



# 37<sup>th</sup> WAIKATO YACHT SQUADRON GULF CLASSIC

## 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Organising Authority is The Waikato Yacht Squadron,  
P.O. box 4263, Hamilton East, New Zealand

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. The rules of individual yacht classes shall apply, except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** **Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply as follows**

#### **Trailer Yachts**

All Trailer Yacht Designs as approved by the New Zealand Trailer Yacht Association (NZTYA) and shall comply with the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V - Trailer Yachts - Category C. These regulations take precedence over individual class rules.

#### **Keelboats**

All Keelboats shall comply with Category 4 of the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II — Offshore & Coastal Racing & Cruising with the exception that a life raft or dinghy is not required.

#### **All Yachts**

All yachts shall carry an operating and functional marine VHF transceiver, fitted with channels 16, 77, 64 & 60, which shall remain switched on and tuned to the appropriate channel, monitored by the crew on board and available for use at all times. All yachts shall carry an up to date version of Chart NZ 532 (Approaches to Auckland) and Chart NZ 5324 (Tamaki Strait).

A yacht sailing two-handed shall be fitted with jackstays pursuant to Clause 17.23 (e) of the YNZ Safety Regulations Part II (Offshore & Coastal Racing & Cruising) and two safety harnesses pursuant to SR Appendix 4 of YNZ Safety Regulations Part II (Offshore & Coastal Racing & Cruising).  
Racing Rule 52 is amended to permit the use of self-steering devices.

All yachts shall, upon request, make themselves available for inspection for compliance with safety regulations. A yacht may also be inspected after the race.

### **1.3 Equipment Rules / Ratings**

Corrected times for trailer yachts shall be calculated from current ratings published by the NZTYA. For designs where rating information has not been supplied during the past two seasons, the Race Committee reserves the right to assign a rating and Race Division for these entrants. The Race Committee also reserves the right to refuse any entry and to amend the rating of any yacht whose hull, spars or sails have been altered from class rules or, where class rules are non-existent, from approved designs.

Waikato Yacht Squadron will assign Keelboat ratings for this event. They require recent club racing handicap history and PHRF ratings (where applicable) to be supplied on the entry form.

The Race Committee's decision on ratings shall be final and no discussion will be entered into.

### **1.4 Appendix T will apply.**

## **2 ADVERTISING**

### **2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows:**

Competitor advertising shall not conflict with advertising by the race sponsors or the Club sponsors.

### **2.2 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. [Discretionary Penalty].**

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** The regatta is open to Keelboats and Trailer Yachts. The minimum crew on board at all times during the race shall be two persons (including the skipper) over the age of 16 years.

Please submit entries on the Official Entry Form supplied with this Notice of Race (or available on the website [www.waikatoyachtsquadron.org.nz](http://www.waikatoyachtsquadron.org.nz)) **please complete in full.**

Please send entries to the following address and make payment at the same time. Alternatively, if you prefer send a scanned copy or “good” picture to [gulfclassic100@gmail.com](mailto:gulfclassic100@gmail.com)

**The Closing date for receipt of Entries is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

Address: Gulf Classic Committee  
Waikato Yacht Squadron  
P O Box 4263  
Hamilton East  
or by email to:

[gulfclassic100@gmail.com](mailto:gulfclassic100@gmail.com)

The entry fee is \$55.00. Cheques made payable to Waikato Yacht Squadron. We prefer electronic payments made to ASB account number:  
12-3171-0044255-000

Include the Boat Name and sail number as reference.

Entrants note that the Waikato Yacht Squadron reserves the right to cancel the event if insufficient paid entries are received on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. If the event is cancelled for this reason all entry fees will be refunded. Notification of cancellation will be sent to those who have entered by the date of cancellation.

An entrant who has paid the entry fee and withdraws from the event will be refunded the full entry fee, provided the Waikato Yacht Squadron receive such notice of withdrawal on or before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. No refund will be given for any withdrawal received after that time.

### **3.2 Confirmation of Compliance**

The person signing an entry form thereby confirms that the vessel entered to this event fully complies with the requirements of clause 1.2 of this Notice of Race. For the avoidance of doubt, it is the sole responsibility of the skipper to ensure that his or her yacht and crew meets the requirements of these clauses.

- 3.3** Each competitor, entrant and crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand. Indication of affiliated club membership is to be submitted with entry.

## **4**     **SCHEDULE**

### **4.1**    **Registration**

A registration desk will be located in the upstairs lounge at the Maraetai Beach Boating Club on the evening of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. All skippers (or a skipper's representative) are required to sign the register and confirm entry details with the Race Committee Secretary at the Registration Desk between 1830hrs and 2030hrs Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Attendance at the briefing is strongly recommended for all skippers and crew. Race entrants that do not attend the briefing are still required to sign the register and any disclaimer and confirm your entry details with the Race Committee Secretary at the Registration Desk between 0800hrs and 0830hrs on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Should any boat attempt to participate in the race without completing this formality its result will be recorded as DNS (Did Not Start).

