

# 2023 HARKEN NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS KEELBOAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron  
181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011  
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## NOTICE OF RACE ( NoR ) – v2

### AMENDMENTS

Changes are marked in red.

- A1 4.2, 4.3, Addendum A - Inclusion of School Sport NZ - Eligibility criteria. (28 Nov 2022)
- A2 Delete 1.4, 22.1 – Covid policy. (30 Nov 2022)
- A3 1.3, 13.1 – change On Water Judging to On Water Umpiring.
- A4 9.1 – change symmetrical spinnaker to asymmetric gennaker.
- A5 10.3 – change time of first warning signal to 0955.

### 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 II Category 5 shall apply.  
Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 On Water **Umpiring** will be used for this event. RNZYS modified Addendum UF will apply and will be attached to the SSI's.
- ~~1.4 The RNZYS Covid Policy applies at all times during RNZYS events.  
Refer to <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/racedoc-course-info/>~~

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats will be provided with a VHF radio. Any emergency communication will be provided over channel 16.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI's. Failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF radio on deck at all times while racing.

- 3.5 [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.

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#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 The event is open to New Zealand Secondary School teams consisting of four or five sailors. If more than 20 teams enter, preference will be given to one team per school.
- 4.2 All team members (helm and crew) shall be full time, current students at the school they are representing and must meet **School Sport NZ Student Eligibility criteria – refer Addendum A.**
- 4.3 **All team members (helm and crew) shall be under 19 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**
- 4.4 Composite school teams may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. A composite school team will be unable to receive the Harken Schools Regatta Trophy or gain entry to the NZ or Auckland Match Racing Championships.
- 4.5 Eligible teams may enter by;
- (a) Completing the on-line expression of interest form on the club website, [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz)
    - go to **Sailing**, then **Major Regattas**, select **Harken Secondary Schools Championships** and click on **Entry Form**, and
  - (b) Paying the non-refundable deposit.
- 4.6 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay the deposit by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.8 To be eligible to compete in this event all team members (helm and crew) shall be financial members of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.
- 4.9 A minimum of 6 entries are required for the winner to be recognised by Yachting New Zealand as the National Secondary Schools Keelboat Champion.

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#### 5 ENTRY FEES

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- 5.1 The entry fee is \$450.00 (incl GST). This includes the boat charter fee for race days, plus tickets to the prize giving dinner for team members.
- 5.2 A non-refundable entry fee deposit of \$200 (incl GST) per school team must be paid following an expression of interest before 1700hrs Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. The remaining \$250 (incl GST) per school team must be received before 1700hrs Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- 5.3 Extra training sessions can be arranged with the RNZYS at the schools/team's expense.

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#### 6 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

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- 6.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident.
- 6.2 An initial damage deposit form of \$1,000 shall be confirmed at or before registration.
- 6.3 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper may be required to restore the deposit to the original value before the skipper is permitted to continue in the event.

6.4 Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

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## 7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

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7.1 The maximum number of crew (including skipper) shall be five. All registered crew shall sail all races.

7.2 The maximum crew weight, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt is 350 kilograms.

7.3 All skippers are required to sign a weight declaration form at registration. Crews may weigh in at the RNZYS clubrooms from the 13<sup>th</sup> March up until Briefing on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact the Race Office to organise a convenient time – [raceoffice@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:raceoffice@rnzys.org.nz)

7.4 Crew weight may be checked during the event. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg.  
Any crew weighing more than this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

7.5 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

7.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

7.7 When an original crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

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## 8 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

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8.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

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## 9 EVENT FORMAT

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9.1 The organising authority intends to provide 10 \* Elliott 7m class boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails:

- mainsail
- jib
- ~~symmetrical spinnaker~~ asymmetric gennaker

9.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the OA will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round.

9.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the OA. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments or other requirements.

9.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

9.5 The final event format will be outlined in the SSI's with the confirmed number of teams entered. The event is expected to consist of a Qualifying/seeding series, followed by a Final Series.

9.6 Teams will be allocated to either Qualifying Series A or Qualifying Series B by the OA.

9.7 Qualifying Series A (Fri) Up to six races are scheduled – the top five teams will qualify for the GOLD fleet and the remaining teams will qualify for the SILVER fleet.

