
Auckland Noumea Yacht Race 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

RACE START: Saturday 25 May 2024 @ 1100hrs

CRUISING START: Up to 96 hours before race start.

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC), Auckland New Zealand
in conjunction with Cercle Nautique Caledonien, Noumea, New Caledonia

1. 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 (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II, Category 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The following rules will also apply:
 - 1.3.1 The prescriptions of YNZ.
 - 1.3.2 The rules as they apply to the PHRF handicap method, with certificates applicable for May 2024.
 - 1.3.3 The IRC 2024 Rules shall apply except as modified by 1.7, with certificates applicable for June 2024.
 - 1.3.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Between the hours of official sunset and sunrise and when motoring, the rules of Part 2 will be replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
 - 1.4.2 RRS 28 will be changed to allow a boat which does not start correctly to be scored as a finisher after applying a time penalty.
 - 1.4.3 [DP] RRS 41 will be changed to allow outside assistance for repairs and RRS 41(c) revised to define internet usage. (see clause 14.2)

- 1.4.4 RRS 52; Manual power shall not apply.
- 1.4.5 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, a boat that discards biodegradable sail stops when setting sail or discards biodegradable table scraps shall be exonerated from this rule".
- 1.4.6 [DP] RRS 63.1 will be changed to allow time penalties to be applied by the Race Committee to any boat failing to report as required by the race schedules without a hearing (see clause 15)
- 1.4.7 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules, as permitted by RRS 86.1 (b)
- 1.5 Boats using SSB/HF Radio: A serviceable SSB/HF radio with 60 watts minimum power capable of transmitting and receiving on 2182, 2207, 4125, 4146, 6215, 6224, 8291 and 8297 kHz shall be carried. Boats will be required to provide email evidence of a satisfactory radio test with Taupo Maritime Radio ZLM.
- 1.6 Boats using Satellite Phone will be required to provide email evidence of a test email or phone call to Taupo Maritime Radio.
- 1.7 The IRC rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.7.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5(e); a spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
 - 1.7.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1 is varied to the extent that a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC Certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 1.8 Boats in the cruising division may use a propulsion engine in light wind conditions. Boats must record GPS coordinates and time at the start and end of every period when the engine is in use, and return this record with their finishing declaration. Their elapsed time will be adjusted according to the distance made good to the finish and their handicap to ensure that they do not gain a significant advantage by motoring.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 All competitors advertising must be declared with entry and must not conflict with the interest of the event sponsor unless dispensation is granted.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.3 [DP] Boats will be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the organising authority. A boat on which this tracking device fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 2.4 [DP] Failure to carry and operate a tracking device when required will lead to rejection of entry or disqualification, this changes RRS 76.1.

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The race is open to all monohulls and multihulls not less than 9 metres hull length that meet the requirements of YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, Category 1.
- 3.2 The minimum age of all competitors on a boat is 16. Any competitors *under* 18 years of age for the duration of the race is required to supply a parental consent form to the skipper, and the organising authority. Before signing the consent form, the competitor, parent or guardian, the skipper of the yacht they are racing on must meet with a representative of RAYC to discuss the risks of participation in this race. In addition, the youth competitor must have a current Advanced Sea Survival Certificate, which is additional to the requirements of clause 3.10.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew shall be financial a member of a yacht club recognized by the entrant and crew member's National Authority.
- 3.4 Boats shall be New Zealand registered ships, or for overseas entrants, an equivalent registration.
- 3.5 Boats shall be of a thoroughly seaworthy type, completely self-sufficient for extended periods of time capable of withstanding heavy weather and prepared to meet serious emergencies without the expectation of outside assistance.
- 3.6 Boats shall hold current safety and handicap certificates, as applicable.
- 3.7 Within 18 months of the race start, at least 50% of the crew but not less than two (2) including the Skipper or the Person in Charge shall have completed at least 250nm offshore racing, including at least one night at sea or a similar passage together on the boat entered into the Race. Similar passages must be approved by the Race Committee (OA). Upon written request, the (OA) may accept crew experience by other means.
- 3.8 Every boat must be in an approved central Auckland Marina with a current Category 1 (or higher) safety certificate and be available for inspection as per an inspection schedule provided by the organising authority. All Category 1 documentation including, service certificates of all equipment (eg. Life Jackets, Jon Buoy / Dan Buoy, Life Raft etc.) will be required to be presented at this time. Every boat may be inspected, with at least two competitors in attendance, by YNZ inspectors for compliance with its safety certificate, this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and its ability to safely take part in the race. Boats that do not pass the inspection may remedy any defects and request a further inspection. Any boat that does not pass an inspection within 24 hours of their race start, will be deemed to have withdrawn from the race.
- 3.9 Each boat shall supply a cell phone contact number in Noumea to be contacted on up until prize giving.
- 3.10 At least 50% (rounded up) of the competitors on board a boat shall have a current certificate from an approved World Sailing Advanced Survival at Sea Course.

