



2024 BURNARD INTERNATIONAL AUCKLAND NOUMEA RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RACE START – Saturday 25 May at 1100 hours

Organising Authority
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In conjunction with Cercle Nautique Caledonien (CNC), 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 RRS are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1 Between the hours of official sunset and sunrise and when motoring, the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
 - 1.2.2 RRS 28 is changed to allow a boat which does not start correctly to be scored as a finisher after applying a time penalty.
 - 1.2.3 Rule 41 is changed to allow outside assistance for repairs and Rule 41(c) revised to define internet usage (see instruction 10.2).
 - 1.2.4 Rule 52; Manual power shall not apply.
 - 1.2.5 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: “However, a boat that discards biodegradable sail stops when setting a sail or discards biodegradable table scraps shall be exonerated from this rule”.
 - 1.2.6 [DP] Rules 63.1 and A5 are changed to allow time penalties to be applied by the Race Committee to any yacht failing to report as required by the race schedules without a hearing (see instruction 11).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the RAYC Auckland Noumea website <https://rayc.co.nz/event/auckland-noumea-race/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the RAYC Auckland Noumea website before 0600 hours on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

All signals will be via the race website.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

As per Attachment 1

6. THE COURSE

From the start line, Auckland, leaving Rangitoto Beacon to starboard to Northern Boulari Pass to finish line in Noumea.

For course marks and finish line inside the Lagoon – refer to Attachments 3A and 3B.

Enter Northern Boulari Passage Leave to Starboard <i>Note: Boats are not to enter the New Caledonian reef system prior to entering Boulari Passage</i>	S 22° 29.8', E 166° 26.5'
Reef Tabu light Leave to Port	S 22° 28.86' E 166° 26.95'
Basse Amedee green spar buoy Leave to Starboard	S 22° 28.58', E 166° 27.35'
Basse Thisbe green spar buoy Leave to Starboard	S 22° 26.82', E 166° 26.94'
Ilot Maitre light Leave to Port	S 22°20.63', E 166°25.50'
Ilot Aux Canards green spar buoy Leave to Starboard	S 22° 19.02', E 166° 26.02'
Finish	As per Sailing Instruction 12.0

All coordinates given are plotted from WGS 84, are for assistance only and should not be used for navigation.

7. REPORTING AT START

Boats intending to start shall report to the race officials on Orakei Wharf between 08:00 and 10:00 on the day of their start. The boat shall have its trysail and storm jib set until acknowledged by race officials. The boat shall call "Akarana Race Committee" on VHF channel 77 stating its sail number and the number of persons on board, race officials stationed on the wharf will then acknowledge sighting of the hoisted storm sails.

8. THE START

8.1 The start line will be between a mast flying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at approximately 36° 50.56'S, 174° 48.72'E and the NE end of Orakei Wharf at approximately 36° 50.61'S, 174° 48.97'E. The race committee signal boat shall fly a RAYC burgee.

Alternative Start Line

- 8.2 Should the committee boat not be on station, the start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the end of Orakei Wharf and the yellow Orakei Buoy. If the alternative start line is to be used, the orange flag will be flown from 0930 hours.

Late Starters

- 8.3 After the start line is removed boats may start up to 12 hours late by sailing between Orakei Wharf and the yellow Orakei Buoy from west to east. Boats are to advise of their intentions to start to RAYC by phone +64 21 0231 4559 prior to starting. The time considered for the elapsed time prizes shall commence from the official starting time of the race.

Collisions at the start

- 8.4 In the event of any boat colliding with another object or boat and/or sustaining structural damage to hull or equipment prior to, during, or within one hour of the start of the race, the boat or boats concerned shall immediately call Royal Akarana Yacht Club on VHF Channel 77, or if no response on this channel call phone +64 21 0231 4559 for instructions for safety or any other checks that may be required by the Race Officials.

