



THREE KINGS RACE

11th April 2024

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011

Supported by Short-Handed Sailing Association of New Zealand (SSANZ).

1 RULES

GENERAL AND SAFETY RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the Auckland Regional Navigation Safety Bylaws 2021 and Northland Safety bylaws 2017.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand ("YNZ") Safety Regulations 2021- 2024 ("SR"), Category 2 modified as follows:
 - a) Communications:
 - (i) Yachts shall produce evidence from Maritime Radio that transmissions from their VHF and AIS have been received clearly at a range of no less than 20nm from the nearest Maritime Radio Antenna.
 - (ii) All boats must carry and maintain supplied RNZYS Trackers, which must remain switched on while racing.
 - (iii) Yachts shall carry a copy of the "Failed Communications Plan" and store it near their VHF radio transmitter (this document will be provided by RNZYS).
 - (iv) All yachts shall carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving AIS data.
 - b) Yachts must carry sufficient engine fuel to give the yacht a motoring range of at least 150nm in flat water.
 - c) Each yacht shall carry a minimum of 20L of the above engine fuel in one or more suitable separate containers.
 - d) All yachts shall carry sufficient paper charts and associated publications to ensure they can continue to navigate satisfactorily in the event of the failure of electronic navigation aids. Each yacht is responsible for its own safety and should consider additional charts for inshore navigation and ports of refuge. The following list is recommended.

(i) NZ 405111 (Parengarenga Harbour)	CN 5111
(ii) NZ 405113 (Rangau Bay)	CN 5113
(iii) NZ 451141 (Doubtless Bay)	CN 5114
(iv) NZ 451142 (Whangaroa Harbour)	CN 5114
(v) NZ 505121 (Cavalli's)	CN 5121

- (vi) NZ 404124 (Kerikeri and Te Puna Inlet) CN 5124
- (vii) NZ 405215 (Bay Of Islands) CN 5125
- (viii) NZ 551112 (Whangaruru Harbour) CN 5111
- (ix) NZ 552121 (Tutukaka Harbour) CN 5212
- (x) NZ 405219 (Marsden Point) CN 5213
- (xi) NZ 505322 (Auckland Harbour East) CN 5322
- (xii) Symbols, Terms and Abbreviations NP5011 or equivalent.
- (xiii) Current NZ Almanac, including tide tables for 2024.
- (xiv) Cruising Guides

e) The following are the minimum paper charts to be carried on board the yacht:

- (i) NZ 4111 (Three Kings) CN 4111
- (ii) NZ 30041 (Cape Reinga) CN 41
- (iii) NZ 30051 (Tauroa Point to Cape Brett) CN 51
- (iv) NZ 300521 (North Island East coast) CN 521
- (v) NZ 300522 (North Island East Coast) CN 522
- (vi) NZ 305322 (Approaches to Auckland) CN 532

f) Electronic charts may be used in place of paper charts, except the minimum required paper charts (1.2e) that must be carried.

g) If using electronically stored charts, the above charts shall be stored on at least two (2) separate chart plotting devices. One of which must be able to be powered separately from the yachts main power source and be able to be recharged independently of the main engine and operate for an extended period of time. These devices must not be reliant on cellular coverage or internet connectivity to function.

1.3 Additional safety checks of any yacht may be made at any time.

1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

PHRF RULES

1.5 Each Monohull yacht shall produce a valid PHRF certificate by 1800hrs on 21st March 2024

1.6 PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

1.7 No changes to PHRF certificates may be made after 1800hrs on 28th March 2024, except as a result of a PHRF protest, or as a result of a new certificate issued by Yachting New Zealand after this date.

CHANGES TO RACING RULES

1.8 Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes RRS 51.
- b) Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes rule 51.
- c) Movement of sails not in use while racing is allowed; however, sails not being flown must remain within the boat's lifelines. This modifies RRS 51 only as to the movement of sails.

- d) Rule 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.
- e) Yachts may use an autopilot or other self-steering device. This changes rule 52.
- f) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing collisions at Sea shall apply. This changes RRS Part 2.
- g) Suspension of racing: (changes RRS 41 and RRS 47.1.)
 - (i) A yacht may suspend racing for any reason, provided that she informs the RNZYS at the first reasonable opportunity.
 - (ii) A yacht that has suspended racing may use a propulsion engine, haul out, or make fast, until she resumes racing.
 - (iii) A yacht that has suspended racing, may, before resuming racing, remove garbage, use any equipment or receive help to effect repairs but shall not take on food, water or other provisions, or replace sails or equipment, without the prior permission of the Race Committee.
 - (iv) Before resuming racing, a yacht shall return to the position where she suspended racing and inform the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- h) Outside Assistance: (Changes RRS 41(c))
 - (i) Whilst racing, boats may utilise weather information that is routinely available throughout the year to the general public, and whose availability is publicly indexed. (e.g. searchable by Google). Boats shall not arrange for weather routers or meteorologists or other individuals to provide them with advice, custom data or compilations of public data during the race, including screenshots of public data no matter how that information is communicated.
 - (ii) Boats may receive regularly scheduled weather broadcasts, GRIB data, weather fax transmissions or other internet based forecast information including weather routing functions within an application, whether subscription based or free of charge. (e.g. Metservice or Predictwind)
 - (iii) Prior to the Warning Signal there is no limitation on private services or any other source of data or consulting.
 - (iv) No skipper or crew member may be replaced without the prior written approval of the OA. This approval may be given at any time up until six hours prior to the start of the race. Approval shall be granted provided the OA is satisfied that the replacement is eligible to compete.

