

LBYC, EBYMC & RPNYC

2017 Interclub Series

01 October – 18 November 2017

Notice of Race

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

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1 Event

- 1.1 This Notice of Race covers the Interclub racing series between Lowry Bay Yacht Club, Evans Bay Yacht & Motorboat Club and Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
- 1.2 For any race, the Organising Authority may issue a separate Notice of Race that may replace, modify or supplement this Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Racing program

Date	Start Location	Start time	Race type
1-Oct-17	LBYC	2pm	Harbour
7-Oct-17	EBYMC	2pm	Harbour
14-Oct-17	RPNYC	1:15pm	Harbour
29-Oct-17	LBYC	1pm	Harbour
4-Nov-17	EBYMC	Varies	Harbour Pursuit
18-Nov-17	RPNYC	Varies	Island Bay pursuit

2 Rules

General and Safety Rules

- 2.1 All racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing along with the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 2.2 For the purposes of the preamble to Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the government right-of-way rules include Maritime Rule Parts 22 and 91, and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, to the extent that they provide for right-of-way.
- 2.3 Compliance with Safety Regulations:
 - (a) All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver.
 - (b) Alternatively, trailer yachts may comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category C upgraded to include a VHF transceiver. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 will apply to trailer yachts.
 - (c) Alternatively, sports boats may comply with Part VI of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category A upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver, one 'First aid kit-basic' (as described in the YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix A) and at least 10 litres of fuel. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 will apply to sports boats.
 - (d) Alternatively, E6 class yachts may comply with the following:

- (i) Crew members shall wear buoyancy vests or lifejackets in good repair properly secured about their persons and complying with YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 4, at all times while afloat;
 - (ii) Yachts shall carry a waterproof VHF radio;
 - (iii) Yachts shall collectively provide a dedicated support vessel, which shall carry a suitable first aid kit, and be crewed by a minimum of two crew.
- (e) Yachts complying with paragraph 2.3(a), (b) or (c) shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL (m) \times 3.28}$ knots.
- (f) Despite paragraph 2.3(e), any yacht may compete without an engine with the prior express permission of the race committee. The Race Committee will only give permission if there is a support boat available, and may require an additional support boat to be available. A decision to give permission or not and any failure by the Race Committee to provide an additional support boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).
- 2.4 There will be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
- 2.5 Crew shall wear lifejackets at all times, unless the person-in-charge of the yacht considers that conditions are such that there is no significant increase in the risk to safety to any person through not wearing a lifejacket, and expressly gives permission for lifejackets not to be worn.
- 2.6 Yachts and crew shall comply with any guidelines published by the Race Committee regarding the wearing of lifejackets.
- 2.7 PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Special rules for E6 class yachts, sports boats, and classic yachts:

E6 class yachts may compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent such a yacht to compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).

- 2.8 E6 class yachts shall not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark).
- 2.9 The Race Committee will not set a course that requires sports boats to sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark) unless a second support boat is available.
- 2.10 Classic yachts may compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct one or more classic yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent classic yachts to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).

Changes to Racing Rules

- 2.11 Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- (a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes rule 51.
 - (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 rule 51.
 - (c) Rule 52 will not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
 - (d) For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

3 Advertising

- 3.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

- 4.1 Racing is open to all multihull and self-righting monohull yachts.
- 4.2 Entries will be accepted from yachts registered on the RPNYC, LBYC and EBYMC Yacht Registers, and from visiting yachts. The Organising Authority may, but is not required to, permit a yacht on the RPNYC Yacht Register to enter as a visiting yacht.
- 4.3 The Organising Authority may accept, reject or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting yacht for any reason.

Entries

- 4.4 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry process of RPNYC, LBYC and EBYMC.
- 4.5 Entries shall be lodged at least two hours prior to the scheduled start time of the race which the entrant wishes to participate.
- 4.6 A late entry may be accepted by the Organising Authority at any time, including after a race has been completed. A refusal to accept a late entry will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may, at any time and for any race, require entrants to nominate one crew member to be the person-in-charge for the purposes of rule 46.

5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fees for this series is as per each club's individual fee structure.

6 Schedule

- 6.1 The briefing for this series will be included in each yacht clubs annual season briefing which will be held in their clubrooms.
- 6.2 The racing schedule will be published on the LBYC, EBYMC and RPNYC websites.

7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the LBYC, EBYMC and RPNYC websites no later than 1200 hrs on Friday 22 September 2017, and will be available at the briefing.

8 Venue

- 8.1 The races will be held within Wellington Harbour, and up to 10 nm outside Wellington Harbour.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 Harbour courses will be sailed.

10 Scoring

Divisions

- 10.1 The organising authority will provide starts for 2 divisions. Skippers must decide which division listed below they intend to race in and advise the organising authority.
 - (a) Spinnaker division.
 - (b) Non-spinnaker division including Classics.

Handicaps

- 10.2 All races will be scored on elapsed time and for corrected time using the PHRF rating and the Interclub General Handicap.
- 10.3 The Interclub General Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races.

10.4 PHRF results will be calculated for all yachts with a PHRF handicap, unless the yacht advises the Race Committee that it is not sailing in its measured configuration.

Minimum number of races

10.5 The minimum number of races to be completed to constitute a series is 3.

11 Prizes

11.1 The Individual clubs may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions or sections within a race or series. The Individual clubs shall issue a schedule of trophies prior to their end-of-season prize-giving.

11.2 Only yachts registered with the club that is hosting each days racing will be eligible for any trophies for that individual race that the hosting club would normally present to their registered yachts. All entered yachts will be eligible for prizes (if any).

11.3 If, but for 11.2, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting yacht, then the trophy will instead be awarded to the highest placed host club yacht.

11.4 Eligibility for class trophies requires yachts to comply with their class rules.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

12.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to rule 4. 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 race.

13 Insurance

13.1 Each yacht that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 per event.