9. RECALLS

- 9.1 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.1 except as changed in 9.2. Sail numbers of boats recalled may be broadcast on VHF radio channel 77.
- 9.2 A boat which, after the warning signal, crosses the start line and fails to return to the pre-start side of the line will be penalized one (1) hour on elapsed time. This changes rules 28.1 and A4.2. Any such penalty will be added to any time considered for the elapsed time prizes.
- 9.3 General recalls will be made in accordance with rule 29.2. The race will then be restarted not less than 15 minutes later than the original time and new preparatory and start signals will be made. Any succeeding start will be delayed by a similar time.

10. SUSPENSION OF RACING AND INTERNET USAGE (CHANGES RRS42 & 47.1)

- 10.1 A yacht may suspend racing for safety and seamanship reasons, but not to gain tactical advantage (e.g. to get out of adverse tide) provided that she informs RAYC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.2 A yacht that has suspended racing may use a propulsion engine, haul out, or make fast, until she resumes racing.”
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 Before resuming racing, a yacht shall return to the position where she suspended racing and inform RAYC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.5 Prior to the preparatory signal, boats may utilise weather information from any source.
- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 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)

11. POSITION REPORTS

- 11.1 The required procedure for position reporting will be as detailed in Attachment 2.

- 11.2 Competitors shall send a text to email message using their race satellite communication system to Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer safety@rayc.co.nz in the 2 days prior to the start to confirm this communication path is working. The Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer will confirm.
- 11.3 VHF radio channel and relay by a competitor or other station will only be accepted as a backup in the event of a failure of SSB radio equipment or satellite phone.
- 11.4 Boats not reporting during designated times will receive 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 rules 63.1 and A5.
- 11.5 Trackers shall remain on, uncovered and in their assigned location while racing. Competitors shall check regularly that the tracker is operating.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish line will be between the green starboard side beacon 22°17.17'S - 166°25.55'E (WGS 84) and the red Port side beacon 22°16.98'S - 166°25.66'E (WGS 84) of "Petite Passe". See Attachment 3B.
- 12.2 All competitors must record their own finish time. This is to be included on the declaration form.

13. DECLARATION

The attached declaration Form must be completed and handed to the Race Officer or his representative before leaving their vessel or at the CNC Race Office within 2 hours of clearing customs.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 Protests must be lodged with the CNC Race Office within two (2) hours of either the Protestor or Protestee clearing customs.
- 14.2 Notice will be posted or parties informed as soon as practicable after the protest is lodged to inform the parties involved of the time and location of the hearing.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 A boat that 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.
- 15.3 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.

16. CLEARANCES

- 16.1 All competitors must clear inwards – with help from their godfather.
- 16.2 All skippers of boats arriving at Noumea shall contact their nominated Godfather via the CNC office. They shall ensure that neither they nor any of their crew leaves the vessel until the Godfather has arrived and holds all inwards customs documents and passports for each crew member. Only then may the crew leave the boat.
- 16.3 Skippers of boats with crew members not departing New Caledonia on the vessel they arrived on should ensure that these persons are cleared from the inbound crew list at Immigration. Failure to do so may result in extreme difficulty when finally clearing New Caledonia to go to other ports.

17. RESULTS

17.1 Results will be calculated using the following handicap systems.

IRC, PHRF (Passage TCF)

17.2 The following Divisions will apply:

Monohull Line

IRC

PHRF

Shorthanded (2 competitors on board)

Provisional results will be displayed on the CNC Race Office notice board and on the official race website <https://rayc.co.nz/event/auckland-noumea-race/>

18. PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING

18.1 Prize Giving will be held at a venue to be confirmed on Saturday 1 June 2024 in the afternoon or evening.

18.2 Prizes will be awarded as follow:

Line Honours Monohull – 1st Overall, Jack White Memorial Ocean Race Trophy

IRC – 1st Auckland to Noumea Trophy

PHRF – 1st Alexander Percy Trophy

Best Media Contribution during the race (photos/reports)

19. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & 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 the 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 overflowed by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

ATTACHMENT 1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Description
Thursday 23 May 2024	All day	Sat phone checks
Thursday 23 May 2024	All day	Trackers attached
Thursday 23 May 2024	18:30	Racing Competitors Briefing [DP] A minimum of two crew members, including the skipper, must attend the Race and Weather Briefing and sign in on arrival
Friday 24 May 2024	From 10:00	Custom Clearance
Saturday 25 May 2024	11:00	Race Start
Saturday 1 June 2024	TBC	Prize Giving
Other events will be updated via the website.		

