**NZ’s First Iconic**

**Harbour Classic Yacht Race**

**Saturday 1st April 2023**

**The Organising Authority (OA) is:**

**The NZ Multihull Yacht Club**

**P.O. Box 3337, Shortland Street**, **Auckland 1140**

[**www.harbourclassic.co.nz**](http://www.harbourclassic.co.nz)

**NOTICE OF RACE**

# 1.0 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the latest edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2021 - 2024, Part 2, Category 5 shall apply with the following modifications:

1. Each yacht shall have at least one installed Marine VHF radio (55 channel VHF) and one handheld waterproof multichannel VHF radio;
2. Yachts shall be entitled to use their motors within the 5 minute warning procedure up until the start time.
3. The wearing of lifejackets is recommended.
	1. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea replaces RRS Part 2 between the hours of Official Sunset and Sunrise.
	2. Rule 41. Competitors may communicate with the race publicity team and to pre-agreed media. Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 41.
	3. RRS 52 shall not apply.
	4. A yacht shall not discharge trash in the water.
	5. Yachts may be required to carry a GPS transponder if requested by the Organising Authority (**OA**).
	6. All forms of navigational aids, GPS, Sat-Nav, weather facsimiles, radar etc are permitted. GPS and Sat-Nav should be regarded as navigational aids not navigational systems.

# 2.0 ADVERTISING

Advertising material, including stickers and/or flags, may be supplied to all competitors and shall be applied in a location stipulated by the OA. Any advertising (other than that supplied by the OA) displayed on competing yachts shall be declared on the entry form and approved in writing by the OA.

# 3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

 3.1 The race is open to all sailing yachts who have powered propulsion.

3.2 All entries must be made online at the Harbour Classic 2023 website.

3.3 Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry form found on the Harbour Classic website ([www.harbourclassic.co.n](http://www.harbourclassic.co.n)[z)](http://www.coastalclassic.co.nz/) meeting the criteria and paying the entry fee outlined below by Friday 17 March.

#  Entry Fees

Division 1 $150.00

Divisions 2,3 and 5 $120.00

Division 4 $100.00

 If you have completed your entry payment and are subsequently moved between divisions due to a change in PHRF handicap, you will be contacted separately by the OA to arrange for the appropriate fee adjustment to be applied.

 Multihull Yacht Club Members will be eligible for a $20 entry fee rebate.

3.4 Entries remain provisional until all required documentation is provided as follows:

* Valid PHRF certificates issued by Yachting New Zealand within the last 12 months are supplied.

3.5 Late entries may be accepted online at the OA’s discretion until 1700 hrs on Friday 24th March and shall be accompanied by a late entry fee of $50.00 in addition to the standard entry fee set out above.

3.6 To be eligible to compete in this event the Skipper of each yacht shall be a Financial Member of a club recognised by that Skipper’s National Authority. The Skipper of each yacht expressly permits the OA to contact the designated club to for the purposes of confirming membership and eligibility to enter the race, if required.

# 4.0 SCHEDULE

4.1 The Skippers Briefing will be held on Friday 31st March at 1630 hrs.

 Full details to be advised in sailing instructions.

 4.2 The race starts on Saturday 1st April at 1200 hrs. All divisions start together.

**5.0 FINISH TIME**

 5.1 Any yacht not reaching the finishing line by 16.00 hours will be deemed DNF

# 6.0 MEASUREMENTS / HANDICAPS

Each yacht shall provide a current valid rating certificate with her entry as follows:

6.1 Monohull racing handicaps will be based on the Passage PHRF TCF handicap racing system and is designated automatically from the Yachting New Zealand database. All Monohull entries shall hold a current valid PHRF handicap certificate issued by Yachting New Zealand. Yachts with water ballast shall have a PHRF handicap on the basis of the water ballast.

 6.2 The NZ Multihull Yacht Club will handicap all racing multihull entrants.

# 7.0 DIVISIONS

7.1 The following divisions comprise the five primary divisions. The OA reserves the right to alter the division PHRF or length overall (LOA) splits to ensure balanced divisions.

