

New Zealand Open Keelboat National Championships 2023

5th - 7th May 2023

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
in conjunction with the MRX Yachting Association
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Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 2 category 5 shall apply.
- 1.3 MRX class rules which will be attached to the supplementary sailing instructions will apply
- 1.4 On-water umpiring will be used for this event. Addendum UF RNZYS edition as attached to the supplementary sailing instructions will apply.
- 1.5 The event will be sailed in up to 11 Farr MRX Yachts as provided by MRX Yachting Limited and allocated by a draw. 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 SSI's.
- 1.6 The RNZYS Covid Policy applies at all times during RNZYS events.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on Monday 1st May 2023 on the RNZYS website www.rnzys.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 RNZYS website.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board will be the Skippers WhatsApp group.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats will be provided with a VHF radio. The race management channel will be advised in the SSI's. Any emergency to be communicated over channel 16.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs.
- 3.4 [DP] 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. This does not include any communication with the race committee over the designated race channel.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all skippers with appropriate sailing experience, up to 20 skippers will be accepted. If more than 20 skippers apply for entry, skippers will be ranked by the OA based off previous sailing results, the top 20 skippers will receive entry to the event.
- 4.2 Teams may enter by completing the online entry form at www.rnzys.org.nz before 1st April 2023.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of a yacht club affiliated to their National

Authority.

- 4.5 A minimum of 6 entries are required for the winner to be recognised as National Champion by Yachting New Zealand.
- 4.6 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.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee, which includes the boat charter for the Thursday practice session and three race days, plus prize giving dinner for team members is \$1,000.
- 5.2 Extra tickets for the prize giving dinner can be purchased for \$30 per person.
- 5.3 Extra training session can be organised with MRX yachting at the skippers/ teams expense.
- 5.4 An initial damage deposit form for NZ\$3,000 shall be confirmed at or before registration. An at fault skipper(s) limit of liability in an incident is the sum of \$3,000 per boat involved in the incident. 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. Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The crew will consist of 5 to 7 sailors, the total maximum combined weight shall be less than 525kg including the skipper. A list of confirmed crew members shall be submitted to the OA at or before registration.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 The event format will be decided depending on the final number of entries. The format may consist of a qualifying series in pools followed by a final series.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration and practice session:

	Date	From	To
Registration	5 th May	1400	1800
Practice session one	5 th May	1300	1500
Practice session two	5 th May	1500	1700
First Briefing	5 th May	1800	
Second Briefing	7 th May	0900	

9.2 Dates of racing:

Date	
6 th May	Racing
7 th May	Racing

9.3 Number of races:

Classes	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
MRX	9	4	5	50

9.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.

9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1655.

10 EQUIPMENT

10.1 The Regatta will be raced in up to eleven (11) identical Farr designed 10 metre Keelboats (MRX) which will be provided by the OA.

11 VENUE

11.1 The regatta will be based out of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the MRX fleet is located between Pier D and E in Westhaven marina next to the RNZYS club house.

11.2 The intended racing area is to the east of Northern Leading marker on the Waitemata Harbour, the RO may change this if the conditions require.

12 COURSES

12.1 The courses will be windward/leeward courses, with a gate as the bottom mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Addendum UF RNZYS edition for on water umpiring will apply, this will be attached to the SSI's.

14 SCORING

14.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 BERTHING

15.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as instructed by MRX yachting.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

17.1 Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 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.

- 18.2 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, 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.

19 COVID

- 19.1 Decision making on the event in relation to Covid restrictions will be made according to the local Auckland status and the RNZYS Covid policy.

If it becomes necessary to cancel the event, payments made to RNZYS by competitors in relation to the event will be refunded. Any items that have been pre-ordered and paid for will be mailed to competitors – eg. T-shirts.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each boat is insured with MRX Yachting Limited, the skipper's damage deposit is the limit of liability per incident. Personal liability and medical insurance is responsibility of the skippers and crew.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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