HARKEN NEW ZEALAND YOUNG 88 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

21st – 23rd March, 2025

The Organising Authority is the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Auckland, New Zealand

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**NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)**

# RULES

* 1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
  2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Category 4 shall apply. Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
  3. On Water Judging will be used for this event. The Umpired Fleet Racing Rules will apply and will be attached to the SSI’s.
  4. Any conflict in references to RRS in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions that results from the publication of the new RRS that take effect from 1 January 2025 shall not be grounds for a protest or redress request against the Organising Authority or Race Committee.
  5. Appendix S will apply.
  6. Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

* 1. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
  2. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Thursday 6 March 2025.

# COMMUNICATION

* 1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.young88.org.nz/events/188463/>
  2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 4,16,17,77.
  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).
  4. [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF radio (channel 16/77) while racing.
  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.

# ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

* 1. The event is open to all boats of the Young 88 class.
  2. Eligible boats may enter by;
     1. Completing the on-line entry form on the Young 88 website, <https://www.young88.org.nz/events/188463/>
     2. Paying the non-refundable entry fee.
  3. Entries must be submitted using the online form and payment made by 23:59 hrs on 6th March 2024.
  4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
  5. To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor’s national authority.
  6. All boats owners and helms must be a current member of the Young 88 class owners’ association.

# FEES

* 1. The entry fee is $250.00

# CREW LIMITATIONS

1. Under RRS 87, rule 16.1 of the Young 88 Class Rules is replaced with the following: “While racing a crew shall consist of either no more than seven crew, or if more than seven persons then a maximum crew weight limit of 616 kilograms applies, weighed with all crew wearing a minimum of sailing shorts and a tee shirt. Boats sailing with more than 7 crew will be required to complete the crew weight compliance declaration form at this link https://forms.gle/gcoGxgKGgNeZLHsu8 by 1600hrs Weds 18th March 2025.
   1. RRS 78.1 Is hereby changed to include. Boats racing with more than seven crew may be required to weigh in at the conclusion of racing each day. No crew will have to weigh twice. Crew weighing will take place at the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club by 1900 each race day, a tolerance of 10kg increase from the declared maximum will be permitted in the total crew weight for that day. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification without a hearing from all races completed on that day of racing.
   2. [DP]Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee or Race Committee.

# ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

* 1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance WS advertising code.

# SCHEDULE

* 1. *Registration and Briefing*:

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|  | **Date** | **From** | **To** |
| Registration | Friday, 21st March 2025 | 1600 | 1830 |
| Briefing | Friday, 21st March 2025 | 1830 |  |
| Prize Giving | Sunday 23rd March 2025 | After Racing |  |

* 1. Registration consists of picking up race packs and sealing of spare spinnakers as per the class rules. This can be done at Registration on the 21st March 2025 or immediately after the briefing.
  2. Attending The Briefing at 1830 on the 21st March 2025 at the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club is mandatory for all skippers or their nominated representative.
  3. *Dates of racing:*

The event shall consist of a series of up to 10 races – (refer schedule below).

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Time of First Warning Signal** | **Number of Races** | **Maximum races per day** |
| Day 1 | Sat, 22nd March 2025 | 0955 | 5 | 6 |
| Day 2 | Sun, 23rd March 2025 | 0955 | 5 | 6 |

The time limits and target times for windward leeward races in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

Time Limit Mark 1 Time Limit Target Time

60 25 40

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target times or time limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) Redress.

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, Time Limit and Scores, A4, Low Point and Bonus Point Systems, and A5, Scores Determined by the Race Committee.

* 1. On Saturday 22nd March, 2025 no warning signal will be made after 1800.
  2. On Sunday 23rd March, 2025 no warning signal will be made after 1500.

# EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

* 1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
  2. Only measured and approved Class sails may be used.
  3. All boats will be supplied with four coloured stickers for sail identification at the briefing. Each skipper is required to clearly display these adjacent to the measurer’s stamp, one on each of the Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, & Spinnaker (as per Class Sails) chosen by each skipper for use in the event.
  4. Spare #1 spinnakers may be carried but they must be presented at or before the briefing on Friday 21st March (as per NOR 9.3 for inspection and to have the sail bags sealed by the Class Measurer.
  5. No boats or sails shall be measured after 1800 Monday 17 March 2025.
  6. Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

# VENUE

* 1. The event will be based out of the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Half Moon Bay, Auckland.
  2. The intended racing area is bounded North Head and Park Point but may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee to suit the conditions. If the intention is to use the Back Paddock (east of Brown’s Island), this will be advised at the Friday briefing.

# THE COURSES

# The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward.

# PENALTY SYSTEM

* 1. On Water Judging will be used for this event. Umpired Fleet Racing Rules will apply and will be attached to the SSI’s.

# SCORING

* 1. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  2. (a) When from 1 to 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores,

(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

# SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

* 1. [DP] All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
  2. [DP] Any support and coach vessels shall be registered with the Race Committee, and clearly marked to identify with their team.
  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.

# HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

* 1. [DP] All boats must in the water 18 hours before the event starts, and remain in the water during the event, unless given prior written permission has been provided by the Race Committee. For the sake of clarity, the restriction on haul-out includes any cleaning of the hull under the water line until after the event concludes.

# DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

* 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.

# RISK STATEMENT

* 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.**

# DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

* 1. All those taking part in Bucklands Beach Yacht Club races or any other sailing events controlled by the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, as between the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club 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 Bucklands Beach Yacht Club 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 Bucklands Beach Yacht Club reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.

# INSURANCE

* 1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy insurance policy certificate must be provided if at any time requested to do so by the Organising Authority.

# PRIZES

* 1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
     1. The National Championship will be decided on line. Places will also be awarded for 2nd

and 3rd overall online.

* + 1. A Corinthian prize will be awarded to the first all amateur crew online.
    2. The Tanaka Cup will be awarded for the first placed owner-driver.
  1. Handicap prizes will be awarded except those who qualify for prizes in 20.1(a) and 20.1(b) who will not be eligible.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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