



2020 PORT NICHOLSON REGATTA

5TH-8TH MARCH

2020 PORT NICHOLSON REGATTA 5 – 8 March 2020

The Organising Authority is the
Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated
('RPNYC')

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply as follows:
 - a. For **keel boats and multi-hulls**, Part II, Category 5 amended to include a VHF transceiver, bosun's chair, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633.
 - b. For **trailer yachts**, Part V, Category C amended to include a VHF transceiver, at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - c. For **sports boats**, Part VI amended to include a waterproof VHF transceiver (or a VHF transceiver in a waterproof bag), one "First Aid Kit – basic" (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix "A"), at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - d. For **sports multi-hull yachts**, Part VII amended to include one "Inshore Kit" (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 1), and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 will apply.
 - e. All boats shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 knots.
- 1.3. The **Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws** will apply (see <http://www.gw.govt.nz/navigation-and-safety>).
- 1.4. Racing rules 51 and 52 will be changed as follows:
 - a. Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS 52.
 - b. Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes RRS 51.
 - c. RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
- 1.5. RRS **Appendix T Arbitration** will apply.
- 1.6. Yachting New Zealand Rules - *Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) 2019-2020* will apply to boats racing under PHRF.



2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Yachts

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all keelboats, trailer yachts, multi-hulls, sports multi-hulls, sports boats and classic yachts (i.e. boats built to a pre-1970 design).

Divisions

- 3.2. Divisions are indicated below with PHRF ratings used as a guide only, there is no requirement for boats to have a PHRF rating.

Programme One	Race Days	Divisions
<i>"Championship Series - Full"</i>	Friday Saturday & Sunday	Division A (PHRF 0.850 and above)
		Division B (PHRF 0.600 - 0.849)
		Division C (Less than PHRF 0.599)
		Division F Sports Boats
Programme Two	Race Days	The Weekender
<i>"Championship Series - Weekender"</i>	Saturday & Sunday	Division D (Open - Spinnakers Permitted)
		Division E (Open - No Spinnakers Permitted)
Programme Three	Race Days	Championship Series
<i>"Harbour Races"</i>	Saturday	Classic Yacht Race Saturday
	Sunday	Wellington Harbour Rally - Spinnaker Division Sunday
		Wellington Harbour Rally - Non-Spinnaker Division Sunday

- 3.3. The organising authority may refuse entry without explanation; add further divisions; cancel, alter or combine divisions; and decided final division splits and general handicaps.



Skippers

- 3.4. The skipper (RRS 46) shall be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to the club's national authority. The boat should be registered with Yachting New Zealand if the club is affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.
- 3.5. Eligible yachts shall enter by paying the required Entry Fee applicable at the time of entry and completing the relevant online entry form at the Port Nicholson Regatta website (www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz) before Monday 24 February 2020.

Crew Members (i.e. RRS "Competitors")

- 3.6. To be eligible to race in the **Championship Series** each crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.
- 3.7. Proof of crew member eligibility shall be submitted with entry.
Eligible crew shall enter by paying the required Entry Fee applicable at the time of entry and completing the relevant online entry form at the Port Nicholson Regatta website (www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz) before **Monday 24 February 2020**.
- 3.8. To be eligible to race in the **Harbour Races** it is not necessary for crew members to be financial members of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.

Late Entry

- 3.9. A late entry may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and, if accepted, the applicable **Late Entry Fee** shall be paid.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. The following table specifies the Entry Fees for **yachts** (including skippers) and **competitors/crew** entering the Championship Series.

Championship Series Entry Fees				
	FULL Divisions A, B, C, Sports Boats (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)		THE WEEKENDER Divisions D and E (Saturday & Sunday)	
	Yacht & Skipper	Crew	Yacht & Skipper	Crew
Before 26 December 2019	\$80	\$25	\$60	\$20
From 27 December 2019 until 24 February 2020	\$120	\$25	\$90	\$20
Late Entry Fee (if accepted)	\$160	\$50	\$120	\$40



4.2. The following table specifies the Entry Fees for yachts (including skippers and crew) entering the **Harbour Races**.

Harbour Races Entry Fees		
	Classic Yacht Race (Saturday)	Wellington Harbour Rally (Sunday)
	Yacht, Skipper & Crew	Yacht, Skipper & Crew
Before 26 December	\$40 (for either or both)	
From 27 December to 24 February	\$60 (for either or both)	
Late Entry Fee (if accepted)	\$80 (for either or both)	

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration will be at RPNYC on Thursday 5 March 2020 between 1500 and 1830 hours.
- 5.2. **The Charity Cup Invitation Race and Briefing:** All yachts entered in the Port Nicholson Regatta will be invited to compete in an invitation race for the Charity Cup. Boats entering the Invitation Race may be requested to host at least one invited guest on behalf of RPNYC. There will be a briefing for the Charity Cup Invitation Race at 1700 on Thursday 5 March at RPNYC to introduce guests and confirm details for the race. The race will be a short harbour course starting and finishing at RPNYC. It will be a pursuit race, and scored on general handicap with separate prizes, including the Charity Cup trophy. The race will not be scored as part of the either the Championship Series or the Harbour Races.
- 5.3. **Championship Series Briefing:** There will be a briefing for the Championship Series and a representative of each boat competing in Divisions A, B, C or Sports Boats must attend. There will be no briefing for skippers in the Harbour Races, Division D or Division E.
- 5.4. The table below provide the times of briefing, dates of races, number of races scheduled for each division, and the time of the warning signal for the first race each day.
- 5.5. No warning signal will be made after 1455 hours Sunday 8 March 2020.

