

2024 MID-WINTER SPORTSBOAT and ETCHELLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

24th / 25th August, 2024

The Organising Authority is the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club
Birkenhead Wharf, Birkenhead, Auckland 0626

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply as follows,
 - a) Part VI category B shall apply for all sports boats,
 - b) Part I shall apply for all Etchells.Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Thursday 22nd August, 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.nbyc.org.nz
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI's. Failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF radio at all times while racing.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This does not include any communication with the race committee over the designated race channel.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Sportsboat and Etchells class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by;
 - (a) Completing the entry form with their class association,
 - (b) Paying the non-refundable entry fee to their class association.
- 4.3 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by Friday 23rd August 2024.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.





- 4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor’s national authority.
- 4.6 All boats skippers and crews must be a current member of their respective class association.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fees are:

Event entry fee (per boat)	\$70
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6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 All registered crew shall sail all races. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance WS advertising code.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 *Dates of racing:*

The event shall consist of a series of up to 8 races – (refer schedule below).

Day	Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Number of Races	Maximum races per day
Day 1	Sat, 24 th August 2024	10:55	4	5
Day 2	Sun, 25 th August 2024	10:55	4	5

- 8.5 The Target Time for each race is 40 minutes.
- 8.6 On Sunday 25th August 2024 no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested.
- 9.2 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The event will be based out of the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club.
- 10.2 The intended racing area will be centred near Northern Leading and Bean Rock, or any area the RO deems suitable.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses with beat lengths of approximately 0.4-1.0 NM adjusted to suit the conditions and target race time. A separator mark will be used at the top mark and a gate for the bottom mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



13 SCORING

- 13.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 (a) When from 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 [DP] All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
- 14.2 [DP] Any support and coach vessels shall be registered with the Race Committee, and clearly marked to identify with their team.
- 14.3 [DP] All support and coach vessels shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Race Committee.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. All those taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the NBYC and any sponsor associated with this event 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 NBYC and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be 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 NBYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy insurance policy certificate must be provided if at any time requested to do so by the Organising Authority.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Sportsboat prizes will be based on general handicap results.
- 18.2 Etchells prizes will be based on line results.



19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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