



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP NOTICE OF RACE (VI)

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS)

2. VENUE

2.1 The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour, Auckland, New Zealand.

3. EVENT GRADING

- 3.1 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 2.
3.2 This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 The event will be held from Thursday October 26th - Sunday October 29th 2023.

- a. SIs shall be available at least 24 hours before the initial briefing

Thursday 26th October 2023

0900 – 1700 hrs	Registration and Crew Weigh-in
1000 – 1300 hrs	Practice Session A
1330 – 1630 hrs	Practice Session B
1800 hrs	Welcome Function, First Briefing, & meeting with the umpires

Friday 27th to Saturday 28th October 2023

0830 hrs	Briefing – Saturday only
1000 hrs	First race each day
Post racing	Competitor debrief

Sunday 29th October 2023

0830 hrs	Briefing
1000 hrs	First race
1600 hrs approx	Prizegiving Ceremony, at the conclusion of racing.

- b. The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1700hrs.



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- c. The prize giving will be held on Sunday the 29th of October after the conclusion of racing approximately.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a. Daily briefing for skippers.
- b. Prize giving on Sunday 29th October 2023 following racing.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Up to sixteen (16) skippers will be invited. Invitations will be first issued to:
- a. The winner of the 2022 New Zealand Match Race Championship (Reuben Corbett) and runner up (Nick Egnot Johnson).
 - b. Emirates Team New Zealand representative team.
 - c. One RNZYS Youth Training Programme Team.
 - d. One RNZYS Performance Programme Team.
 - e. Winner of Harken NZ Secondary School Keelboat Championships 2022. (Sean Kensington)
 - f. The top three skippers from the Auckland Match Racing Championships (23rd -24th September) that have not already gained entry.
 - g. Five international skippers or skippers residing more than 500km from Auckland.
 - h. Additional spots will be filled from those other entrants who put in an expression of interest form and don't already qualify under the above criteria. Preference will be given based on World Sailing Match Racing Rankings.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.6 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the OA and crew member's national authority.

6. ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- a. The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and damage deposit registrations. All payments shall be made by credit card, cash or online bank transfer.

6.2 Entry Fee

- a. A non-refundable entry fee of NZ\$1200 shall be paid by 1700hrs 26th September 2023. Please note if paying by international bank transfer, you will be liable for the bank fees that apply.

6.3 Withdrawal

- a. When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage Deposit

- a. An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1,000 shall be paid at registration unless extended by the OA.
- b. The damage deposit is the limit of liability for each incident.



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- c. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- d. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

7. RULES

- 7.1
 - a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
 - b. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
 - c. Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 17 at all times while on the water

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 7m Class Boats provided by the OA.
- 8.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Headsail and Gennaker.
- 8.3 Boats may be allocated by daily draw, or pre-determined if required by the OA, and will be identified by boat name and number. If less than ten boats are being used the sponsored boats identified by the OA will be the first to be used.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be Four (4) or Five (5).
- 9.2 All registered crew shall sail all races. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute, or other adjustment.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - a. Stage 1 – Double Round Robin
 - b. Stage 2 – Semi-finals
 - c. Stage 3 – Petit-finals
 - d. Stage 4 – Finals
- 10.3 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard rounding's and finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be within the Waitemata Harbour.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. World Sailing, Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.



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- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends Rule 60.1).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 The principal trophy for first place will be the New Zealand Match Racing Championship Cup.
13.2 First and Second places gain entry to the 2024 NZ Match Racing Championships..
13.3 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 14.1 If required by the OA
- a. video equipment supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - b. Competitors may be required to wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - c. Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
14.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
14.4 All competitors agree to be overflown by a drone.

15. COACH BOATS

- 15.1 No coach boats will be permitted unless authorised by the OA.
15.2 The OA will not provide boats or berths for coach boats.
15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team.

16. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each competitor is required to supply their own buoyancy aid that must be worn at all times while afloat.

17. COVID

- 17.1 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.

18. DISCLAIMER

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 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 reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

19. INVITATION

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the EOI form online <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/eoi-nzmrc/> or emailing mthomson@rnzys.org.nz.

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