- 3.11 At least two (2) competitors on a boat shall hold a current certificate from an approved World Sailing First Aid provider or be a practicing medical practitioner (with current evidence).
- 3.12 Boats may enter the cruising division without a current PHRF certificate. Such boats will be allocated a handicap by the organizing authority.
- 3.13 Applications for entry must be made by the closing date of 17:00 Friday 23 February 2024 by completing the online entry form accompanied by the following fees:
- 3.14 Entry Fee:
 - 3.14.1 Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$1,650.00 per boat
 - 3.14.2 Non-Refundable Competitors Fee: \$100.00 per competitor.
 - 3.14.3 All prices are NZ Dollars inclusive of GST.
 - 3.14.4 If the owner/chartered of a boat is a member of RAYC they will receive a rebate of \$100 on the entry fee, and a rebate of \$20 for each competitor who is a member of RAYC will apply.
- 3.15 Online entry form via <https://rayc.co.nz/auckland-noumea/>
- 3.16 Late entries may be accepted at the Race Committee's absolute discretion, with an additional late entry fee of \$500.00 per boat and an additional \$30.00 per competitor.
- 3.17 Tracking devices will be used for position reports. If a boat fails to return a tracker in working condition, they are required to pay the replacement fee of \$1,100.
- 3.18 [DP] Boats in the racing division will be required to do a sail past under storm sails and receive acknowledgement prior to starting. Boats in the cruising division shall provide a recent photo of the boat with storm sails set. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.19 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse, for whatever reason, any entry.

4. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 4.1 The Sailing Administrator or a delegated representative at Royal Akarana Yacht Club must sight (and may take copies of) all required documentation as outlined in Table 1 Documentation Required., including items of eligibility, no later than 1700 hours, Friday April 12 2024 unless written exception from the Organising Authority is provided.
- 4.2 Due to timing of the start, the 2024 IRC rating may not be available until June 1 2024, therefore boats wishing to race in the IRC division shall provide a copy of their IRC rating *application* to YNZ or their National Authority, by documentation deadline – 1200 hours, Friday April 12 2024.
- 4.3 Competitors may be required to produce additional documentation following receipt of their entry, and will be given a reasonable amount of time to produce this.

- 4.4 One or more digital color photos of the boat, suitable for search and rescue purposes, form part of the required documentation. One photo shall be of the boat under full sail. The photo(s) should be no less than 1200 x 800 pixels.
- 4.5 Evidence of registration and the HEX numbers of all 406 beacons, both EPIRB and personal locator beacons is to be provided.
- 4.6 The details including make, model and storage location of all life rafts carried must be provided
- 4.7 For all competitors, complete details including full address, age, next of kin contact details are required.
- 4.8 A colour copy of each crew member's passport is required.

5. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance for the duration of the race with a minimum cover of five (5) million New Zealand dollars. Evidence of such insurance shall be provided with the entry form.