# Division One

Monohull 0.8700 and above.

**Division Two**

Monohull between 0.8200 and 0.8699;

**Division Three**

Monohull - 0.8199 and lower excluding the following Division Four boats;

**Division Four**

Monohull .7599 and lower, but must be shorter than 10.0 m LOA

**Division Five**

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# 8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on-line from 24th March 2023.

# 9.0 THE COURSE

From the start at North Head Racing Buoy, to Torbay Bay Racing Buoy (Starboard) to an Off-set marker being a Large Inflatable marker 100 meters East of the Torbay Marker (Starboard), to Northern Leading Racing Buoy (Starboard) to the finish at North Head Racing Marker

# 10.0 THE START

All signals will be made from the start boat positioned approximately 200m east of North Head Racing Buoy.

# 11.0 PredictWind TRACKER

11.1 For increased interest in online viewing of the race and developing race organisation practice, **each entrant is required to use the PredictWind GPS tracking service.**  To use the service, you will need two smartphones (one as a back-up) that use either iOS11 and above or Android 8.0 and above operating system. The PredictWind GPS tracking service is being made available at no cost to each competitor.

11.2 Full instructions on how to install and use the app are found at <http://www.predictwind.com/tracke>[r;](http://www.predictwind.com/tracker) Select yacht club: NZMYC; Race: Harbour Classic 2023. Select your division and manually enter your yacht name. It is recommended that all competitors test the tracking functionality at least one month before the event and view the data at [http://forecast.predictwind.com/tracking/race/nzmyc t](http://forecast.predictwind.com/tracking/race/nzmyc)o ensure that the service is working on their phone. Any technical enquiries or issues, please email PredictWind at support@predictwind.com.

11.3 It is the crews’ responsibility to test that the system works on their phones prior to the race. Each competitor is expected to check their tracker is turned on and check battery levels are satisfactory at the start and each radio schedule. Only one phone should be used to send tracking data at any time. Failure to use the tracker for the entire race may result, at the sole discretion of the race committee, **a 20-minute time penalty** for the yacht not sending the tracking data and also render an entry ineligible for the spot prizes.

# 12.0 PRIZES

12.1 Details of the race prize giving will be published on [www.harbourclassic.co.nz](http://www.harbourclassic.co.nz).

 12.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

**Race Record Time**

**First Monohull PHRF:**

**First Multihull Handicap:**

**Divisions 1-5:**  - Line Honours and Handicap

12.3The OA reserves the right to delete any division not attaining the required entries as required by NOR. 6.8 (note).

# 13.0 SAFETY

# 13.1 Safety Inspections

Every entry has the responsibility to ensure it is fully compliant with safety category 5 requirements. Any yacht found to be in contravention of YNZ Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall be subject to protest from the Race Committee or Yachting New Zealand.

#  13.2 Responsibility of Person in Charge

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy. The Skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Decision to race – The responsibility for a yacht’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone – RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

All those taking part in the races do so entirely at their own risk and their own responsibility.

# 14.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 The OA and sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or crew, or for any other matter, however arising from this race.

14.2 The OA and its officers, members and servants, sponsors or other persons assisting with the conduct of the event will not be responsible or liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.

14.3 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.**

# 15.0 POSTPONEMENT

The organisers reserve the right to postpone the start due to adverse conditions. In the event they do so, notice will be posted on line at [www.harbourclassic.co.n](http://www.harbourclassic.co.n)[z,](http://www.coastalclassic.co.nz/) anytime from 1700 hrs on 29th March 2023, together with the expected time to restart.

**16.0 RACE HEADQUARTERS:**

Race headquarters will be located at Wynard Wharf. All information can be found at race headquarters.

# 17.0 EVENTS

 **Fri 31st March:**

1630 hours Event briefing – full details to be notified in Sailing
 Instructions

1900 hours Welcome Party

 **Sat 1st April:**

1000 hours Boats depart for start line

1200 hours Race starts

1600 hours Race finishes

1800 hours Prizegiving

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