

Notice of Race: NYC Regatta 2017

28/29 October 2017

The Organising Authority is the Northland Yachting Association (NYA)

The regatta venue and hosting club will be Opuia Cruising Club (This regatta will rotate between the Bay of Islands Whangarei and Monganui areas in the future)

Event. NYA Keelboat Regatta 2017.

This Notice of Race covers all racing for NYA Keelboat Regatta October 28/29 2017.

The Purpose of this regatta is to encourage boats to race for fun and to build skills and confidence. This regatta was organised by NYA as a stepping stone to get more keel, sport and multihulls participating in simple fun inter club competition.

We look forward to welcoming all clubs from Northland; Bay Of Islands Yacht Club, Dargaville Yacht Club Inc, Kerikeri Cruising Club, Mangonui Cruising Club, Marsden Yacht & Boating Club, Onerahi Yacht Club, Opuia Cruising Club, Russell Boating Club, Sandspit Yacht Club, Taipa Sailing Club, Whangarei Cruising club Inc.

1. Rules

General and Safety Rules (Don't Crash ok!) (and bring a VHF so we can communicate)

All racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, effective 1 January 2017, including any promulgated amendments and particularly the amendments as described below. Where there is a conflict between these instructions and the RRS, these NYA Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.1 Compliance with safety regulations.

- (a) Keelboats (including multihulls) shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand ("YNZ") Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver.

- (b) Trailer yachts shall comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations; Category C upgraded to include a VHF transceiver. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 will apply to trailer yachts.
- (c) Sports boats shall comply with Part VI of the YNZ Safety Regulations; Category B upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 will apply to sports boats.

2.2. Changes to Racing Rules

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

Rule 44.1 is changed so that a 720 turn is replaced by a 360 turn.

2. Advertising

Please Inform the racing Authority at registration.

3. Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

The Regatta is open to all Cruising classic and racing keel boats, Cruising and racing multihulls, trailer yachts and sports boats that meet the requirements of clause 2.2.

The Organising Authority reserves the right to re-allocate an entrant to another division to ensure fair competition or because of minimal entries to a Division. Four boats may constitute a division.

Amendments to divisions will be made by 19:00 hrs on Friday 27th October.

Yachts will race in the following divisions.

1. Division 1
2. Division 2
3. Division 3
4. Multi Hull racing
5. Cruising Division: classics, cruisers and multihull cruisers– Non spinnaker Passage cruising race. (very Cruisy)

To be eligible to compete, each skipper shall be a full financial member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting NZ and the yacht shall be on their club's boat register.

Entries

Eligible yachts may:

1. (a) Complete the entry form and send it together with the (entry fee \$50) to the Organising Authority to arrive by 1700hrs Tuesday 24th October 2017 or,
2. (b) Complete the entry form and make payment at the registration Friday (late entry \$70)

Eligible boats wishing to enter PHRF shall indicate this on their entry form. Boats entering PHRF are to bring a copy of their current PHRF certificate to registration to be attached to their entry form. PHRF results will be available for Divisions 1 and 2 if there are 2 or more qualifying boats.

4. FEES

The entry fee for the Regatta will be \$50.00

Late Entry will be \$70.00.

5. Schedule

Registration and Briefing

1. (a) Registration: 17:00-19:00hrs Friday 27 October at Opuia Cruising Club
2. (b) Briefing: 19:00hrs 27 Oct 2017 – OCC clubhouse.
3. (c) A representative of each yacht must attend the briefing.

Racing Schedule:

4. (a) Racing is scheduled for 28 – 29 October 2017
5. (b) Four races are scheduled each day
6. (c) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1000 hrs.

No warning signal will be made after 1455hrs on Sunday 29th

The OA reserves the right at its sole discretion to change the format and event schedule for any reason prior to the event or during the event due to the prevailing weather conditions.

6 Sailing Instructions

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the OCC Registration Desk from 15:00hrs on Friday 27 October 2017.

7 Racing Area

7.1 The races will be held within the Bay of Islands

8 Courses

8.1 Windward–leeward, trapezoid and/or harbour courses may be sailed.

9 Scoring

1. A division or race will not be scored unless two or more boats start in that division or race.
2. Races will be scored on General Handicap, PHRF (if 2 or more qualifying yachts race) and Line Honours.
3. Four races will be required to be completed to constitute a series for the regatta. (cruising division only needs 1 race for a series)
4. A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores when four races have been completed, 5- 8 races and the worst score will be excluded.
5. All yachts will be handicapped by the OCC official Handicapper. Provisional handicaps may be posted 0850hrs on Saturday 28th October 2017. Regatta handicaps will not change between races. The decision of the handicapper shall be final. (If you have a problem with this please race a 1 design boat, hehehe!)

10 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Boats may receive and use any information freely available to all yachts, and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors (whether on a subscription or free basis). Permitted sources of information must provide the same information to all competitors who seek it. Competitors may use any means to retrieve information. This changes rule 41.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first place getters in each division and maybe second and third place if we can get enough sponsorship

Spot prizes will be given out to awesome people.

12. Disclaimer and Liability

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to rule 4. The Organising Authority 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.

The OA will not be responsible for the sea-worthiness 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 OA reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

13 Insurance

Each boat that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 per event, or the equivalent.

14 Further Information

Contact raceofficer@opuacrusingclub.co.nz