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

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event 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. For **small keel boats under 6.5 metres**, Part 1 amended to include an operative waterproof VHF transceiver, one “Inshore Kit” (as described in YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 1). In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.4 and SR Appendix 4 will apply.
 - f. 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. However, a boat may compete without an engine with the prior express permission of the Race Committee. Such permission maybe given subject to conditions. A decision to give or not give permission will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.
 - g. The Race Committee may direct small keel boats under 6.5 metres not to compete in any given race due to adverse weather conditions. A decision to give or not give such direction will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.
- 1.3. The *Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws* will apply (see <http://www.gw.govt.nz/navigation-and-safety>).

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1.4. The RRS 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 *Manual Power*.
- b. RRS 52 *Manual Power* shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
- c. 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 *Movable Ballast*.
- d. RRS 55.1 *Changing Sails* will be amended by adding the following sentence: "For the avoidance of doubt the discarding of elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is not permitted".
- e. Additional changes to RRS may be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

1.5. RRS Appendix T *Arbitration* will apply.

1.6. Yachting New Zealand Rules - *Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) 2020-2021* 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.

2.2. Protests over the failure to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority can only be lodged by the Race Committee. Penalties may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

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). The Regatta is also open to other small keel boats under 6.5 metres with agreement of the Organising Authority.

Divisions

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

Divisions	PHRF
A	0.850 and above
B	0.600 - 0.849
C	0.599 and under
D (Sports Boats)	Not Applicable

3.3. The Organising Authority may without explanation add further divisions; cancel, alter or combine divisions; and decide final division splits and general handicaps.

Skippers

- 3.4. The skipper (RRS 46 *Person in Charge*) 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 online entry form at the Port Nicholson Regatta website (www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz).

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

- 3.6. Each crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority and proof of crew member eligibility may be requested with entry and/or at registration.
- 3.7. Eligible crew shall enter by paying the required Entry Fee applicable at the time of entry and completing the online entry form at the Port Nicholson Regatta website (www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz).

Late Entry

- 3.8. A late entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and, if accepted, the applicable Late Entry Fee shall be paid.

PHRF

- 3.9. To be eligible to compete under PHRF, boats must have a valid PHRF certificate registered with Yachting New Zealand by Saturday 13 February 2021. The Organising Authority may extend this date at its discretion and without further explanation or notification.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. Entry Fees for yachts (including skippers) and crew are as follows:

Divisions A, B, and C

Date of Entry	Yacht & Skipper	Crew Member
Before 1 January 2021	\$85	\$35
From 1 January 2021 until 13 February 2021	\$100	\$35
Late Entry Fee	\$150	\$50

Division D (Sports Boats)

Date of Entry	Yacht & Skipper	Crew Member
From 31 January 2021 until 13 February 2020	\$85	\$35
Late Entry Fee	\$150	\$50

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5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration will be at RPNYC on Thursday 18 February 2021 between 1500 and 1830 hours and on Friday 19 February 2021 between 1700 and 1900 hours. Boats must be registered before their first warning signal. Boats may nominate a representative to register on their behalf.
- 5.2. The Charity Cup Race and Briefing: All yachts entered in the 2021 Port Nicholson Regatta will be invited to compete in the Charity Cup Race to be held on Thursday 18 February 2021. Boats entering the Charity Cup Race may be requested to host at one or more guests on behalf of RPNYC. The briefing for the Charity Cup Race will be held at 1700 on Thursday 18 February at RPNYC to introduce guests and confirm details for the race. The Charity Cup Race will be a pursuit race starting and finishing at RPNYC scored separately on general handicap. This race will not be scored as part the Regatta Series.
- 5.3. **Regatta Briefing: There will not be a briefing.**
- 5.4. The tables 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.

Charity Cup Race	
Thursday 18 February 2021	
Briefing Details	1700hrs in the RPNYC Wardroom
First Warning Signal	1755hrs - pursuit start from RPNYC
Number of Races	1 Race with a target time for the first boat is 45 minutes.

Regatta Series			
	Friday 19 February 2021	Saturday 20 February 2021	Sunday 21 February 2021
Briefing Details	0830hrs in the RPNYC Wardroom	N/A	N/A
First Warning Signal	1025hrs	1025hrs	1025hrs no warning signal after 1455 hrs
Number of Races Divisions A, B, and C	9 races (maximum)		
Number of Races Division D (Sports Boats)	No Racing Friday	6 races (maximum)	

- 5.5. No warning signal will be made after 1455 hours Sunday 21 February 2021.

6. INSPECTIONS

- 6.1. The Organising Authority may conduct a PHRF certificate measurement or safety inspection of any boat at any time.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions are intended to be available online at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz by Tuesday 16 February 2021.
- 7.2. A copy of the Sailing Instructions and any advertising material to be displayed will be provided to each skipper 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.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses that may be sailed in the Regatta Series will be windward-leeward, triangle, and/or harbour courses.
- 9.2. The Charity Cup 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 provide at the Charity Cup Race Briefing (refer NOR 5.2).
- 9.3. The Sailing Instructions will include the 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 Inshore Base and/or General Handicap.
- 10.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute the Regatta Series.
- 10.3. For the Regatta Series, when six (6) or more races have been completed in the series a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst series score.

11. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 11.1. Prize giving will be held as soon as practical after the last race.
- 11.2. The following trophies will be awarded:

- *Ross Telford Memorial Trophy* to the Port Nicholson Regatta Champion
- *Roger Land Trophy* to the Young 88 designed boat first in the Regatta Series on line
- *Young 88 Owner/Helm Trophy* to the Young 88 designed boat first in the Regatta Series on general handicap and helmed by its owner.
- Division A: General Handicap Trophy and PHRF Shield

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- Division B: General Handicap Trophy and PHRF Shield
- Division C: General Handicap Trophy and PHRF Shield

11.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

12. **INSURANCE**

12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured for the duration of the event with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13. **CONDITION OF ENTRY**

13.1. 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.

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, *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.

15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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