



Gallagher INSURANCE

Port Nicholson Regatta 2025

Notice of Race

Keelboats, multihulls, trailer yachts and sport boats

20 – 23 February 2025

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated
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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Safety regulations:

- (a) The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall apply to keelboats and multihulls. Boats shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine capable of driving the boat in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 knots. The minimum amount of engine fuel to be carried upon leaving shore at the start of each day shall be $LWL(m) / 0.4$.
- (b) The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V Category C shall apply to trailer yachts with the following modifications:
 - (i) Type 405 or 406 lifejackets will be permitted to be worn in place of Type 402.
 - (ii) A minimum of two red hand-held flares and two orange hand-held smoke torches shall be carried. This complies with YNZSR Part II 18.07 Category 5 requirements for Keelboats.
 - (iii) A minimum of five litres of fuel shall be carried upon leaving shore at the start of each day.
- (c) The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part VI Category A shall apply to sports boats. A minimum of five litres of fuel shall be carried upon leaving shore at the start of each day.
- (d) The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply to E6 class boats.

1.3 The Yachting New Zealand "Rules – Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) 2021-2024" will apply to boats racing under PHRF.

1.4 The Wellington Regional Council Navigation and Safety Bylaws, available at <http://www.gw.govt.nz> apply.

1.5 Safety checks of any boat may be made at any time.

- 1.6 The rules will be changed as follows.
- (a) [NP] Boats with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS 51
 - (b) Boats 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.

1.7 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 17 February 2025 at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.
- 3.2 [DP][NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 14, 16 and 62.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP][NP] 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. Eligibility and entry [NP]

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all self-righting monohull boats, multi-hulls, trailer yachts and sports boats.
- 4.2 Classes:
- (a) Open
 - (b) Harbour
 - (c) Wellington Classic
- 4.3 The Organising Authority may split boats within a class into divisions.
- 4.4 The Organising Authority's general handicap and Yachting New Zealand PHRF base handicap shall apply.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz by 1700 on 18 February 2024.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, provide a crew list and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Late boat entries may be accepted upon payment of the late entry fee, and at the Organising Authority's sole discretion.
- 4.8 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member(s) shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's and crew member(s) national authority or purchase a Regatta Membership through the regatta website www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.

5. Fees

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Date of entry	Regatta fee	Wellington Classic Only
Before 1 January 2024	\$295	\$100
From 1 January 2024 until 18 February 2024	\$310	\$125
Late entry fee	\$360	\$150

5.2 Entry fees will be refunded if the event is cancelled.

6. Advertising

6.1 [DP][NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7. Schedule

Thursday 20 Feb 2025	Regatta and Wellington Classic Registration	15:00 – 18:00 hrs	RPNYC
	Regatta and Wellington Classic Compulsory Briefing	18:30 hrs	RPNYC
Friday 21 Feb 2025	Open Class	09:55 hrs First Warning Signal	4x laid course races back-to-back
	Harbour Class	11:10hrs First warning signal	2x harbour races back-to-back
Saturday 22 Feb 2025	Open Class	09:55 hrs First Warning Signal	2x laid course races back-to-back
	Harbour Class	10:25hrs Warning signal	1x harbour race
	Wellington Classic (all Classes)	13:25hrs Warning Signal	1 x harbour race
	Regatta and Wellington Classic Prizegiving	18:30 hrs	RPNYC
Sunday 23 Feb 2025	Reserve Day (Wellington Classic Only)	11:55hrs Warning signal	1x harbour race
	Reserve - Wellington Classic Prizegiving Only	Following Racing	RPNYC

8. Equipment inspection

8.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9. Venue

9.1 The event will be held at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, 103 Oriental Parade, Wellington.

9.2 All races will be held within Wellington Harbour as marked on chart NZ4633.

10. Courses

10.1 Open: Windward-leeward, triangle courses, and 1x harbour course (Wellington Classic) may be sailed.

10.2 Harbour: Only Harbour courses will be sailed.

11. Scoring

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. Support person vessels

- 12.1 [DP][NP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

13. Risk statement

- 13.1 8.24 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.**

14. Insurance

- 14.1 [DP][NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A certificate of insurance is to be provided if required by the Organising Authority.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 The Ross Telford Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the 2024 Port Nicholson Regatta champion. The regatta champion will be determined by the Organising Authority based primarily on performance (including the competitiveness of each division and scoring method), along with sportsmanship and contribution to the regatta's success. A more complete description of the Organising Authority's approach will be published at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.
- 15.2 The Jessie Logan 1890 Cup and \$2,487.32 prize money will be awarded to the Gallagher Insurance Wellington Classic winner. The winner will be calculated using the PHRF base scoring system.
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded.

16. Clean Regatta

- 16.1 As a registered Yachting New Zealand Clean Club, the Regatta will be run using the principles of Clean Regattas, focussing on sustainable practices both on and off the water. More information on our Clean Club Programme and Clean Regattas can be found [here](#).



17. Further information

- 17.1 For further information please contact the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club on +64 4 939 7069, email regatta@rpnyc.org.nz or visit www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.