



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

NORTH SAILS WINTER SERIES

11th May 2024 to 31st August 2024

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron 181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011
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NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 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>
- 1.3 RRS 52, *Manual Power* shall not apply.
- 1.4 For Division E, *Non-Spinnaker* – No Spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails normally not used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.
- 1.5 Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in the RNZYS Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The RNZYS Standard Sailing Instructions are posted on the RNZYS website at www.rnzys.org.nz.
- 2.3 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RNZYS website at www.rnzys.org.nz by 18:00 on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rnzys.org.nz
- 3.2 [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.
- 3.3 In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for the Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.

3.4 [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.

3.5 Please join the RNZYS Club Sailing WhatsApp Community via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EKTKc50kITyIO7SNF66J3x> where there are many other groups for divisions and series that you can add yourself to.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The North Sails Winter Series is an open event, open to members of any yacht club.

4.2 Classes are defined as follows:

| Division | Definition |
|----------|--------------------|
| M | Open multihull |
| R | Racing |
| A | Open |
| B | Open |
| C | Light displacement |
| F | Heavy displacement |
| E | Non-Spinnaker |
| MRX | Farr MRX |
| S | Sports boats |
| Y88 | Young 88 |
| K | Classic yachts |

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by;

(a) Completing the on-line entry form on the club website, www.rnzys.org.nz

- go to **Sailing**, then **Club Racing**, select **North Sails Winter Series** and click on **Entry Form**, and

(b) Paying the non-refundable entry fee prior to racing.

4.4 To be considered a valid casual entry in an individual race, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 5pm on the Friday prior to the race.

4.5 Boats wishing to sail under PHRF handicap must ensure that they have selected this on their entry and supplied the PHRF Registration Number from their current PHRF Certificate to the Race Office.

4.6 If fewer than 5 boats are entered in a division, the race committee may place those boats in another division or combine two or more divisions into a separate division.

4.7 Final allocation of boats to each division will be made by the Handicap Committee.

5 FEES

5.1 The standard entry fees, including GST, are:

| | RNZYS Members | | | Non-RNZYS Members | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Boat Membership | Series Entry | Casual Entry | Series Entry | Casual Entry |
| Classic Division – 6 Race Days | \$0 | \$250 | \$40 | \$315 | \$50 |
| All Other Division – 9 Race Days | \$0 | \$350 | \$40 | \$450 | \$50 |

RNZYS Boat Membership – Boat Membership fee must be paid in advance. Conditions apply – refer to RNZYS website.

6 CLASSIFICATION

6.1 There are no classification requirements in accordance with RRS 79.

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

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

8 SCHEDULE

All Divisions Except Classic Yachts,

8.1 The scheduled dates for racing for all divisions except Classic yachts are:

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|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Race Day 1 | 11 th May | Race Day 6 | 20 th July |
| Race Day 2 | 25 th May | Race Day 7 | 3 rd August |
| Race Day 3 | 8 th June | Race Day 8 | 17 th August |
| Race Day 4 | 22 nd June | Race Day 9 | 31 st August |
| Race Day 5 | 6 th July | | |

8.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal for the first division to start, excluding K division will be 12:45.

Classic Yachts Division,

8.3 The scheduled dates for racing for the Classic yachts (Division K) are:

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|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Race Day 1 | 11 th May | Race Day 4 | 20 th July |
| Race Day 2 | 25 th May | Race Day 5 | 17 th August |
| Race Day 3 | 22 nd June | Race Day 6 | 31 st August |

8.4 The scheduled time for the first warning signal for Division K will be 12:25.

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

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

10 VENUE

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

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed may be a mix of windward leeward courses (a location will be advise via message to competitors) and described in the SSI, and harbour courses as listed online in Addendum A – HARBOUR COURSES under RACE DOCUMENTS AND COURSES 2023 – 2024 on the club website – www.rnzys.org.nz, and in the RNZYS handbook.

If there is a difference between the course online and the course printed in the handbook, the online version of the course will take precedence.

- 11.2 The MRX, Sports Boat, and Young 88 divisions will sail W/L races on race days 3, 5 and 7. With a spare W/L race day on 17th August 2024. They will sail harbour courses on all other race days.

All other divisions will sail harbour races on all race days.

- 11.3 Those divisions that are scheduled to sail Harbour courses and those divisions scheduled to sail W/L courses on each race day will be listed in detail in the SSI's.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Only series entrants will be eligible for series scores. Casual race entrants are eligible for daily race prizes but will not be included in series race scores. This changes RRS A2.2.

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

- 12.3 For all divisions except Classic yachts and W/L Divisions,

- (a) When from 1 to 4 race days have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

- 12.4 For the Classic yachts division,

- (a) When from 1 to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
- (b) When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- (c) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

- 12.5 For the W/L divisions (MRX, Young 88, Sports Boats)

- (a) When from 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- (c) When 8 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- (d) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

- 12.6 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

- 12.7 RRS A5.3 applies.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 [DP] All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
- 13.2 [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.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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).

15 RISK STATEMENT

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.**

16 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 entry.

17 INSURANCE

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.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Daily prizes will be presented in the RNZYS clubrooms after racing on the day of racing.
- (a) prizes will be presented for first, second and third on general handicap in each division except the MRX division,
 - (b) prizes will be presented for first, second and third on line for the MRX division.
 - (c) Additional other spot prizes for each division may be awarded.
- 18.2 For a first-place prize to be awarded, three (3) yachts must start the race in that division.

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.

18.3 Daily handicap prizes may be collected from reception on or after the Tuesday following the prize giving.

18.4 Additional prizes can only be collected at that day's prizegiving.

18.5 Series prizes will be awarded at the series prize giving in the RNZYS clubrooms after racing on Saturday 31st August 2024.

(a) prizes will be presented for first, second and third on general handicap in each division except the MRX division,

(b) prizes will be presented for first, second and third on line for the MRX division.

18.6 For a first-place series prize to be awarded, three (3) yachts must enter the series in that division.

For a second-place series prize to be awarded, five (5) yachts must enter the series in that division.

For a third-place series prize to be awarded, eight (8) yachts must enter the series in that division.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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