Qualifying Series B (Sat) Up to six races are scheduled – the top five teams will qualify for the GOLD fleet and the remaining teams will qualify for the SILVER fleet.

Final Series (Sunday) Up to four races are scheduled for the SILVER fleet and up to four races are scheduled for the GOLD fleet.

The number of races in any series may be reduced at the discretion of the OA to fit the schedule.

## 10 SCHEDULE

10.1 The final schedule of events will be confirmed in the SSI's:

Date	Time	Item	Races
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	0900	Registration & Briefing – Group A	
	1000	Qualifying racing – Group A	Up to 6 races
	1600 approx	Debriefing	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March	0900	Registration & Briefing – Group B	
	1000	Qualifying racing – Group B	Up to 6 races
	1600 approx	Debriefing	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> March	0900	Briefing	
	1000	Finals racing – SILVER fleet	Up to 4 races
		Finals racing – GOLD fleet	Up to 4 races
	1600 approx	Prizegiving BBQ	

10.2 The Target Time for each race is 20 minutes.

10.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is ~~1000~~ 0955.

10.4 On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 no warning signal will be made after 1600.

## 11 VENUE

11.1 The event will be based out of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, 181 Westhaven drive.

11.2 The intended racing area is the Waitemata Harbour near the RNZYS clubrooms but may be changed at the discretion of the RC to suit the conditions.

## 12 THE COURSES

12.1 The course will be windward /leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard rounding, and finishing downwind.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 On Water **Umpiring** will be used for this event. RNZYS modified Addendum UF will apply and will be attached to the SSI's.

## 14 SCORING

- 14.1 Qualifying Series One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.  
 Final Series - Gold One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.  
 Final Series - Silver One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

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14.2 Overall placings will be determined by the finishing positions in the Final Series. Points from the Qualifying series will not count towards overall placings, unless there is no racing in the Final series.

14.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores in that series.

14.4 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

## 15 SUPPORT VESSELS

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15.1 [DP] All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

15.2 [DP] Any support and coach vessels shall be registered with the Race Committee, and clearly marked to identify with their team.

15.3 [DP] All support and coach vessels shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Race Committee.

## 16 BERTHING

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16.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as instructed by the OA.

## 17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## 18 RISK STATEMENT

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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.**

## 19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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19.1 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 and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this 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 and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry

## 20 INSURANCE

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20.1 Each boat is insured with RNZYS. 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

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21.1 The winner of the Gold fleet will be awarded the Harken Schools Regatta Trophy.

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- 21.2 The winning team will be invited to enter the 2023 Auckland Match Racing Championships to be held in August 2023 and the 2023 Harken NZ Match Racing National Championships to be held in October 2023.
- 21.3 The second and third placed teams in the Gold fleet will be invited to enter the 2023 Auckland Match Racing Championships to be held in August 2023.

## **22 COVID POLICY**

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~~22.1 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 any region that a competitor is from is at a higher Alert Level than Auckland, all competitors and families from that region will be required to consider themselves still under that Alert Level, and precautions will be taken to ensure the segregation and physical distancing of those competitors and families.~~

~~If an event or race is postponed or cancelled because of government or local body restrictions, the organising authority will use reasonable endeavours to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, although the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.~~

## **23 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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For further information please contact;

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Phone	09 360 6809
Website	<a href="http://www.rnzys.org.nz">www.rnzys.org.nz</a>
Address	181 Westhaven Drive Westhaven Auckland 1011

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**Date:** 2 December 2022

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## **ADDENDUM A - School Sport NZ - Eligibility**

### **1. Student Eligibility**

- a) A student eligible to compete in National and Island secondary school events must:
  - 1. Be enrolled as a bona fide (year 9 or above) student at the school of representation and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school for at least four weeks immediately prior to the event.
  - 2. Have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision will be at the principal's discretion.
  - 3. Be under 19 years of age at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the year of the competition.
- b) The school must be prepared to authenticate a student's birth date. Organising committees may require validation by a birth certificate or passport.
- c) All teams and individuals participating in National or Island events must be declared at the date prescribed by the sanctioned sporting body.

Please refer to <https://www.schoolsportnz.org.nz/Sport-1/Events/Eligibility-Regulations> for full details of eligibility requirements.