



# NOTICE OF RACE

FRIDAY, 26 February 2021

The Organising Authorities (OAs) are the Richmond Yacht Club, Inc (RYC), the Onerahi Yacht Club, Inc (OYC) and Gulf Harbour Yacht Club (GHYC).

## 1.0 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations (YNZ SR) Part II Category 4 shall apply, with additional requirements as specified below (Cat 4+):

1.3 In addition to meeting Cat 4, all yachts must:

- Carry lifebuoys that meet YNZ SR Cat 3.
- Be fitted with lifelines (or equivalent) to meet YNZ SR Cat 3 standards.
- Have securely fitted jackstays to YNZ SR Cat 3 standards
- Carry a floating grab bag containing: a Cat 4 flare pack, a 406mhz EPIRB or PLB, a waterproof floating torch, a waterproof cell phone (or one in a waterproof case), or a waterproof handheld VHF (required if the boat is not fitted with a fixed VHF).

1.4 The Organising Authorities strongly recommended that ALL yachts carry a dinghy (or life raft) to meet YNZ SR Cat 3 standards.

1.5 Additional requirements for singlehanded skippers:

- Singlehanded skippers are required to wear an appropriate personal flotation device while racing. e.g. a New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 inflatable type 401 150N lifejacket with crotch strap
- Singlehanded skippers are required to carry, on their person during the race, the means to self-initiate a 3<sup>rd</sup> party rescue in the event that they become unable to sail singlehanded or fall overboard. Appropriate equipment would include marine communications equipment such as a waterproof handheld VHF marine radio, a cell phone in a dry-container that can be operated while kept dry, or a registered 406 MHz marine EPIRB/PLB. A personal AIS transponder, whistle, light or signaling mirror may be carried but will not meet the requirement to be able to self-initiate a 3<sup>rd</sup> party rescue.

1.6 The Organising Authorities recommend that ALL competitors wear lifejackets that meet New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 (inflatable type 401 150N) with a crotch strap whilst underway. All crew are recommended to be clipped into jackstays before leaving the safety of the cockpit.

1.7 The RRS will be changed in accordance with RRS Rule 86 as follows:

- RRS Rule 29.2 is changed so that in the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted five minutes after the last scheduled start.
- RRS Rule 51 is modified to allow boats with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete.
- RRS Rule 52 'Manual Power' shall not apply.
- Where a boat is sailing singlehanded an autopilot self-steering system may be used. This modifies RRS Rule 52.
- Other changes to the RRS will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

1.7 Control of the race will pass from RYC and GHYC to OYC immediately following the start of the last division.

## 2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to all yachts (keelboats and multihulls) that meet the requirements of Section 1 of this NOR.

2.2 Eligible boats, including RYC Sail Pass entries, may enter by completing the online registration form on the website richmondyc.org.nz. Entries will be accepted up to 2359 hours Wednesday 24 February 2021. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OAs'.

2.3 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper must be a financial member of a club recognised by YNZ.

## 3.0 FEES

- Holders of the RYC Sail Pass \$40
- All other entrants \$80

## 4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Skippers agree to make their boats available for inspections prior to and/or just after finishing to ensure they meet Cat 4+ Safety Requirements as detailed above.

4.2 Briefing: There will be no briefing for this race. A pre-race briefing document will be provided to skippers and available from the RYC office and website no later than 1700 Wednesday 24th February 2021.

4.4 Crew list - Skippers must create a crew contact list by using the "update entry" link on the on-line entry main menu. **Emergency contacts for all crew must be provided.**

4.5 Race Schedule: The race will start on Friday 26 February 2021.

4.6 Divisions and Start Times

<u>Division</u>		<u>Flag</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Alternate Start</u>
B1	OPEN SINGLEHANDED	White	0900	1030
B2	NO Extras SINGLEHANDED	White	0900	1030
A2	OPEN KEELER (~0.75-)	Light Blue	0905	1035
A1	OPEN KEELER (~0.75+)	Blue/Yellow	0910	1040
M	MULTIHULLS	Green	0915	1045
A3	GULF HARBOUR	White	0900	1030

4.7 Divisional handicap ranges are for guidance and are not definitive. If you are unsure which division to race in please contact RYC for guidance.

4.8 A boat's division may be changed at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities. Skippers will be notified if a reassignment is made.

4.9 If there is a need to postpone or abandon the race a decision will be made by 08:00 on the day of the race.

## 5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2021 Marsden Cove Route 66 Sailing Instructions will apply for this race. The SIs will be available from the RYC office and website no later than 1700 Friday, 19th February 2021.

## 6.0 VENUE

The racing area is the Hauraki Gulf and Bream Head to Cape Colville.

## 7.0 COURSE

7.1 From the Start (Auckland or Gulf Harbour) to Kawau Island (P), Little Barrier Island (S), Sail Rock (S), to the Finish (Whangarei)

7.2 There will be start lines at both Westhaven (Divs M, A1, A2, B1, B2 only) and Gulf Harbour (Div A3 only).

7.3 The Starts and Finishes will be fully defined in the Sailing Instructions. Be advised that, in adverse conditions, an alternate start may be used or the alternate finish may be used.

## **8.0 PRIZES**

8.1 Prizes will be awarded at the race prizegiving held at Marsden Cove Marina starting from 9:00 on Saturday, or soon thereafter. All boats, crews and supporters are welcome at the prizegiving.

8.2 To be eligible for spot prizes, boats must attend the prizegiving.

8.3 Race results will be posted on the club notice boards and the RYC website, as soon as practicable after the prizegiving.

## **9.0 GENERAL INFORMATION/BERTHING**

9.1 Finishing boats will be directed to a complimentary berth and will receive a competitors pack upon their arrival at Marsden Cove Marina.

9.2 The depth of the channel leading into Marsden Cove Marina is approximately 3m at low tide.

Auckland High Water	Friday	26 February	0731 - 3.1M
Marsden Point High Water	Friday	26 February	2021 - 2.8M
	Saturday	27 February	0853 - 3.3M

9.3 Boats returning to Auckland are encouraged to join for the return party at Kawau Saturday night, details will be announced in the lead up to the race, and at the prizegiving

## **10.0 INSURANCE**

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a recommended cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

10.2 Proof of insurance must be provided to Marsden Cove Marina prior to berthing.

## **11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authorities 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.

## **12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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