6. SCHEDULE

As per Attachment 1

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Auckland Noumea website from 1200 hours on Wednesday 15 May 2024 and will take precedence over this Notice of Race and, where they differ, over documents previously issued.

8. COURSE

The race will start off Orakei Wharf, Auckland and finish near Cercle Nautique Caledonian, Noumea.

9. CHARTS

- 9.1 The following charts (in paper form) shall be carried on board:

NZ 14602	Tasman and Coral Sea (Ocean Passage)
BA 480	Noumea
BZ 2907	Canal Woodin to Passe de Vitoe
BA 2906	Ile des Pines to Canal Woodin

Or as replacements for BA 480, BA 2907 and BA 2906:

BA 2463 Approaches to Noumea
BA 2462 Noumea

- 9.2 Sufficient charts of Northern NZ should be carried.

10. PENALTIES

- 10.1 The first sentence of rule 64.1 is changed to: "When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose an elapsed time penalty or impose no penalty at all." If an elapsed time penalty is imposed, its magnitude will be at the protest committee's discretion unless otherwise specified in the NoR or SI's.
- 10.2 A boat that crosses the start line after her warning signal, is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and does not return to the pre-start side of the line and start will be scored as a finisher subject to a one hour elapsed time penalty without a hearing in lieu of being scored OCS.
- 10.3 A boat which touches a starting or finishing mark and does not take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2 will receive a one hour elapsed time penalty.

11. SCORING & DIVISIONS

- 11.1 The following handicap systems will apply:
- PHRF (Passage TCF)
 - IRC
 - Multihull Handicap (as supplied by the New Zealand Multihull Club)
- 11.2 The following divisions will apply:
- Monohull Line
 - Multihull Line
 - IRC
 - PHRF
 - Multihull
 - Shorthanded (2 competitors on board)
 - Cruising
- 11.3 Divisions will be dependent on entries received and outlined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.4 Additional prizes/divisions will be dependent on entries and outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The formal trophy presentation will be held at the Cercle Nautique Caledonian, unless otherwise advised. The date and time of the presentation will be declared at the finish or just prior to the finish of the race.
- 12.2 Prizes will be awarded in each of the divisions.

- 12.3 The dispersal of prizes shall be determined according to the number of entries in each division and will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES & CREW SUBSTITUTION

- 13.1 It is the responsibility of the Owner and/or Skipper to see that their boat complies with the requirements of the race in that its safety category requirements and rating certificates are current, and that the crew for both the race and the return voyage contains a nucleus of ocean-experienced members who have sailed before on the boat. The Owner and/or Skipper in charge shall also assign a person to take over their responsibilities in the event of their incapacitation.
- 13.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to decide the eligibility of any entrant on the basis of the experience of the Skipper, Navigator and crew. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted; or its equipment or its competitors.
- 13.3 Applications for entry shall list the competitors for the race and substitutions will only be permitted on written application showing the competitor substituted and experience of the competitor being proposed.

14. SUSPENSION OF RACING AND INTERNET USAGE. (CHANGES RRS 41 & 47.1)

- 14.1 A yacht may suspend racing for safety and seamanship reasons, but not be used to gain tactical advantage (e.g. to get out of adverse tide) provided that she informs RAYC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2 A yacht that has suspended racing may use a propulsion engine, haul out, or make fast, until she resumes racing."
- 14.3 A yacht that has suspended racing, may, before resuming racing, remove garbage, use any equipment or receive help to effect repairs but shall not take on food or other provisions, or replace equipment, without the prior permission of RAYC.
- 14.4 Before resuming racing, a yacht shall return to the position where she suspended racing and inform RAYC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.5 Prior to the preparatory signal, boats may utilise weather information from any source.
- 14.6 Whilst racing, no boat shall receive any private communication from paid weather routers or meteorologists or other individuals to provide them with advice, custom data or compilations of public data during the race, not available to all competitors.
- 14.7 Boats may receive regularly scheduled weather broadcasts, GRIB data, weather fax transmissions or other internet based forecast information including weather routing functions within an application, whether subscription based or free of charge. (e.g., Metservice or PredictWind)

