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| **Barfoot & Thompson New Zealand Women’s** **Keelboat National Championships 2023** |
| 31st March – 2nd April 2023 |
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| The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadronin conjunction with the MRX Yachting Association181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011Tel: 09 360 6800 | VHF: CH 17 |
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| **NOTICE OF RACE ( NoR ) – v2** |
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|  A1 | 1.5, 21 – Deletion of covid policy clauses - (*5th Dec 2022*). |
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|  **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 | MRX class rules will apply. |
|  1.4 | On Water Judging will be used for this event. RNZYS modified Addendum UF will apply and will be attached to the SSI’s. |
|  ~~1.5~~ | ~~The RNZYS Covid Policy applies at all times during RNZYS events.~~~~Refer to~~ [~~https://www.rnzys.org.nz/racedoc-course-info/~~](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 Monday 27th 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** |
|  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 on previous sailing results. The top 20 ranked skippers will receive entry to the event. |
|  4.2 | Eligible teams may enter by;1. Completing the on-line entry form on the club website, [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz)  - go to ***Sailing***, then ***Major Regattas,*** select ***Barfoot & Thompson NZ Womens National Keelboat Championships*** and click on ***Entry Form,*** and
2. Paying the non-refundable deposit.
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|  4.3 | To be considered a valid entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay the deposit by 1st March 2023. |
|  4.7 | 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. |
|  4.8 | A minimum of 6 entries are required for the winner to be recognised by Yachting New Zealand as the NZ Women’s National Keelboat Champion. |
|  **5** | **ENTRY FEES** |
|  5.1 | The entry fee is $1,000.00 (incl GST). This includes the boat charter fee for the Friday practice session and race days, plus tickets to the prize giving dinner for team members. |
|  5.2 | Extra tickets for the prize giving dinner can be purchased for $30 per person. |
|  5.3 | Extra training sessions can be arranged with MRX Yachting at the skippers/team’s expense. |
|  **6** | **DAMAGE DEPOSIT** |
|  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 $3,000 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. |
|  **7** | **CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)** |
|  7.1 | The number of crew (including skipper) shall be five to seven. All registered crew shall sail all races. |
|  7.2 | A list of confirmed crew members shall be submitted to the OA at or before registration. |
|  7.3 | Those teams with 5 or 6 sailors do not need to be weighed (ie. no weight limit). For teams racing with 7 sailors the total maximum combined weight shall be less than 525kg including the skipper. |
|  7.4 | After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency. |
|  7.5 | When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute. |
|  7.6 | When an original crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. |
|  **8** | **ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION** |
|  8.1 | [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. |
|  **9** | **EVENT FORMAT** |
|  9.1 | The event will be sailed in up to 11 Farr MRX Yachts as provided by MRX Yachting Limited. 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.Each boat will have the following sails: - mainsail - jib - spinnaker |
|  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. |
| **10** | **SCHEDULE** |
| 10.1 | The final schedule of events will be confirmed in the SSI’s:

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| **Date** |  **Time** | **Item** | **Races** |
| Fri 31st March | 1400 - 1800 | Registration |  |
|  | 1300 - 1500 | Practice session 1 |  |
|  | 1500 - 1700 | Practice session 2 |  |
|  | 1800 | First Briefing |  |
| Sat 1st April | 1000 | Racing | Up to 4 races |
|  | 1600 approx | Debriefing |  |
| Sun 2nd April | 0800 | Briefing |  |
|  | 1000 | Racing | Up to 4 races |
|  | 1700 approx | Prizegiving BBQ |  |

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| 10.2 | A total of 8 races are scheduled for the event. |
| 10.3 | The Target Time for each race is 50 minutes. |
| 10.4 | The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 0955. |
| 10.5 | On Sunday 2nd April 2023 no warning signal will be made after 1700. |

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| **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 to the east of Northern Leading marker on the Waitemata Harbour 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 courses with a downwind finish. A separator mark will be used at the top mark and a gate for the bottom mark. |
| **13** | **PENALTY SYSTEM** |
| 13.1 | On Water Judging will be used for this event. RNZYS modified Addendum UF will apply and will be attached to the SSI’s. |
| **14** | **SCORING** |
| 14.1 | 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. |
| 14.2 | 1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
2. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
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| 14.3 | RRS 90.3 (e) applies. |
| **15** | **SUPPORT VESSELS** |
| 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** |
| 16.1 | [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as instructed by MRX Yachting. |
| **17** | **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS** |
| 17.1 | [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. |
| **18** | **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS** |
| 18.1 | 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. |
| **19** | **RISK STATEMENT** |
| 19.1 | 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** |
| 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** |
| 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 are responsibility of the skippers and crew. |
| **21** | **PRIZES** |
| 21.1 | Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall. |
| **~~22~~** | **~~COVID POLICY~~** |
| ~~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** |
|  | For further information please contact;Race Manager Megan ThomsonPhone 09 360 6809Website www.rnzys.org.nzAddress 181 Westhaven Drive Westhaven Auckland 1011 |

**Date:** 6 December 2022