



# AUCKLAND KEELBOAT ONE-DESIGN SPRINTS



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

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

## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

### 1 RULES

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- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply,
  - Stewart 34 - Part II Category 5,
  - Young 88 - Part II Category 4,
  - Etchells - Part I, except (as per class rules) a PFD for each crew member must be carried on board but is only required to be worn when the Y flag is displayed.
- 1.3 RRS 33, *Changing the Next Leg of the Course* will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI's).
- 1.4 RRS 41, *Outside Assistance* will be changed to allow some coaching of competitors during racing. The changes will appear in full in the SSI's.
- 1.5 For the Young 88 class, only measured and approved class sails may be used. Spare #1 spinnakers may be carried.
- 1.6 Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 18:00 on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 on the NBYC website at [www.nbyc.org.nz](http://www.nbyc.org.nz)
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in the RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.nbyc.org.nz](http://www.nbyc.org.nz)
- 3.2 The OA will communicate with competitors via the event WhatsApp group. Full details of the WhatsApp group and how to join will be detailed in the SSI's.
- 3.3 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).
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 16 & 77.
  - (a) Channel 77 is to be used for race event communication.
  - (b) Channel 16 must be used for emergency communication.
- 3.5 In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for the Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.

- 3.6 [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.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

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- 4.1 The series is open to all boats of the Etchells, Stewart 34 and Young 88 classes that hold a current measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry through their class associations by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.
- 4.3 For the Stewart 34 class boats shall state whether they are racing in the Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker division.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the series, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 a) To be eligible to compete in the Stewart 34 series the owner shall be financial member of the Stewart 34 Owners Association.
- b) To be eligible to compete in the Young 88 series the owner and helm shall be financial members of the Young 88 Owners Association Inc.

#### **5 ENTRY FEES**

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- 5.1 Individual boat entry fees will be set by, and are payable to, the respective class associations. The class associations will pay the total series fee for their class to the OA.

#### **6 CREW LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

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- 6.1 [DP] Boats may be required to include at least one junior sailor in their crew. The races and classes to which this will apply will be agreed with the class association. Competitors will be advised in a Notice to Competitors at least 5 days prior to the race(s) to which it applies.

#### **7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION**

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- 7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

#### **8 EVENT FORMAT**

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- 8.1 Each series will consist of up to 10 race evenings over the summer season.
- 8.2 Each race evening will consist of up to 4 short W/L races.
- 8.3 Each class will start and race separately but using the same marks and course area.
- 8.4 For the Stewart 34 class, spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions will start and race together as one fleet.
- 8.5 Races will be run back-to-back with minimal delay between races.

## 9 SCHEDULE

9.1 The scheduled dates for racing are,

**Etchells (pre-Xmas)** – a total of 10 race days, or flights are scheduled.

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|------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Race Day 1 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Race Day 6  | 14 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Race Day 2 | 10 <sup>th</sup> October | Race Day 7  | 21 <sup>st</sup> November |
| Race Day 3 | 17 <sup>th</sup> October | Race Day 8  | 28 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Race Day 4 | 31 <sup>st</sup> October | Race Day 9  | 5 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Race Day 5 | 7 <sup>th</sup> November | Race Day 10 | 12 <sup>th</sup> December |

**Etchells (post-Xmas)** – a total of 9 race days, or flights are scheduled.

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|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Race Day 1 | 30 <sup>th</sup> January  | Race Day 6 | 12 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Race Day 2 | 13 <sup>th</sup> February | Race Day 7 | 19 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Race Day 3 | 20 <sup>th</sup> February | Race Day 8 | 26 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Race Day 4 | 27 <sup>th</sup> February | Race Day 9 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  |
| Race Day 5 | 5 <sup>th</sup> March     |            |                        |

**Stewart 34** – a total of 8 race days, or flights are scheduled.

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| Race Day 1 | 10 <sup>th</sup> October  | Race Day 5 | 13 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Race Day 2 | 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | Race Day 6 | 27 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Race Day 3 | 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Race Day 7 | 12 <sup>th</sup> March    |
| Race Day 4 | 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Race Day 8 | 26 <sup>th</sup> March    |

**Young 88** – a total of 10 race days, or flights are scheduled.

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|------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Race Day 1 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> October   | Race Day 6  | 12 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Race Day 2 | 17 <sup>th</sup> October  | Race Day 7  | 20 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Race Day 3 | 31 <sup>st</sup> October  | Race Day 8  | 5 <sup>th</sup> March     |
| Race Day 4 | 14 <sup>th</sup> November | Race Day 9  | 19 <sup>th</sup> March    |
| Race Day 5 | 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Race Day 10 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April     |

9.2 Up to 4 races are scheduled each race day. The target time for each race is 25 mins.

9.3 Each class will have their own separate start.

9.4 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on each race day is 1755.

## 10 VENUE

0.1 The event will be based out of the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club, Birkenhead Wharf.

10.2 The intended racing area is the Waitemata Harbour to the west of the Harbour Bridge but may be changed at the discretion of the RC to suit the conditions.

## 11 THE COURSES

11.1 The course will be windward /leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard rounding, and finishing downwind.

## 12 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

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## 13 SCORING

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- 13.1 Each race night, or flight (of up to 4 races) will be scored as a mini-series with an overall placing for the night using RRS Appendix A. No scores will be excluded from each flight.  
RRS A5.3 shall apply to each flight – ie. OCS, DNF, RET and DSQ shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for **that flight**.
- 13.2 For a boat's series score, a boat's overall placing in a flight will be her place in the series for that day's racing.
- 13.3 For the Etchells and Stewart 34 classes, their pre-Xmas and post-Xmas racing will be scored as two separate series.
- 13.4 For the Stewart 34 class the spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions will be scored separately.
- 13.5 One (1) flight is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.6 (a) When fewer than 5 flights have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her flight scores,  
(b) When between 5 and 7 flights have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her flight scores excluding her worst score.  
(c) When 8 or more flights have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her flight scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.7 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

## 14 SUPPORT BOATS

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- 14.1 [DP] All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
- 14.2 [DP] All support and coach boats 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 Organising Authority.

## 15 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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- 15.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 15.2 All those who take part in this event 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).

## 16 RISK STATEMENT

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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.**

## 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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All those taking part in NBYC races or any other sailing events controlled by the NBYC, as between the NBYC and each of those so 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.

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**18 INSURANCE**

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- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

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**19 PRIZES**

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- 19.1 A prize may be presented after racing on each race night for overall line honours in that night's flight. The venue for each classes prize giving and the nature of any such prizes will be determined by the class association.
- 19.2 Daily prizes can only be collected at that day's prizegiving. If a prize winner is not present at that day's prize giving, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placed boat overall on line in that day's flight.
- 19.3 Other prizes and spot prizes may also be awarded.
- 19.4 First, second and third overall on line in the races up to and including the 12<sup>th</sup> December may win sponsor's prizes at the mid-series prize giving to be held at the NBYC Clubrooms on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- 19.5 Series prizes will be awarded for first, second and third overall on line at the series prize giving to be held at the NBYC Clubrooms on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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**20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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For further information please contact;

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