ATTACHMENT 2

POSITION REPORTING PROCEDURES

A2.1 Position Reports will be made to Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer

Contact details for the Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer during the race are:

Race Director & Safety Officer - Sally Garrett Ph+64 21 855 612

Safety Officer - Paul Wager Ph+64 21 779 888

E-mail: safety@rayc.co.nz

Pre-race communications VHF 77

A2.2 Contact details for the Maritime Operations Centre during the race are:

Ph: +64 4 5505 280

E-mail: maritime@kordia.co.nz

A2.2.1 WORKING FREQUENCIES

4146, 6224 and 8297 kHz

A2.2.3 OTHER FREQUENCIES

2182, 4125, 6215, 8291, 8297, 12290, 12356 kHz

A2.2.4 Emergency Radio Communication - 4146 kHz

A2.3 Contact details for the Cercle Nautique Caledonien

VHF 77

SSB 4417 kHz

Ph +687 98 70 11 or +687 75 01 65

A2.4 RADIO SCHEDULE REPORTS

The following are the times for the radio schedule reports and the procedure to be used:

NZST	FREQ	PROCEDURE – PRIOR TO START
0800hrs to 0930hrs prior to start	VHF 77	<p>All boats to contact Akarana Race Control and provide intent to race: Boats must clearly provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat name• Sail number• Number of people on board <p>Boats must also receive acknowledgement from the officials on Orakei Wharf of their satisfactory sighting of the boat's hoisted storm sails.</p>

NZST	FREQ	PROCEDURE – DAILY WHILE RACING
Between 0530 - 0600	Satellite Phone	Text to Email, or Email to Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer E-mail: safety@rayc.co.nz Provide Vessel Name, Position in degrees and minutes as at 0530 Royal Akarana Yacht Club Control will text confirmation of receipt.
Between 1730 - 1800	Satellite Phone	Position reports as at 1730 as per the 0530 – 0600 format
1800	Satellite Phone	Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer will relay to the fleet any warnings received for the race area and will stand by for any special messages from the fleet. This will be completed via satphone text.

