



NEW ZEALAND MATCH RACING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th November 2024

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS)
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NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), including Appendix C.
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 1.3. Class rules will not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online on Wednesday the 6th of November 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board will be on a WhatsApp group called 'NZMRC 2024 Official Notice Board'.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio that is monitoring channel 17 while on the water.

4. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 4.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS).

5. VENUE

- 5.1. The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour.





6. EVENT GRADING

- 6.1. The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 2.
- 6.2. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

7. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 7.1. Schedule:
 - a. Sailing Office is open from Wednesday 13th November at 0830hrs.
 - b. Registration from 0830hrs until 1700hrs Wednesday 13th November.
 - c. Crew weighing is from 0830hrs until 1700hrs Wednesday 13th November and 0730hrs to 0830hrs Thursday 14th November.
 - d. Practice sessions will be between 1000hrs and 1300hours & on Wednesday 13th of November.
 - e. The first briefing will be at 2000hrs Wednesday 13th November.
 - f. The first meeting with the umpires will follow the first briefing.
 - g. Racing days will be Thursday 14th November to Sunday 17th November 2024.
 - h. The scheduled time of the first race each day will be 1000hrs.
 - i. Daily briefings will be held at 0845hrs on each race day.
 - j. The prize giving will be held on Sunday 17th November at the conclusion of racing.
- 7.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - a. Initial briefing for skippers.
 - b. Daily briefing for skippers racing in the morning session.
 - c. Prize giving on Sunday 17th November.





8. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 8.1.** Up to twenty (20) skippers will be invited. Invitations will be first issued to:
- The winner of the 2023 New Zealand Match Race Championship (Nick Egnot-Johnson) or runner up (Cole Tapper).
 - Emirates Team New Zealand representative team.
 - RNZYS Youth Training Programme nominee.
 - Two RNZYS Performance Programme nominees.
 - Eight overseas skippers or skippers residing more than 500km from Auckland.
 - The top three teams from the 2024 New Zealand Youth Nationals that have not already qualified.
 - All other entrants will be chosen from those who put in an expression of interest form.
- 8.2.** The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 8.3.** To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing via email to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 8.4.** All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- 8.5.** All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 8.6.** To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the OA and crew member's national authority.

9. ENTRIES

- 9.1. Entering:** The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, cash or cheque.
- 9.2. Entry Fee:** A non-refundable entry fee of NZ\$1000 shall be paid by 1700hrs 1st September 2024. A deposit of \$500 will be due two weeks after the invitation is sent. A late fee of \$200 will be added if paying after this date making the total entry fee \$1200.
- 9.3.** Please note, if paying by international bank transfer, you will be liable for the bank fees that apply.





9.4. Withdrawal: When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

9.5. Damage Deposit:

- a. An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA.
- b. The damage deposit is the limit of liability for each boat for each incident. For multiple boat collision's the skipper(s) at fault will be liable for \$1,000 per boat and may be required to pay the damage deposit for each boat.
- c. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- d. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

10. BOATS AND SAILS

10.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott 7m Class Boats provided by the OA.

10.2. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Headsail and Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

10.3. Boats will be allocated by daily draw and will be identified by boat name and number. If less than ten boats are being used the sponsored boats identified by the OA will be the first to be used.

11. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

11.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be Four (4) or Five (5).

11.2. All registered crew shall sail all races. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

11.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

11.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.





12. EVENT FORMAT

12.1. The event will consist of the following stages:

- a. Stage 1- Single Round Robin
- b. Stage 2 – Quater Finals
- c. Stage 3 – Semi Finals
- d. Stage 4 – Petit Final/Finals Stage 3

12.2. The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

13. COURSE

13.1. The course will be a standard windward/leeward match racing course with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current. The intended course area will be within the Waitemata Harbour.

14. ADVERTISING

14.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. World Sailing, Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends Rule 60.1).

15. PRIZES

15.1. The principal trophy for first place will be the New Zealand Match Racing Championship Cup.

15.2. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.





16. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

16.1. If required by the OA:

- a. Television equipment supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- b. Competitors may be required to wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- c. Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.

16.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

16.3. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16.4. All competitors agree to be overflown by a drone.

17. COACH BOATS

17.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.

17.2. The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.

17.3. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

18. DISCLAIMER

18.1. 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 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 reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.





19. INVITATION

19.1. Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the online form www.rnzys.org.nz or emailing zmerton@rnzys.org.nz

20. CONTACT

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