

New Zealand Open Keelboat National Championships

14th-16th May 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
in conjunction with the MRX Yachting Association
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rule of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Farr MRX Class Rules (handling of boats) shall apply.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II, Category 5 shall apply.
- 1.4 On-water umpiring may be used for this event. Addendum U will apply, as attached to the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 The Regatta will be sailed in the 11 Farr MRX Yachts as provided by MRX Yachting Limited and allocated by ballot. These boats will be rigged and equipped as closely as possible to each other, to the satisfaction of the OA. Competitors shall not make any alterations to the boats and may only add or remove equipment specified in the sailing instructions.

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. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible teams may enter by completing the online entry form at www.rnzys.org.nz before 5th May 2021
- 3.2 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.3 Up to 11 boats will be supplied, if more than 11 entries are accepted racing will take place in either seeded pools or a draw with all teams having a number of byes.
- 3.4 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of a yacht club affiliated to their National Authority.
- 3.5 Sailing crew must consist of 5 to 7 sailors and shall have a maximum weight of 525kg including the skipper. A list of confirmed crew members shall be submitted to the OA at/before registration.
- 3.6 A minimum of 6 entries are required for the winner to be recognised as National Champion by Yachting New Zealand.
- 3.7 In the event of a registered crew member (or helmsman) being unable to continue the Race Committee may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other replacement.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee shall be NZD \$800.

5. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 An initial damage deposit form for NZ\$3,000 shall be confirmed at or before registration.
- 5.2 An at fault skipper(s) limit of liability in an incident is the sum of \$3,000 per boat involved in the incident.
- 5.3 In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require the deposit be reinstated to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 5.4 Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration, Briefing and Boat Draw:
Registration & Weigh in between 1400 and 1800 Friday 14th May.
First briefing & boat draw 1800 Friday 14th May.
- 6.2 Dates of Racing: Saturday 15th May through to Sunday 16th May.
- 6.3 Number of Races: up to 8 races scheduled with a maximum of 5 per day.

- 6.4 The scheduled time of warning signal for each race day is 0955.
- 6.5 No race shall start after 1630 Sunday 16th May 2021.
- 6.6 Boats will be available for a practice session after crews have registered on Friday 14th May from 1430 until 1700.
- 6.7 Racing Schedule will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions with confirmed number of teams entered.
- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) that will be posted on the RNZYS website on Thursday 13th May 2021.
- 8. VENUE**
The intended sailing area will be the Waitemata Harbour & Northern Leading Area, or any area the Race Officer deems suitable.
- 9. THE COURSES**
The courses shall be windward/leeward courses.
- 10. SCORING**
- 9.1 The low point system of RRS Appendix A.
- 9.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 10.1 Support boats shall be marked with the team's burgee.
- 10.2 Support boats must be registered with the OA at registration.
- 11. BERTHING**
Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in Westhaven Marina.
- 12. 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. But does not apply to any communication over VHF channel 17.
- 12.2 The Race Committee will be contacted on VHF Channel 17.
- 12.3 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/nz-keelboat-nationals/>
- 13. PRIZES**
Prizes will be awarded at the official prize giving to be held as soon as practical on completion of racing on Sunday 16th May 2021.
- 14. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER**
- 14.1 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.**
- 14.2 All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility. The RNZYS, Yachting New Zealand, MRX Yachting Limited and any sponsor associated with the event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS is not responsible for sufficiency/adequacy of an entry's equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.
- 15. CONTACT**
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