing Instructions at that time.

- 1.3 The Wellington Regional Navigation Safety Bylaws 2021 will apply.

- 1.4 The RRS will be changed as follows.
 - a. [NP] Boats with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS 51 (Movable Ballast).
 - b. Boats 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 (Movable Ballast).
 - c. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
- 1.5 Yachting New Zealand Rules – Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) will apply to boats racing under PHRF and there is no requirement for a boat to have a PHRF rating.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.7 Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions are intended to be available on the online official notice board by 2000hrs on Thursday 13 March 2025.
- 2.3 A copy of the sailing instructions and any advertising material to be displayed will be provided to each skipper at Registration.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.lbyc.org.nz.
- 3.2 [DP][NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 77.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions. Failure to receive a radio message from the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.4 [DP][NP] 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 The event is open to all keel boats, multihulls, trailer yachts, sports boats and Elliot 6m class yachts.
- 4.2 To be eligible to compete under PHRF a boat must have a valid PHRF certificate registered with Yachting New Zealand no later than Saturday 8 March 2025.
- 4.3 There will be a non-spinnaker division and the organising authority may without explanation add divisions and assign boats to divisions and apply a general handicap for each boat.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form at www.lbyc.org.nz and paying the required fee by Tuesday 11 March 2025.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted upon payment of the late entry fee and at the sole discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, including crew lists, and pay all fees.
- 4.7 [DP][NP] Each boat must have at least 50% female crew (including the helm), and the helm must be female.
- 4.8 All crew members (i.e. competitors) shall be a financial member of a club recognised by their national authority.
- 4.9 [DP][NP] A crew list for each boat must be provided to the organising authority prior to registration.

5 Fees

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Standard Entry Fee <i>until Tuesday 11 March 2025</i>	Late Entry Fee <i>subject to the discretion of the organising authority</i>
\$40	\$80

6 Advertising

- 6.1 [DP][NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 Schedule

7.1 A representative from each boat must attend the briefing.

	Saturday 15 March 2025	Sunday 16 March 2025
Registration	0900hrs – 1000hrs at LBYC club rooms	N/A
Briefing	1000hrs at LBYC club rooms	N/A
First Warning Signal	1055hrs Harbour race (pursuit) and two laid courses	1025hrs No warning signal after 1455hrs
Courses	Windward-leeward, triangle or harbour courses may be sailed	Windward-leeward, triangle or harbour courses may be sailed
Race Area	Wellington Harbour	North-Eastern side of Wellington Harbour
Number of Races	One (1)	Four (4) maximum

8 Equipment Inspection

8.1 The organising authority may conduct a safety inspection of any boat at any time.

9 Venue

9.1 The event will be held at the Lowry Bay Yacht Club.

9.2 Racing will be held in the Wellington Harbour.

10 Courses

10.1 Windward-leeward, triangle and harbour courses may be sailed.

11 Scoring

11.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

11.3 Races will be scored on general handicap and the Yachting New Zealand PHRF Inshore Base handicap for eligible boats.

12 Support Person Vessels

12.1 [DP][NP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the organising authority.

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.**

14 Insurance

- 14.1 [DP][NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance is to be presented upon request of the organising authority.

15 Prizes

- 15.1 A prize giving will be held as soon as practical after the last race on Sunday 16 March 2025 with prizes awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

16 Further Information

- 16.1 For further information please contact Lowry Bay Yacht Club by email wwr@lbyc.org.nz or visit www.lbyc.org.nz.