15. RACE COMMUNICATIONS AND POSITION REPORTING

- 15.1 Boats shall comply with the detailed reporting instructions that the Race Committee will publish prior to the event briefing.
- 15.2 A boat that fails to report will incur a 1% elapsed time penalty for each missed report. This penalty will be applied without a hearing unless exonerating reasons are provided in the declaration. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or loss or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

17. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

By submitting an entry, all competitors acknowledge and accept:

- 17.1 To be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race.
- 17.2 They are familiar with and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions;
- 17.3 They are familiar with and understand RRS 3 "Decision to Race".
- 17.4 Attention has been drawn to the World Sailing Fundamental Rule 3 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone";
- 17.5 The entry of the boat and competitors is agreed to and accepted by Royal Akarana Yacht Club on the basis that the competitors, are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the competitors;
- 17.6 The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the race;
- 17.7 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/charterer/skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by competitors of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit. The owner/charterer must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the competitors know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 17.8 Neither Royal Akarana Yacht Club or Cercle Nautique Caledonian their members, officers, volunteer, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer or competitors or their property as a result of their taking part in Auckland Noumea Race 2024 and its related activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities;

17.9 Neither Royal Akarana Yacht Club or Cercle Nautique Caledonian or their officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever;

17.10 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charter and competitors;

18. BERTHING PRIOR TO RACE

Boats must be berthed at one of the following marinas at least one week prior to their start for tracker installation and other checks:

Westhaven, Viaduct Harbour, Silo, Bayswater, Orakei,

19. BERTHING IN NOUMEA

Berthage will be arranged with the Cercle Nautique Caledonien. If you wish to have a marina berth you must show evidence of at least Third Party Insurance with a minimum cover of five (5) million New Zealand dollars and supply the dimensions of the boat and the duration the berth is required for.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

21. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

Sailing@rayc.co.nz

TABLE 1: DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

NoR Clause	Documentation Required
1.2 / 3.1/3.8	Current YNZ Category 1 Safety Application/Certificate
1.3.2	PHRF Application / Certificate
1.5 / 1/6	Email from Taupo Maritime Radio for SSB radio check or satellite test phone call to RAYC Race Management (at an agreed time)
3.3	Proof of affiliated Yacht Club membership for each crew member
3.4	Evidence of NZ ship registration or overseas equivalent
3.7	Evidence of qualification voyage
3.10	Current sea survival for 50% of the crew – rounded up
3.11	Current NZ Coastguard Offshore Medics, Yachting New Zealand Offshore Medic Course or Australian Advanced First Aid certificate or evidence of practice certificate for 2 crew members
4.2	IRC Application / Certificate
4.4	Photo of the yacht, plus photo of yacht with full sails for search and rescue
4.5	Evidence of registration of all 406 beacons on board
4.6	Life raft details – make, model, where is it stored
4.7	Details of all crew member to be added to the online form
4.8	Colour scan of each crew members passport
5.0	Copy of Insurance policy

ATTACHMENT 1: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Description
Friday 23 Feb 2024	17:00	Entries close
Friday 12 April 2024	17:00	Documentation deadline
Wednesday 15 May 2024	12:00	Sailing Instructions available
Saturday 18 May 2024	18:30	Farewell Function
Monday 20 May 2024	18:30	Cruising Competitors Briefing A minimum of two crew members, including the skipper, must attend the Race and Weather Briefing and sign in on arrival
Tuesday 21 May 2024	11:00	First start time for cruising division
Thursday 23 May 2024	18:30	Racing Competitors Briefing A minimum of two crew members, including the skipper, must attend the Race and Weather Briefing and sign in on arrival
Saturday 25 May 2024	11:00	Racing divisions Start
To be advised	TBC	Prize Giving
Other events will be updated via the website.		