

MRX YACHTING MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th to the 8th November 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
in conjunction with the MRX Yachting Association
181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011
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1 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Farr MRX Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, Category 5 shall apply.
- 1.4 All boats must carry a VHF radio and monitor channel 17 at all times while racing.
- 1.5 The Regatta will be sailed in the Farr MRX Yachts as provided by MRX Yachting Limited and allocated by ballot. These boats will be rigged and equipped as closely as possible to each other, to the satisfaction of the OA. Competitors shall not make any alterations to the boats and may only add or remove equipment specified in the sailing instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to helmsman who are over the age of 60 as of the 31st of Dec 2020, and crews over the age of 45 as of the 31st of December 2020.
- 3.2 Eligible helmsman may enter on line at www.rnzys.org.nz.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a Yacht Club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority.
- 3.4 Up to 11 boats will be supplied for racing. Up to 22 entries will be accepted and will take place in rotating seeded pools.
- 3.7 Sailing crews shall have a crew of 6 including the helmsman. A list of crew members, including up to two nominated reserves, shall be submitted to the OA at registration.
- 3.8 Damage Deposit:
 - (a) An initial damage deposit form for NZD\$3,000 shall be completed at registration unless extended by the OA.
 - (b) An at fault skipper(s) limit of liability in an incident is the sum of NZD \$3,000.
 - (c) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be reinstated to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 3.9 After the preparatory signal for a race the registered skipper shall be helming and shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 3.10 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the Race Committee (RC) may authorise an original crew member to substitute. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the RC may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other replacement.

4 FEES

Eligible skippers may enter by completing an entry form online at www.rnzys.org.nz. Race entry fee is non-refundable \$300.00 – payable on entry. A Charter Fee of \$700 is also required to be paid to MRX Yachting Ltd.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Briefing & Registration: Friday 6th November 2020 at 1800 – RNZYS

5.2 Dates of Racing:

Date	Races	Start Time
Saturday, 7 th November 2020	up to 4 (w/l) 2 Harbour	1025
Sunday, 8 th November 2020	up to 4 (w/l) 2 Harbour	1025

5.3 A total of six (6) W/L races are scheduled.

5.4 One or Two (1 or 2) Harbour courses may be included each day.

5.5 No race shall start after 1600hrs on Sunday 8th November 2020.

5.6 Racing will be held with the International Etchells Class National Championships on the same race course.

6 MEASUREMENT

The event will be run in the Farr MRX fleet, boats will be allocated at a boat draw at the briefing on Friday the 6th November.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) that will be posted on the RNZYS website on Thursday 5th November 2020.

8 VENUE

The races will be held in the Hauraki Gulf and/or Waitemata Harbour. Preferred race area approx. 2 nm North of Rangitoto Lighthouse or any other area the Race Officer deems suitable. If another area is deemed more suitable, this will be communicated from the Race Committee to competitors via VHF Ch 17.

9 COURSES

The Windward Leeward diagrams and the Harbour Course sheets will be provided with the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

11.1 Five (5) races are required to constitute a regatta.

11.3 No score will be excluded until six (6) races have been completed, then a boats worst (1) score will be excluded.

11.4 Once ten (10) races have been completed, then a boat's worst two (2) scores will be excluded.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team support boats will be allowed.

13 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the dock in Westhaven Marina.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats must remain in the water during the regatta and be so at least 18 hours before the regatta starts, unless written permission is given by the Race Committee.

15 NO DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

There will be no cleaning of a boats hull during the regatta

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 Yachts (and support boats) shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 17.
- 16.3 All radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee shall be through VHF Channel 17.
- 16.4 Yachts must communicate with the Race Committee, if withdrawing from the race.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizegiving will be held after racing on Sunday 8th November at the RNZYS.
- 17.2 The MRX Masters National Championship will be decided by overall points scored on Line. Places will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd overall.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the RNZYS Sailing Office on 09 360 6809 or via email: raceoffice@rnzys.org.nz.

Date: 22 June 2020