

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand regulations Part II Category 5 and these Race Notes shall apply for keel boats and multi hulls.
- 1.3 Any contact made, however minor, with any navigational mark, shall be reported to the race committee by that yacht or any other yacht witnessing the incident. Competitors shall keep clear of all ships of 500 tonnes net register and upwards (500m in front and 200m to the side). This particularly refers to, but it is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel. Competitors shall abide by all harbour regulations.
- 1.4 A boat shall not discharge trash into the water. Waterbombs are prohibited.

## 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Racing is open to all keel boats that meet the requirements of 1.2 above.
- 2.2 Entries will be accepted up until Thursday 8 February 2024 by Winstone Wallboards. Entries must be completed in full and will be accepted via post or online/website (as per entry form).
- 2.3 Late entries 'may' be accepted at Winstone Wallboards discretion up until Thursday 15 February 2024. If accepted, this will incur a late fee of \$50.
- 2.4 Due to capacity constraints of this event, Winstone Wallboards reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any yacht entry. Preference will be given to architect yacht entries; entry details may be checked before acceptance into the GIB® Architects' Regatta.

## 3. RACE DIVISIONS AND START TIMES

- 3.1 The race will be started using a Mark Foy

Start. Each boat will be allotted a start time and a start sequence number. The first boats starting at 1600 hrs.

- 3.2 There will be two divisions (a) Non Spinnaker (b) Spinnaker.

## 4. THE START

- 4.1 15.55 WARNING SIGNAL Sponsors Flag and course number displayed.  
15.56 PREPARATORY SIGNAL Code Flag 'P' displayed.  
15.59 ONE MINUTE Code Flag 'P' removed.  
16.00 FIRST START Sponsors Flag removed.  
Please note: Premature Starters will be penalised 3 places.

## 5. THE COURSE

- 5.1 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall signal the number of the course to be sailed, from Westhaven Tower.
- 5.2 Course sheets will be included in the race entry pack, which must be picked up from the registration desk in the Main Hall, RNZYS from 2pm on race day.

## 6. START AND FINISH LINES

- 6.1 The start and finish line will be between the signal mast on the Westhaven Tower and the Windward edge of the yellow Westhaven buoy approximately 400 metres from the Tower. All boats not starting shall keep clear of the starting area defined as 100 metres west of the starting line until 5 minutes prior to their allotted start time.

## 7. FAIRWAY MARKS

- 7.1 Fairway Marks, as outlined in the Sailing Instructions, will be deemed to be

obstructions and shall be passed on the main channel side only.

## 8. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 RNZYS Standard Sailing Instructions apply, and a copy will be provided in the race pack on the day.

## 9. RACE COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 All radio communications between competitors and the race committee shall be through VHF Channel 17.

## 10. SAFETY

- 10.1 Skippers are responsible to ensure crew and guests behave in a considerate and safe manner while on the water and ensure lifejackets are available for all crew to wear onboard. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is the skipper's alone.

## 11. PRE-RACE PACK AND INFORMATION

- 11.1 Race pennants, start times and course details must be picked up from the registration desk in the Main Hall at the RNZYS from 2pm on race day. Race pennants must be returned at prize-giving.
- 11.2 Parking: Please advise your guests that parking is only available between the white lines around the RNZYS. Parking permits can be picked up from the machine at the RNZYS reception. Between the yellow lines is a tow-away zone and is for Berth Owner card holders only. Vehicles incorrectly parked will be towed.

## 12. POST-RACE FUNCTION

- 12.1 Following the race all participants are invited to meet at the RNZYS to enjoy

drinks and dinner generously provided by the race sponsor. A brief prize-giving and sponsors address will be made at the post race function.

## 13. DRESS CODE

- 13.1 Please respect the RNZYS dress code. Smart/casual. No hats, no jandals.

## 14. DISCLAIMER

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and Winstone Wallboards 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 RNZYS is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of the boats in the event and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of their equipment or the competence of the skippers or crews whose entries are accepted. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.