

Note of Race and Special Instructions.

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand regulations Part II Category 5 and these sailing instructions shall apply for keel boats.
- 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. This particularly refers to, but it is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel.
- 1.4 A boat shall not discharge trash into the water. However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting sail is permitted.

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 by Winstone Wallboards up until Friday 9 February 2018. 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 Friday 16 February 2018. 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® Regatta.

3. Race Divisions and Start Times

- 3.1 The race will be started using a Mark Foy System. 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

1555 WARNING SIGNAL Sponsors Flag and course number displayed

1556 PREPARATORY SIGNAL Code Flag 'P' displayed

1559 ONE MINUTE Code Flag 'P' removed

1600 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 10 minutes prior to their allotted start time.

7. Fairway Marks

7.1 Bean Rock Light and Beacon – Boats shall pass on the main channel side.

3. Race Communication

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

Disclaimer

9.1 All those taking part in the RNZYS races or 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 neither the RNZYS nor Winstone Wallboards, has any liability for any damage, loss or penalty suffered by any boat, crew or any other person taking part in such races or events. The RNZYS and Winstone Wallboards is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

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 onboard. The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or continue racing is the skippers alone.

11. Pre Race Pack

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.

Parking: please advise your guests that parking is only available between the white lines around the RNZYS. Between the yellow lines is a tow-away zone and is for Berth Owner card holders only. Vehicles will be towed! Parking is also available adjacent to Buoy Restaurant on Westhaven Drive.

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.