



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

New Zealand Youth World Match Racing Trials/ Auckland Champs

23-24 September 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

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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 4.
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 Friday 22nd September to Sunday 24th September 2023

Friday 22nd September 2023

0900 – 1700 hrs	Registration and Crew Weigh-in
1000 – 1300 hrs	Practice Session A
1330 – 1630 hrs	Practice Session B

Saturday 23rd September 2023

0830 hrs	Daily Briefings
1000 hrs	First race each day
Post racing	Competitor debrief

Sunday 24th September 2023

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| 0830 hrs | Briefing |
| 1000 hrs | First race |
| 1730 hrs approx | Prizegiving Ceremony, at the conclusion of racing. |
- a. The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1600hrs.
b. The prize giving will be held on Sunday 24th September approx 30min after the conclusion of racing.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- a. Daily briefings.
b. Prize giving.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Up to ten skippers will be invited.
5.2 All competitors shall have a birth date from the 1st January 2001.
5.3 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing except in an emergency.
5.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID. 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

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 non-refundable entry fee of NZ\$1200 shall be paid by 1700hrs 23 August 2023

6.3 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.
- 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.

6.4 There will be a maximum of 12 entries accepted.

7. RULES

7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 RRS, including Appendix C.

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.

7.2 The RNZYS Covid Policy applies at all times during RNZYS events.

Refer to <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/racedoc-course-info/>

7.3 Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 17 at all times while on the water

7.4 Sailing instructions will be available on the website at least 24 hours before the initial briefing.

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 boats 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.

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9.5 There must be at least one male and at least one female on each team to be eligible to win the youth trial.

10. EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be ranked based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

- a. Stage 1 – Round Robin
- b. Stage 2 – Quarter Finals
- c. Stage 3 – Semi Finals
- d. Stage 4 – Petit Final & Final

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.
- 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 Prizes may be awarded.
- 13.2 The winning youth skipper shall receive the invitation to represent NZL at the 2023 Youth Match Racing Worlds. When less than one third of a round robin is completed, the Youth Worlds spot will be granted to the highest place eligible competitor at the 2023 New Zealand Open Match Racing Nationals.
- 13.3 Should World Sailing grant New Zealand two entries to the World Championships, the second place team shall receive the invitation.
- 13.4 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. 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.

18. 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 emailing zmerton@rnzys.org.nz

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