



## 2017 Marsden Cove Marina Route 66 Briefing Document Essential Information for Skippers and Crew

### Before The Race

1. Read the Sailing Instructions, this year there are a few changes:
  - A modified divisional structure (Div A split into A1 and A2)
  - Cape Rodney and Finish Sched now on VHF Ch 18
  - **Course change from NOR** - No 7 Buoy removed to accommodate Alternate Finish (see SIs)
  - Alternate Finish option will be notified at Cape Rodney Sched (see SIs)
2. Please ensure that your boat meets safety requirements (Cat 4+) and your VHF is in good working order
3. **Submit a 2 minute form** on Thursday – this is a safety requirement.
4. Marsden Cove Marina requires all berthing boats to provide a copy of valid 3<sup>rd</sup>-party insurance on request – print one off and keep it in the boat.
5. Singlehanders have special safety requirements, see the NOR and SIs.
6. Tracking is required - be sure to set up the PredictWind Tracker App - details in the SIs
7. There are requirements for major spot prize eligibility:
  - Lidgards bow stickers must be applied to be in for \$3500 in Lidgards prizes (Get them at the RYC office, Friday morning at the latest.)
  - PredictWind Tracking is required for the \$500 PredictWind prize
  - Vining's Marine Solo Series stickers should be applied to Solo Series boats, just 'cuz.  
*Support the sponsors and they will continue to support the race!*
8. Check the weather – we recommend PredictWind!
9. Weekend parking at Westhaven for crew - please use the Western carpark (S of the Office), we've been assured you won't be ticketed.
10. Check the Westhaven Tower Friday morning - we will notify if the alternate start at Narrow Neck will be used by putting a big '2' up by 08:00.

### During The Race

1. Keep a listening watch on your VHF – you might be a stricken boat's best chance at survival
2. The following scheds are **mandatory**: (*More information on scheds is in the SIs.*)
  - Soon after rounding Cape Rodney (on VHF Ch 18)
  - In the vicinity of Whangarei Fairway Buoy (~3nm to finish, on VHF Ch 18)
3. The Finish will be notified (No 9 Buoy or Fairway Buoy) during acknowledgement of the Sched.
3. Known Shipping movements at Whangarei are as follows:
 

• Shansi	ETD	11:00	03/03/17
• Hunan	ETA	12:00	03/03/17
• Tunsin	ETA	23:00	03/03/17
4. Please mind your COLREGS obligations, especially when vessels over 500 tonnes are concerned, especially in harbour and after dark. The channel at Whangarei is confined – if it's big, avoid it.

5. Tides at Marsden Point for Fri/Sat are:

- Friday (3/3/17) HIGH 2.8m 12:07
- Friday (3/3/17) LOW 0.4m 18:17
- Saturday (4/3/17) HIGH 2.7m 00:32 (get in before midnight!)
- Saturday (4/3/17) LOW 0.5m 06:37

6. There are numerous navigational hazards when approaching Marsden Point, see Chart NZ 5214 and read the SIs for more details. No. 7 buoy is now a course obstruction and should only be passed on the channel side.

#### After The Race

1. As you approach the docks of Marsden Cove Marina call the Race DockMaster on VHF Ch 77 for berthing instruction. A boat will be on station if needed to assist vessels to port.
2. Be prepared with docking lines and fenders as you come into the marina – mooring lines are not provided by the marina.
3. After settling and tidying your boat, please walk up to the marquee tent with your crew to collect your finisher's pack.
4. Please be respectful to the residents, users, and team at **Marsden Cove Marina** – they are a wonderful sponsor of the event. This means keep the party noise down after 10:00.
5. Showers are available, bring cash and ask the Race Dockmaster for directions.
6. A cheap and delicious breakfast is cooked up by OYC on Saturday morning from 08:00. Bring cash or an EFTPOS card and be early as it's first come, first served.
7. Prizegiving will start at 10:00 Saturday morning – this will be in the tent. We have a heap of line, handicap and spot prizes to give away; set your alarm so don't sleep through it! The prize pool is ~\$5,000 this year thanks to **Lidgards, Musto, and PredictWind!**
8. Boats returning to Auckland – be sure to stop in for the Saturday night return party at Kawau Boating Club, Bon Accord Harbour. Food, drink and fun with your mates at a great venue. Lidgards will have a RIB roving to help you to/from the dock; use VHF Ch 03 to call in a ride.
9. We've been advised there will be no fuel available at Kawau - plan accordingly.

**(BE SAFE, SAIL WELL, HAVE FUN! See you at Marsden Cove!)**