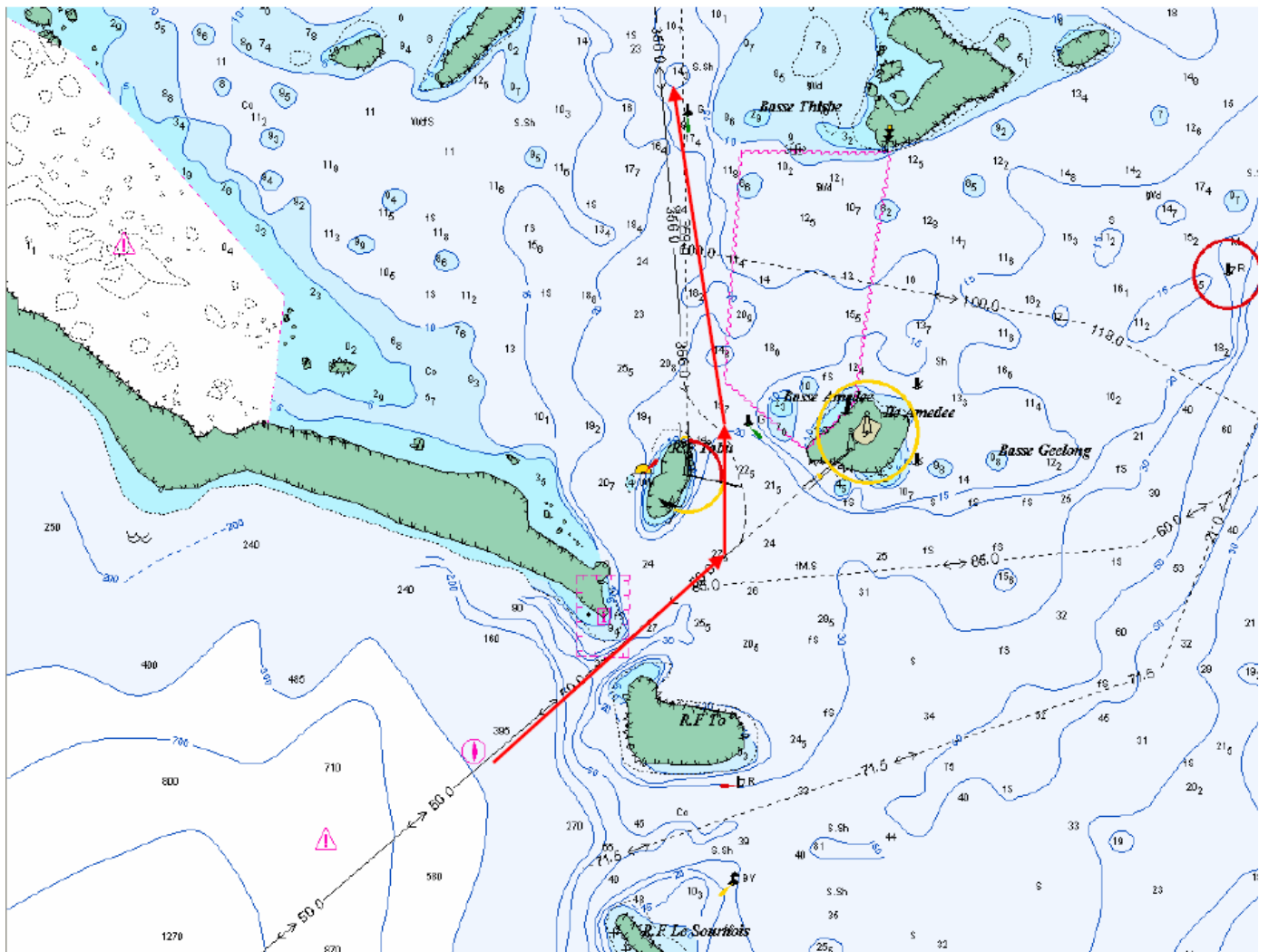
A2.5 UNREPORTED BOATS

- A2.5.1 If nothing is heard from a boat, then other boats in the fleet are required to relay information to Royal Akarana Yacht Club Safety Officer
- A2.5.2 In the event of a position report from a competitor not being received at a roll call, all boats are requested to keep a close listening watch on VHF Channel 16 at the time of future schedules. This may give a chance for a boat that has communication problems to report its position.
- A 2.5.3 If a boat continues to fail to provide a schedule report then emergency procedures will be put in place.