1.9 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

1.10 If there is a conflict between this document and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RNZYS website at www.rnzys.org.nz by 18:00 on Thursday 4th April 2024

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rnzys.org.nz

3.2 All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 16.

(a) Channel 17 is to be used for race event communication during the start and finish only.

(b) Channel 16 must be used for emergency communication.

3.3 In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for the Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.

3.4 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all self-righting monohull yachts of not less than 8.4 meters and Multihulls of not less than 10 meters hull length (as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing).

4.2 Each Monohull yacht must have a current PHRF certificate.

4.3 Each yacht must have a current Category 2 safety certificate. To be submitted no later than 1800 hours on Thursday 7th March 2024

4.4 A Liferaft inspection certificate is to be submitted no later than 18:00 on Thursday 7th March 2024.

4.5 406 EIRPB registration certificate for all EIRPB's and PLB's to be carried during the race. (see beacons.org.nz) Emergency contacts must be up to date. These certificates are to be submitted no later than 1800 hours Thursday 7th March 2024.

4.6 Each yacht must, in the opinion of OA, be capable of safely taking part in the race

4.7 All yachts are to provide a receipt of antifouling within six months, or have their hulls cleaned before the race. A copy of the receipt or evidence to be provided no later than the briefing at 0900 hours on Thursday 11th April 2024. Yachts are required to carry a receipt as proof of cleaning onboard for the entire race. This may be required to be produced to get entry into marinas or harbors during the race.

4.8 To be eligible to compete, each Skipper and crew shall:

- a) Be a financial member of a club recognised by the Skipper's or crew's national authority
- b) Be 16 years of age or older as at 11th April 2023.
- c) Competitors required to produce additional documentation following receipt of their entry will be given a reasonable amount of time to produce this
- d) For publicity purposes high-resolution digital images of the yacht and skipper (fully crewed) and both co-skippers (two handed), must be forwarded to the Organising Authority no later than the closing date for entries. (Friday 3rd September)
- e) One or more digital colour photos of the boat, suitable for search and rescue purposes forming part of the required documentation. One photo shall be of the boat under full sail. To be submitted no later than 1800 on 7th March 2024.
- f) The OA require all required documentation, including items of eligibility to be submitted by the dates and times specified in this notice of race.
- g) Failure to provide all required documentation by the specified dates and times will result in the entry being classed as withdrawn by the OA
- h) **Recommended:** Two Handed division, both Co-Skippers to have a recognised First Aid certificate to coastal or workplace level
- i) **Recommended:** Fully Crewed division minimum of three crew to have a recognised First Aid certificate to coastal or workplace level.

j) Exemptions from 4.1 and 4.8(b) may be issued to a yacht by the OA at their discretion.

4.9 Entries will open at 1700 on the 1st August 2023.

4.10 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the online entry on the RNZYS website by 0000 hrs on 31st December 2023.

4.11 Any entry will not be considered complete until full payment has been received by RNZYS

4.12 Sign the race declaration form at the pre-race briefing

4.13 Late entries will be accepted until 0000 on 1st March 2023.

4.14 The Race Committee reserves the right to include or exclude any yacht or person for whatever reason.

4.15 Classes are defined as follows:

Division	Definition
M	Open multihull
S	Short Handed
A	Fully Crewed

4.16 Eligible boats may enter by;

(a) Completing the on-line entry form on the club website, www.rnzys.org.nz

- go to **Sailing**, then **Major Events**, select **Three Kings** and click on **Entry Form**, and Paying the non-refundable entry fee prior to racing.

5 FEES

5.1 The standard entry fees, including GST, are:

	RNZYS Member		RNZYS Non-Member	
	Standard Entry	Late Entry	Standard Entry	Late Entry
	1 st August 2023 – 31 st December 2023	1 st January 2024 – 1 st March 2024	1 st August 2023 – 31 st December 2023	1 st January 2024 – 1 st March 2024
All divisions	\$700	\$850	\$840	\$1020

5.2 Entry fees are non-refundable for any yacht withdrawing after entry.

5.3 Entry fees may be refunded if the entry is rejected by the OA.

5.4 Yellow brick trackers must be rented for each yacht from the OA, the cost per tracker is \$200, this fee is included in the Entry Fee.