Charity Cup Invitation Race	
	Thursday 5 March 2020
Briefing Details	1700hrs in the RPNYC Wardroom
First Warning Signal	1800hrs Pursuit start from RPNYC
Division	
Combined Fleet	1 Race Target time for first boat is 45 minutes.



Championship Series			
	Friday 6 March 2020	Saturday 7 March 2020	Sunday 8 March 2020
Briefing Details	0830hrs in the RPNYC Wardroom	N/A	N/A
<div>First Warning Signal</div> <div>Division</div>	1025hrs	1025hrs	1025hrs <i>no warning signal after 1455 hrs</i>
Divisions A, B, C	12 Races (max)		
Divisions D, E	No Racing	8 Races (max)	
Division F (Sports Boats)	12 Races (max)		

Harbour Races		
	Saturday 7 March 2020	Sunday 8 March 2020
Briefing Time	N/A	N/A
First Warning Signal	1055hrs	1055hrs
Division		
Classic Yachts Race	1 Race	No Racing
Wellington Harbour Rally - Spinnaker Division	No Racing	1 Race
Wellington Harbour Rally - Non-Spinnaker Division		

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each yacht shall produce a valid PHRF and/or IRC certificate. In addition, certificate of compliance measurement may be undertaken at any time.
- 6.2. A yacht shall always comply with RRS 78.1.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions are intended to be available online at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz by Tuesday 3 March 2020. A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be provided at Registration.

8. VENUE AND SAILING AREA

- 8.1. The venue will be the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, 103 Oriental Parade, Wellington.
- 8.2. All races will be held within Wellington harbour as marked on chart NZ4633.



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9. COURSES

- 9.1. The **Charity Cup Invitation Race** will be a short harbour course starting and finishing at RPNYC. It will be a pursuit race and start times for each competing yacht and the course will be provided at the Charity Cup Race Briefing (see above).
- 9.2. The **Championship Series** will sail windward-leeward, triangle, and/or harbour courses.
- 9.3. The **Harbour Races** will sail harbour courses.
- 9.4. The Sailing Instructions will include a list of courses that may be sailed and a map showing the location of harbour marks used in harbour courses.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Races will be scored on PHRF, IRC, and/or General Handicap, as applicable to the division.
- 10.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for all divisions competing in the **Championship Series**, except Divisions D and E where three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series for all divisions competing in the **Harbour Races**.

11. SUPPORT BOATS AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1. Support boats shall be marked with flag V. The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 11.2. There are no haul-out restrictions.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 12.2. **VHF Channel 62** will be used for communication between the Race Committee and boats afloat.

13. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 13.1. Prize giving will be held as soon as practical after the last race on Sunday 8 March.
- 13.2. Results will be given for IRC in a division where three (3) or more entrants race under IRC, but no trophies will be awarded other than in Division B.
- 13.3. The following trophies will also be awarded:
 - *Ross Telford Memorial Trophy* to the Port Nicholson Regatta Champion
 - *Roger Land Trophy* to the Young 88 designed boat first in the series on line
 - *Young 88 Owner/Helm Trophy* to the Young 88 designed boat first in the series on line and helmed by its owner.
- 13.4. The tables below show additional trophies and prizes to be awarded on General Handicap, PHRF, and IRC for the relevant intended Divisions, when there are three (3) or more entrants eligible to compete for the trophy or prizes.
- 13.5. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.



Trophies			
	General Handicap	PHRF	IRC
Division A	Trophy	Trophy	[N/A]
Division B	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Division C	Trophy	Trophy	[N/A]
Prizes			
	General Handicap	PHRF	IRC
Division A	1st, 2nd, 3rd place	1st, 2nd, 3rd place	N/A
Division B			1st, 2nd, 3rd place
Division C			N/A
Division D			
Division E			
Sports Boats			
Classic Yacht Race			
Wellington Harbour Rally - Spinnaker Division			
Wellington Harbour Rally - Non-Spinnaker Division			

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance is to be submitted with entry.

15. CONDITION OF ENTRY

The conditions of entry include the right of the organising authority to photograph, record, or film boats and competitors entered in the regatta and to use, edit and distribute these materials without restriction.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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