

PIC ELLIOTT 7 & MRX SUMMER SPRINTS SERIES

3rd October 2023 to 2nd April 2024

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron 181
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NOTICE OF RACE (NoR - V4)

1 AMMENDMENT

Changes from the previous version are marked in red.

- A1** 11.1 - Schedule of Races. 27/02/2024 & 12/03/2024 added. (10th October 2023).
- A2** 11.1 - Schedule of Races, Race 10. (17th October 2023).
- A3** 6.1 – Additional entry fee option added for Elliott 7 (19th January 2024).
- A4** 11.1 - Schedule of Races updated (19th January 2024).

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall apply.
- 2.3 RRS 52, *Manual Power* shall not apply.
- 2.4 RRS 33, Changing the Next Leg of the Course will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the RNZYS Standard Sailing Instructions.
- 2.5 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 2.6 For Elliott 7's, RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times. Competitors must provide their own buoyancy aids.
- 2.7 For Elliott 7's, on Water Judging may be used for this event. RNZYS modified Addendum U will apply and will be attached to the SSI's.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in the RNZYS Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 The RNZYS Standard Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RNZYS website at www.rnzys.org.nz by 18:00 on Tuesday 26th September, 2023.
- 3.3 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RNZYS website at www.rnzys.org.nz by 18:00 on Tuesday 26th September, 2023.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rnzys.org.nz
- 4.2 [DP] All boats must maintain a listening watch on deck, on VHF radio channel 17 and channel 16 at all times while racing.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI's. Failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 4.4 [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.
- 4.5 In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for the Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.
- 4.6 Please join the RNZYS Club Sailing WhatsApp Community via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EKTKc50kITyIO7SNF66J3x> where there are 14 other groups for divisions and series that you can add yourself to.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The series is open to MRX class boats and is an open event open to members of any yacht club.
- 5.2 Eligible boats may enter by;
- Completing the online expression of interest on the club website, www.rnzys.org.nz - go to **Sailing**, then **Club Racing**, select **MRX Summer Sprint Series** and click on **Entry Form**, and
 - Paying the non-refundable entry fee to the RNZYS prior to racing.
- 5.3 To arrange an MRX charter contact MRX Yachting at mrxyachting@xtra.co.nz

For the Elliott 7 fleet the following shall apply (4.4 – 4.8).

- 5.4 The Elliott 7 Sprints Series is open to all RNZYS members.
- 5.5 Eligible boats may enter by;
- Completing the online expression of interest on the club website, www.rnzys.org.nz - go to **Sailing**, then **Club Racing**, select **Elliott 7 Sprints Series** and click on **Expression of Interest**, and
 - Paying the non-refundable entry fee to the RNZYS prior to racing.
- 5.6 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper shall be a financial member of the RNZYS.
- 5.7 A maximum of 10 entries shall be accepted to the series. Entries will be accepted in the order they are received.
- 5.8 A minimum of 6 entries must have been received before 26th September 2023 for the series to proceed.

6 ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 The non-refundable entry fees, including GST, are:

| | RNZYS Members | Non-Members |
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| MRX Series entry | \$450 | \$630 |
| MRX Casual Entry – 1 race day | \$70 | \$95 |
| Elliott 7 Series Entry (inc. Charter) | \$2160 | |
| 2024 (5 races starting from 5/03/2024) Elliott 7 Series Entry (inc. Charter) | \$1080. | |

7 CREW AND CREW WEIGHT

For MRX the following shall apply,

- 7.1 The maximum number of crew (including skipper) shall be six, except when sailing with an all-female or all-youth (under 23) team which shall be up to seven (including skipper).

For Elliott 7 the following shall apply

- 7.2 The maximum number of crew (including skipper) shall be five.
- 7.3 The maximum crew weight, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt is 350 kilograms.

8 DAMAGE DEPOSIT FOR ELLIOTT 7 FLEET

- 8.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident.
- 8.2 An initial damage deposit form of \$1,000 shall be confirmed at or before registration. This may be done by providing a credit card number which will be held and only charged if required.
- 8.3 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper may be required to restore the deposit to the original value before the skipper is permitted to continue in the event.
- 8.4 Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

9 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

10 EVENT FORMAT

For MRX the following shall apply,

- 10.1 The series will be sailed in the MRX Class yachts provided by MRX Yachting.
- 10.2 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

For Elliott 7 the following shall apply,

- 10.3 The series will be sailed in the 10 Elliott 7 yachts as provided by the RNZYS.
- 10.4 Boats will be allocated as decided by the OA. The intention of the OA will be to allocate boats by draw. Boats will be allocated to a skipper for the series.
- 10.5 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments or other requirements.
- 10.6 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

11 SCHEDULE

- 11.1 The scheduled dates for racing are:

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| Race Day 1 | 3rd October | Race Day 8 | 20 th February (MRX ONLY) |
| Race Day 2 | 17th October | Race Day 9 | 27 th February (MRX ONLY) |
| Race Day 3 | 31 st October | Race Day 10 | 5 th March |
| Race Day 4 | 14 th November | Race Day 11 | 13th-12th March |
| Race Day 5 | 28 th November | Race Day 12 | 19 th March |
| Race Day 6 | 12 th December (MRX ONLY). | Race Day 13 | 26 th March |
| Race Day 7 | 13 th February (MRX ONLY). | Race Day 14 | 2 nd April |

11.2 Number of races:

| Total Number Scheduled | Races per Day Maximum | Target Time per Race |
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| 40 | 4 | 20 minutes |

11.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1755.

12 VENUE

12.1 The event will be based out of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, 181 Westhaven drive.

12.2 The intended racing area is the Waitemata Harbour near the RNZYS clubrooms but may be changed at the discretion of the RC to suit the conditions.

13 THE COURSES

13.1 The course will be windward /leeward and optional offset legs in the event of cross course current and finishing downwind.

14 SCORING

14.1 Only series entrants will be eligible for series scores. This changes RRS A2.2.

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

- (a) When from 1 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
- (b) When from 15 to 19 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her (1) worst score,
- (c) When from 20 to 24 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst score,
- (d) When 25 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

14.3 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

14.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

15 SUPPORT BOATS

15.1 [DP] All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

15.2 [DP] All support and coach boats shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

16 BERTHING

16.1 [DP] Elliott 7's shall be kept in their assigned places as instructed by the OA.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17.2 All those who take part in this event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to

be overflowed by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 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.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 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 entry.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover to \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be presented for first, second and third overall on line for each nights racing in the RNZYS clubrooms after racing on the day of racing.
- 21.2 For a second-place prize to be awarded, five (5) yachts must start the race in that division. For a third-place prize to be awarded, eight (8) yachts must start the race in that division.
- 21.3 Daily prizes can only be collected at that day’s prizegiving.
- 21.4 Series prizes will be awarded for first, second and third overall on line at the Series Prizegiving on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.
- 21.5 The trophy for 1st overall on line will be presented at the RNZYS Annual Prizegiving on Saturday 18th May 2024.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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