



# HAVANA CLUB RUM RACE SERIES

(Incorporating the Rum Race Autumn Series, Winter Series, Spring Series and Summer Series)  
Fridays from 6th October 2023 to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron 181  
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## NOTICE OF RACE ( NoR - V5 )

### 1 AMMENDMENTS

*Changes from the previous version are marked in red.*

- A1** 9.1 – Schedule. Number of Spring Races now 7. (10 October 2023).
- A2** 13.3 & 13.4 – Scoring for series. (10 October 2023).
- A3** 9.1 (a) – Additional race on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. (15 November 2023).
- A4** 9.1 (b). – Additional race on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024, no sailing on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. (15 November 2023).
- A5** Change of series sponsor and name. (17 January 2024).
- A6** 9.1 (b). – Additional race on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 (17 January 2024).
- A6** Change of series sponsor and name. (12 April 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 shall apply as follows:
  - a) Part II Category 5 shall apply for keel boats (except Young 88) and multihulls,
  - b) Part II Category 4 shall apply for Young 88 boats,
  - c) Part V Category B shall apply for trailer yachts,
  - d) Part VI Category B shall apply for sports boats,
  - e) Part VII shall apply for sport multihulls.

Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>

- 2.3 RRS 52, *Manual Power* shall not apply.

- 2.4 The Rum Race Series is non-spinnaker racing, meaning: No spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker booms but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.

- 2.5 Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

### 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](http://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](http://www.rnzys.org.nz) by 18:00 on Wednesday 4th October 2023.



## 4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz)
- 4.2 [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 16 & 17.
  - (a) Channel 17 is to be used for race event communication.
  - (b) Channel 16 must be used for emergency communication.
- 4.3 [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.
- 4.4 Please join the RNZYS Club Sailing WhatsApp Community via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EKTKc50k1TyIO7SNF66J3x> where there are 14 other groups for divisions and series that you can add yourself to.

## 5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The Havana Club Rum Race Series is an open event, open to members of any yacht club.
- 5.2 The series is open to all keelboats and multi-hulls. Boats will be allocated to divisions based on the following guidelines:

Division	Definition
B	> 10.4m
E	< 10.4m

- 5.3 Final allocation of boats to each division will be made by the Handicap Committee.
- 5.4 Eligible boats may enter by;
  - a) Completing the on-line entry form on the club website, [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz)  
- go to *Sailing*, then *Club Racing*, select *Havana Club Rum Race Series* and click on *Online Entry*, and
  - b) Paying the non-refundable entry fee prior to racing.

## 6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fees for the Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter series, including GST, are:

Casual Entry	RNZYS Members	Non-RNZYS Members
Casual Race entry – 1 Race Day	\$25	\$35

  

Series Entry	RNZYS Members	Non-RNZYS Members
Series Entry	\$200	\$280

## 7 CLASSIFICATION

- 7.1 There are no classification requirements in accordance with RRS 79.

## 8 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

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

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## 9 SCHEDULE

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9.1 The scheduled dates for racing are:

- a) Spring Race Series: 6th October to 15th December 2023
  - ~~9 7 8~~ races. Additional race on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
  - No racing on 20/10 (Coastal Classic), ~~01/12 (Combined Club Race)~~.
- b) Summer Race Series: 19th January to 5th April 2024
  - ~~8~~ 9 races.
  - No racing on 26/01 (Bay Week), ~~9/02~~ 16/02 (Commodores Cup), ~~22/03 (Sail GP)~~, 29/03 (Easter).
- c) Autumn Race Series: 12th April to 21st June 2024
  - 11 races
- d) Winter Race Series: 5th July to 27th September 2024
  - 13 races

9.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on each day in each series is as follows.

- a) Spring and Summer Series – 1655hrs
- b) Autumn and Winter Series – 1555hrs

The individual start times for each division will be listed in the SSI's.

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## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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10.1 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

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## 11 VENUE

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11.1 The racing will be held on the Waitemata Harbour and inner Hauraki Gulf.

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## 12 THE COURSES

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12.1 The courses to be sailed will be harbour courses as listed online on the club website – [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz) in ADDENDUM A – HARBOUR COURSES under RACE DOCUMENTS AND COURSES 2023 – 2024, and in the RNZYS handbook.

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## 13 SCORING

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13.1 Only series entrants will be eligible for series scores. Casual race entrants will not be included in series race scores. This changes RRS A2.2.

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

13.3 For all divisions in the Summer, Autumn, and Winter Series,

- (a) When from fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
- (b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.4 For all divisions in the Spring Series,

- (a) When from fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
- (b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,

- (c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.5 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

13.6 RRS A5.3 applies.

## 14 SUPPORT BOATS

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

14.2 [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.

## 15 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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15.1 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.

15.2 All those who take part in this event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

## 16 RISK STATEMENT

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16.1 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.

## 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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17.1 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.

## 18 INSURANCE

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

## 19 PRIZES

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19.1 Prizes will be presented for first, second and third on PHS in each division in the RNZYS clubrooms at Prize Giving after racing on the day of racing.

19.2 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.

19.3 Extra Prizes (including any spot or crew prizes) may be given out at prizegiving.



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- 19.4 All prizes can only be collected at that day's prizegiving.
- 19.5 Series prizes will be awarded for line honours and first, second and third overall on PHS in each division at the series prize giving at the end of each series.

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## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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For further information please contact;

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