### **4.2**    **Briefing**

The pre-race briefing will be held in the upstairs lounge at the Maraetai Beach Boating Club commencing at 2030 hrs. NZDT Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **4.3**    **Date of racing:** 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Division starting 10<sup>th</sup> March:

Keelers - 1000 hrs

TY60 – 1005 hrs

TY40 – 1010 Hrs

**4.4**    The scheduled time of the first division warning signal is 0955 hours.

**4.5**    A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules.)

## **5**     **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

A draft copy of the Sailing Instructions will be provided upon receipt of entry. A final version will be made available at the briefing. This document provides important information for all participants. Please read it carefully before starting. The sailing instructions will be on the official notice board located at Maraetai Beach Boating Club, 188 Maraetai Drive. Auckland

## **6**     **VENUE**

The event will be based out of the Maraetai Beach Boating Club situated at 188 Maraetai Drive Maraetai Beach Auckland.

There will be catering available for the Friday night briefing and Sunday morning breakfast and prize-giving.

Trailer yachts may park and launch from the MBBC boat ramp.

**7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be within the inner gulf (see attached course charts) and are shown on this NOR as attachment 1

**8 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

The courses described herein shall be sailed in either an anti-clockwise direction (Port Course) or a clockwise direction (Starboard Course), depending on wind direction. The direction to be sailed shall be identified by the Committee Boat flying a red flag (Port Course) or a green flag (Starboard Course).

The descriptions below indicate the Port Course for each.

**Port Course A** — approximately 80 nautical miles

From START, leave Passage Rock to PORT

Through Waiheke Channel and through the Ruthe Passage

Thumb Point (Waiheke Is) to PORT.

To Shearer Rock general-purpose buoy to PORT.

To Whangaparoa Navy Buoy to PORT

To the Rakino Channel, Rakino Island to PORT, Motutapu Island to STBD.

Through the Motuihe Channel, Motuihe Island to Port, Motutapu Island to STBD.

Rangitoto Island and Motutapu Island to STBD.

To and rounding Rakino Island to STBD.

Through Sergeant Channel

To FINISH.

**Port Course B** — approximately 60 nautical miles

From START, leave Passage Rock to PORT

Through Waiheke Channel and through the Ruthe Passage

Thumb Point (Waiheke Is) to PORT.

To Rakino channel leaving Motutapu to PORT and Awash rock to STBD

Around Rakino Island to STB,

Through the Motuihe Channel, Motuihe Island to Port, Motutapu Island to STBD.

Rounding Rangitoto Island and Motutapu Island to STBD.

Through Rakino Channel with Rakino Island to PORT.

Through Sergeant Channel

To FINISH.

**Port Course C** — approximately 40 nautical miles.

From START, leave Passage Rock to PORT

Through the Waiheke Channel, Waiheke Island to PORT, Ponui Island Rotoroa Island and Pakatoa Island to STB.

Leave Waiheke Island to PORT, To Rakino channel leaving Motutapu to PORT and Awash rock to STBD

Around Rakino Island to STB,

Through Sergeant Channel

To FINISH.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1** The Low Point Scoring system will be used.
- 10.2** Handicaps for calculating corrected times will be based on the boat rating assigned by NZTYA (trailer yachts) and WYS Race Committee from PHRF ratings advised on the entry form for keel boats.

## **11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. [DP]

## **12 POSITION REPORTING**

- 12.1 COASTGUARD** - All yachts shall identify their position to Coastguard using VHF channel 64 (inner gulf) or 60 (outer gulf) on passing designated waypoints identified in the Sailing Instructions. All such reports shall be in the manner described in the Sailing Instruction
- 12.2 PredictWind TRACKER** – For safety reason, increased interest in online viewing, and developing race organization practice, each entrant is required to use the PredictWind tracking service. To use the service, you will need two smartphones (one as a backup) that use either ios9 and above, or Android 6.0 and above operating system. The PredictWind GPS tracking service is being made available at no cost to each competitor.

**Full instructions on how to install and use the app will be detailed in the sailing instructions that will be sent out on receipt of entry.**

## **13 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: Race prizes shall be awarded for line honours and the first place on corrected time in each division. Where 3 or more class boats race each other in any division, then a class prize will be awarded. The Gulf Classic Trophy to be awarded to the winning Trailer Yacht in the Long Haul Division B, and will be based on corrected time.

### **13.1 Club Challenge Trophies**

There are two Challenge Trophies for interclub competition, one for keeler and one for trailer yacht. These trophies are open to any club affiliated to yachting New Zealand. The winning club will have the best four results from any boat in their club as declared on the entry form.

### **13.2 Spot Prizes**

All skippers and crew members participating in the race and present at prize-giving will be entered in a draw for spot prizes. Only one spot prize per person will be awarded.

### **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance to minimum cover of \$500K

### **15 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.

### **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

The Gulf Classic Committee, Waikato Yacht Squadron  
Email: [gulfclassic100@gmail.com](mailto:gulfclassic100@gmail.com)

Entry forms are available at  
<http://www.waikatoyachtsquadron.org.nz/gulf-classic-entry-form.html>

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