



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

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Notice to Competitors – Covid19 Update

RNZYS Winter Series Racing and RNZYS Rum Racing

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All competitors must make themselves be aware of COVID-19 and the risks involved. Information is available on the WHO website at www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

As a prerequisite to entering or sailing in an RNZYS race, you agree your personal information may be shared with the local Public Health Authorities to enable rapid contact tracing if a participant at the event becomes ill with COVID-19 or came in the contact with confirmed case of COVID-19.

The following of **mandatory precautions** must be adhered to, to be able to race with the RNZYS in any of the RNZYS races or series.

- Mandatory contact tracing of all race crew, this is the responsibility of the yacht skipper.
This is to be completed via the Top Yacht Entry System, please see link below on how to do this.
<https://www.rnzys.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/rnzys-contact-tracing-for-racing-crew.pdf>
- In Level 2 Gatherings are restricted to a maximum of 10 people initially (in a defined space), this will be reviewed as further information is released by the NZ Government. For sport and recreation, a gathering includes spectators, players, officials and support staff. <https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-alert-level-2/>
This means yachts may have (no) more than 10 people on board.
- Maintaining good hygiene practices, like regular washing and drying of hands, good cough/sneeze etiquette and avoiding touching your face.
- Physical distancing should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. It is recognised that contact during physical activity will occur but this should be minimised as much as possible, especially off the field of play.
- People may participate in team sport and physical activity, including where physical distance cannot be maintained. This means that training and competition for contact sports will be possible if other public health measures are observed. Participants should maintain physical distancing when not participating in the sport or activity and participate in mandatory contact tracing.
- There will be physical prize givings at the club. The Skipper will be texted the confirmation of time and RNZYS location. These will differ for divisions in order to keep numbers in spaces to a maximum of 100. This information will also be posted on the RNZYS Facebook page following the conclusion of the race.
- All members and guests must sign in with details when entering the club for contact tracing requirements.
- Disinfecting surfaces before and after use, including boats, and having regular cleaning procedures for objects used regularly like door handles. You could encourage sailors to wear gloves when hosing down equipment.
- Washing shared equipment, like life jackets, after every use.
- Careful transfer of food and water during training and racing to avoid cross-contamination.
- Encouraging people who display flu-like symptoms to self-isolate.
- Being respectful of vulnerable people with pre-existing conditions, like heart and respiratory conditions, who need additional care.