



## YOUTH AMERICA'S CUP 20/21

November 2020; February 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2021

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

#### 2 VENUE

The venue will be China & Auckland, New Zealand

#### 3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

##### 3.1 Schedule - China

- (a) At a location in China to be determined and announced by 28 February 2020

##### Schedule Auckland, New Zealand

- (a) Race office open from 16<sup>th</sup> February 0900
- (b) Registration from 16<sup>th</sup> February 0900 until 17<sup>th</sup> February 1700
- (c) Crew weighing from 16<sup>th</sup> February 0900 until 17<sup>th</sup> February 1700
- (d) Practice to be arranged with RNZYS, AC9F licencing to be completed before November 2020 seeding event in China.
- (e) First briefing at 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1800
- (f) First meeting with umpires is following the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1900
- (h) Racing days from 18<sup>th</sup> February-23<sup>rd</sup> February and March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2021
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be advised in the sailing instructions
- (k) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (l) Prize giving on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1800

##### 3.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

#### 4 TEAMS ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Teams must be from a yacht club affiliated to their national body. Only yacht clubs invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

4.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.



- 4.3 To remain eligible a yacht club shall confirm acceptance of the invitation / entry memorandum in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the entry memorandum.
- 4.4 A non-refundable entry bond of NZD\$11,500 shall be received within 10 days of the acceptance of the invitation and terms set out in the entry memorandum for this to be valid, unless 4.6 applies.
- 4.5 Competitors including all crew shall have World Sailing competition eligibility as required by World Sailing regulation 19.
- 4.6 The entry bond is 100% refundable if the event or an amended event does not proceed for any reason.

## **5 ENTRIES**

### **5.1 Entering**

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of the entry memorandum requirements and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by bank transfer to the nominated account in the entry memorandum.
- (b) A valid AC9F sailing license shall be provided to the OA at the time of registration.
- (c) Enquire with the OA on the AC9F licensing requirements.

### **5.2 Entry Fee**

An entry fee of NZD\$115,000 shall be paid by using the entry fees schedule in the Entry Memorandum.

### **5.3 Withdrawal**

When a team enters and later withdraws, they will forego any entry fees paid to that point and may be replaced by another entry at the discretion of the OA.

### **5.4 Damage deposit**

- (a) An initial damage deposit of NZD\$25,000 shall be paid by 1 November 2020, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

### **5.5 Insurance**

All competitors are required to have their own extensive medical, accident, third party and personal liability insurance associated with use of a high-speed yacht racing. Proof of such insurance will be required at registration.



## **6 RULES**

- 6.1 (a) The event will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing America's Cup Edition (as approved for the 36<sup>th</sup> America's Cup) – subject to any changes outlined under 6.1 (d)
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board and website [www.youthamericascup.com](http://www.youthamericascup.com)
- (d) Rules may be modified in line with the event and boat requirements, any changes will be advised via an amendment to the NOR on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## **7 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 7.1 The event will be sailed in AC9F type boats.
- 7.2 Up to Seven boats will be provided.
- 7.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, code 0
- 7.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.
- 7.5 The Jib will be branded with the Club and Nation of the team entered.

## **8 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 8.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2 The crew shall consist of two male and two female members
- 8.3 All crew members shall be members of the Yacht Club they are representing.
- 8.4 Not less than 3 of the 4 crew members on board the yacht at any one time must hold the passport of that clubs nation that they are representing.
- 8.5 All crew members must be over the age of 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2020 and under the age of 25 years on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- 8.6 **Crew Weighing**
- (a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall be between 280 and 311 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 8.7 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the weight range is changed to 270 to 321kg. Any crew weighing that does not meet this increased weight range shall not be penalised, but they shall met the increased weight ranges before racing again.
- 8.8 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 8.9 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.



## **9 EVENT FORMAT**

9.1 Teams will race a fleet racing Youth AC seeding event in China November 2020. The overall placings from this event will be used to seed teams into the knockout series in Auckland 2021.

9.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – (November 2020 - China)

A fleet racing seeding event  
Top 20 teams will continue to stage 2

Stage 2 – (18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 – Auckland, NZ)

A repechage knock out series, first to score three points.  
Match racing format

Stage 3 - The top 10 teams will qualify for Stage 3 to be sailed 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 a round robin match racing format

Stage 4 - Semi Finals – Match racing format

Stage 5 – Finals – Match racing format

9.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

## **10 COURSE**

10.1 The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard roundings.

10.2 The intended course areas will be Chinese coastal waters and the Auckland Harbour.

## **11 ADVERTISING**

11.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

11.2 Teams will have allocated space to display team advertising on the jibs of the AC9F; all advertising displayed on the allocated space must be requested in writing and approved by the OA. This advertising cannot conflict with the event sponsors and must be approved by the OA.

11.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

11.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 The principal prize for first place will be the Youth America's Cup

12.2 Further prizes will be notified by the OA before the start of the final race.



12.3 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

### **13 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

13.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

13.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

### **14 COACH BOATS**

14.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

14.2 There is a maximum of one coach boat per team

14.3 The OA will provide berths for coach boats.

14.4 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ/PC to the associated skipper or team

### **15 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

15.1 Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 915mm by 458mm for display from the stern of the boat and 1830mm x 915mm flagpoles.

15.2 Each team is requested to provide their national anthem in an electronic file format.

### **16 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

### **17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will be accepted from Yacht Clubs that are affiliated to their national body and in line with the requirements of the entry memorandum. Yacht Clubs of all nations are invited. If you wish to register your entry, please complete Expression of Interest / entry details outlined in the Entry Memorandum.