5.5 Yachts failing to return a tracking device will be charged the full cost to replace the tracking device.

5.6 Entry fee includes:

- a) Fully Crew 4 tickets to the prize giving dinner, 4 caps & 1 skipper t-shirt.
- b) Short Handed 2 tickets to the prize giving dinner, 2 caps & 2 skipper tops.
- c) Additional Caps, Tops & Prizegiving tickets can be purchased from the RNZYS before the 1st March 2024.

6 CLASSIFICATION

6.1 There are no classification requirements in accordance with RRS 79.

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing

authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Both Co-Skippers (Short Handed) and Skippers and Navigators (Fully Crewed) must attend the following:
- 8.2 The event briefing & sailors brunch at 0900hrs on Thursday 11th April 2024 at the RNZYS
- 8.3 Prize Giving dinner at 1900 on Friday 3rd of May 2024 at the RNZYS
- 8.4 Racing Schedule:
- 8.5 Race Start 1500 Thursday 11th April 2024

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Every yacht must be in a Westhaven Marina with a current Category 2 (or higher) safety certificate and be available for inspection after 1200 hours **on Friday 5th of April 2024.**
- 9.2 For inspection yachts must be rigged ready to race. (e.g., Life rings in place, jackstays run).
- 9.3 Every yacht may be inspected by honorary inspectors appointed by the OA for compliance with its safety certificate, this Notice of Race, and its ability to safely take part in the race.
- 9.4 Yachts that do not pass the inspection may remedy any defects and request a further inspection.
- 9.5 Any yacht that does not pass an inspection by 1700hrs on Monday 7th April 2024 will be deemed to have withdrawn from the race.
- 9.6 Non-Westhaven based yachts can request a suitable time for inspection. Boats are to organize a berth with Westhaven Marina for their inspection.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The Course shall be:
Starting between the Westhaven tower and ODM marker- Ohau/West island (S)- Princes Islands (S)
- Moekawa/South West Island (S) - Manawatawhi/Great Island (S) - Oromaki/North East island (S)
–Finish between Westhaven tower and ODM marker. *All yachts shall pass to the east of the Cavalli Islands.* Approximately 490 nautical miles.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The race will be scored on PHRF PASSAGE for fully crewed, PHRF SH for short-handed and RNZYS PHS for multihulls.

12 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 12.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 12.2 All those who take part in this event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your

property (boats).

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors who participate in any RNZYS event do so entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS Fundamental Rule 3. RNZYS will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.
- 14.2 Each yacht shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or continue to race.
- 14.3 RNZYS is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency/adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its Skippers and crew.

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million dollars (\$5m) and a recommended cover of ten million dollars (\$10m) for the race.
- 15.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided by 1800hrs on Friday 1st March 2024

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The following prizes will be awarded:
- a) 1st PHRF Overall Short Handed
 - b) 1st PHRF Overall Fully Crewed
 - c) 1st PHS Multihull
 - d) 1st Line Overall Short Handed
 - e) 1st Line Overall Fully Crewed
 - f) 1st Line Multihull
 - g) Other awards may be presented for notable events and achievements during the race.

17 SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

Item	NOR	Time	Date
Entries open	NOR 4.9	1700hrs	1 st August 2023
Regular entries close	NOR 4.10	0000hrs	31 st December 2023
Evidence of insurance to be provided	NOR 15.2	1800hrs	1 st March 2024
PHRF Certificates to be provided	NOR 1.5	1800hrs	21 st March 2024

Late entries close	NOR 4.13	0000hrs	1 st March 2023
Cat 2 safety certificate	NOR 4.3	1800hrs	7 th March 2024
Liferaft servicing certificate	NOR 4.4	1800hrs	7 th March 2024
EPRIB & PLB registration certificates	NOR 4.5	1800hrs	7 th March 2024
Final Sailing Instructions on or before	NOR 2.1	1800hrs	4 th April 2024
Boats to be present for inspection	NOR 9.1	1200hrs	5 th April 2024
Boats to pass inspection	NOR 9.5	1700hrs	7 th April 2024
Hull cleaning or antifouling receipt or evidence	NOR 4.7	0900hrs	11 th April 2024
Race Briefing	NOR 8.2	0900hrs	11 th April 2024
Race start	NOR 8.2	1500hrs	11 th April 2024
Prize Giving	NOR 5.6	1900hrs	3 rd May 2024

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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