



## 2018 Marsden Cove Marina Route 66 Briefing Document Essential Information for Skippers and Crew

### Before The Race

1. Read the Sailing Instructions
  - Cape Rodney and Finish Sched on VHF Ch 18
  - Alternate Finish option will be notified at Cape Rodney Sched (details in SIs)
2. Please ensure that your boat meets safety requirements (Cat 4+) and your VHF is in good working order
3. **Complete crew details online via TES**
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 boom stickers must be applied to be in for \$3500 in Lidgards prizes (Included in your start pack available at the RYC office, Friday morning at the latest.)
  - PredictWind Tracking is required for the \$500 PredictWind prize - see SIs Clause 22.1
  - Vinings Marine Solo Series stickers should be applied to Solo Series boats.

*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 - ticketing at Westhaven has been suspended on the white parks for Friday and Monday of the R66 weekend. Parking in the yellow parks requires a permit.
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. High tide at Auckland is 0825 hours, 3.5M

### 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.
4. Known Shipping movements at Whangarei are as follows:
 

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5. 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.
6. Tides at Marsden Point for Fri/Sat are:
  - Friday (02/3/18)      HIGH   2.8m   2102 hours
  - Saturday (03/3/18)    LOW    0.4m   0306 hours

- Saturday (03/3/18) HIGH 2.9m 0928 hours

7. 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. Competitors will be rafted up on the sales berth.
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 2200 hours.
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 0800 hours. Bring cash or an EFTPOS card and be early as it's first come, first served.
7. Prizegiving will start at 0930 hours Saturday morning – this will be in the tent. We have plenty 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 – Join in the unofficial race to 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 is no petrol available at Kawau - plan accordingly. Diesel is available.

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