A2.6 ARRIVAL AT NOUMEA

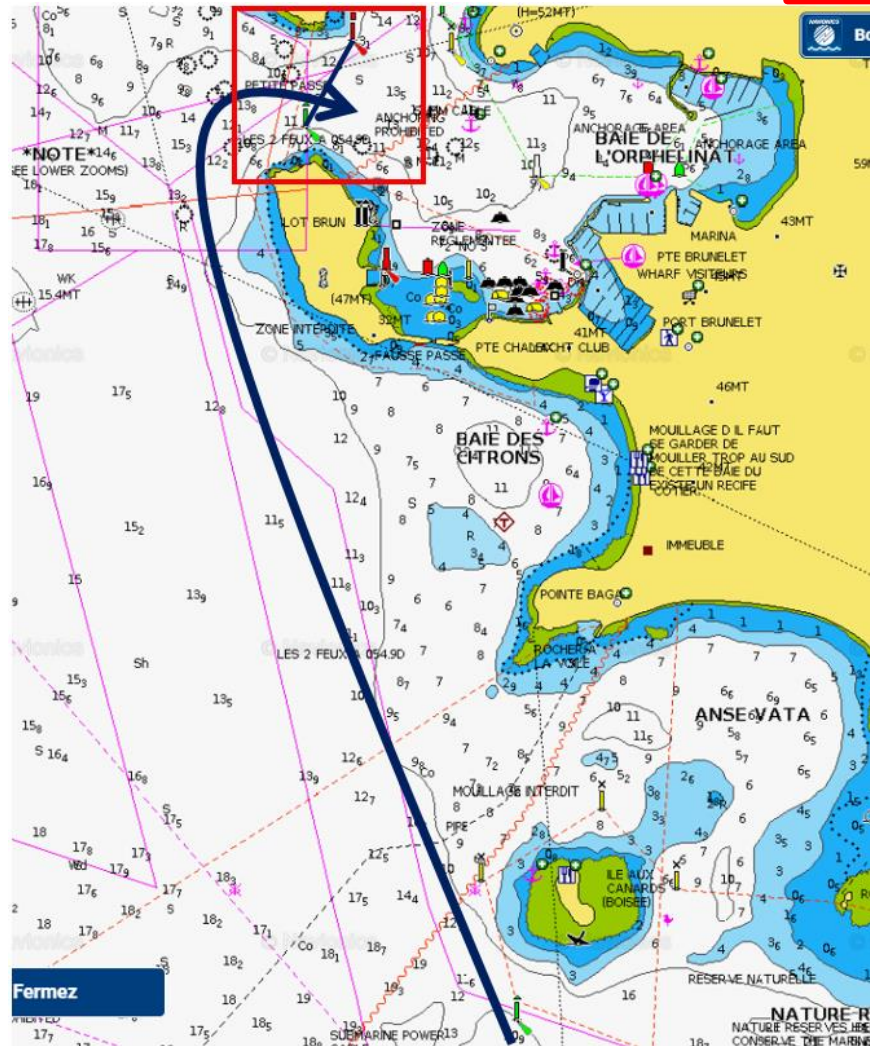
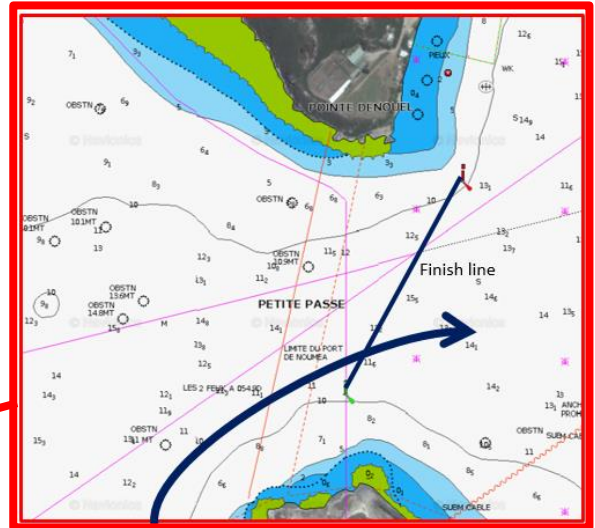
Boats will call Sail Noumea Race Control on VHF Channel 77 or SSB 4417khz or phone +687 98 70 11 or +687 75 01 65 when they are inside the lagoon, when they are 30 minutes from finishing and when Race Control requests.

ATTACHMENT 3A BOULARI PASSAGE



ATTACHMENT 3B THE FINISH

Ile aux Canards to Finishing Line



AUCKLAND NOUMEA RACE FINISHING DECLARATION

This declaration Form must be completed and handed to the Race Officer or his representative before leaving their vessel or at the Cercle Nautique Caledonien within 2 hours clearing customs.

Boat Name	
Skipper Name	
Finish Date / Time	Date Time <i>Corrected to GPS Time</i>
Signed	

Received By	
Date / Time Received	
Finish Date/Time entered into TopYacht	