

Port Nicholson Regatta 2012

Incorporating the 2012 PHRF National Championship

9-12 February 2012

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club (Inc.), ("RPNYC")

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1. Rules

General and Safety Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 ("RRS").
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand ("YNZ") Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver, bosun's chair, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633.
- 1.3 Alternatively, trailer yachts may comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category C upgraded to include a VHF transceiver, at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.5 will apply to trailer yachts.
- 1.4 Alternatively, sports boats may comply with Part VI of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category A upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver (or a VHF transceiver in a waterproof bag), one "First aid kit - basic" (as described in the YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix "A"), at least 10 litres of fuel, and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1-2.5 will apply to sports boats.
- 1.5 A serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller shall be installed capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL(m)} \times 3.28$ knots.
- 1.6 Safety checks of any boat in any division may be made at any time.

IRC and PHRF Rules

- 1.7 IRC Rules 2011 parts A, B, and C shall apply to boats competing under IRC.
- 1.8 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.
- 1.9 PHRF and/or IRC certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 1.10 Racing rule 51 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 may use movable ballast in the form of water and/or a canting keel only, provided such ballast has no practical function in the boat other than to increase weight and/or to influence stability and/or trim and which may be moved but not varied in weight or length whilst racing, and further provided that such ballast is used in accordance with all applicable requirements of the boat's Safety Certificate. This changes RRS 51.
- 1.11 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.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all self-righting monohull yachts.

- 3.2 The Organising Authority may split boats into divisions.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete, each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority. Where an entrant is an RPNYC member, the following membership categories shall be eligible: a senior member; a junior member; or a general member, who is a current financial senior member of another yacht club in Wellington.

Entries

- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter online and pay the entry fee at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz until 1830hrs on Thursday 9 February 2012.
- 3.5 Alternatively, eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the boat's IRC and/or PHRF rating certificates and the entry to the Organising Authority to arrive by 1830hrs on Thursday 9 February 2012.
- 3.6 The entry form is available for completion and submission on the regatta website (portnicholsonregatta.org.nz); alternatively, the entry form may be downloaded and submitted via mail to the Organising Authority.

4. Fees

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Date Entry Received	Entry Fee
On or before 31 December 2011	\$195.00 per boat
From 1 January 2012 to 29 January 2012	\$245.00 per boat
On or after 30 January 2012	\$295.00 per boat

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration and Briefing:

- (a) Registration: 1600-1830hrs on Thursday 9 February 2012
- (b) Briefing: 2000hrs on Thursday 9 February 2012
- (c) A representative of each yacht must register and attend the briefing.

5.2 Racing Schedule:

- (a) Racing is scheduled for 10, 11, 12 February 2012.
- (b) Nine races are scheduled.
- (c) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955hrs.
- (d) Back to back races, as signalled, are scheduled.

- 5.3 On Sunday 12 February 2012, no warning signal will be made after 1455 hours.

6. Measurements

- 6.1 Each boat wishing to be scored on PHRF shall produce a valid PHRF certificate at or before registration.
- 6.2 Each boat wishing to be scored on IRC shall produce a valid IRC rating certificate at or before registration.
- 6.3 No changes to IRC and PHRF rating certificates may be made after 1830hrs on Thursday 9 February 2012, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will available upon registration.

8. Venue

- 8.1 Registration will be held at the RPNYC Clubhouse, the briefing location will be advised at registration.
- 8.2 All races will be held within Wellington harbour as marked on chart NZ4633.

9. The Courses

9.1 Windward-leeward, triangle and/or harbour courses may be sailed.

10. Scoring

10.1 A division or race will not be scored unless two or more boats start in that division or race.

10.2 Races will be scored on PHRF, IRC, and General Handicap.

10.3 Five races will be required to be completed to constitute a series for the PHRF National Championship. One race will be required to be completed to constitute a series for all other scoring methods.

10.4 When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.5 When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.6 The General Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and the prior races, if any.

11. Support Boats

11.1 Support boats shall not be allowed.

12. Haul Out Restrictions

12.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms or prior written permission of the race committee.

13. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

13.1 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 regatta.

14. Radio Communication

14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. Prizes

15.1 The Ross Telford Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the 2012 Port Nicholson Regatta Champion. The regatta champion will be determined by the 2012 Port Nicholson Regatta committee.

15.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on PHRF, IRC, and general handicap.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

16.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS rule 4. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

17. Insurance

17.1 Each boat that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 per event, or the equivalent.

18. Further Information

18.1 A statement outlining the Organising Authority's general plans for the regatta, including the mix of courses, course length and division structure, will be available at www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.

18.2 For further information please contact the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club on 04-939-7069, email mail@portnicholsonregatta.org.nz or visit www.portnicholsonregatta.org.nz.