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Season Opening Invitation Race Notice of Race (NOR)

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in ***the Racing Rules of Sailing***.
- 1.2 The RRS part II will be replaced with right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea (IRPCAS) between sunset and sunrise.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply as follows:
 - a) Part II Category 5 shall apply for keel boats (excl Young 88) and multihulls,
 - b) Part II Category 4 shall apply for Young 88 boats,
 - c) Part III Category B shall apply for trailer yachts and sports trailer yachts,
 - d) Part IV Category B shall apply for sports boats,
 - e) Part V shall apply for sport multihulls and foiling yachts.
 - f) Part I shall apply to Elliot 7's.Refer - www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations
- 1.4 RRS 42.3 (i) Propulsion, the use of an engine is permitted to avoid a collision with another vessel or object, or to prevent or get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, or to prevent a vessel from entering a prohibited area; provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 1.5 Boats shall be nominated with "Non-Moveable Ballast" or with "A Canting Keel" or "Water Ballast Tanks." Lifting keels shall be locked in the down position and may not be moved whilst racing.
 - a) A boat nominated with non-moveable ballast, or a lifting keel shall comply with RRS 51, Moveable Ballast,
 - b) Boats with moveable or variable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to adjust trim or stability. This changes RRS 51, Moveable Ballast,
 - c) Boats with moveable or variable ballast shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations – Appendix A
[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSRAppendixAMoveableandVariableBallast-\[26964\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSRAppendixAMoveableandVariableBallast-[26964].pdf)
 - d) Boats with moveable or variable ballast shall comply with Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Clause 6.



- 1.6 RRS 52, Manual Power Shall Not Apply.
- 1.7 For boats sailing in non-spinnaker divisions or events, no spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.
- 1.8 Appendix T, arbitration will apply unless stated differently in the SSI's.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between the NOR, SI's and SSI's the SSI's will take precedence.
- 1.10 **Large Vessel Moving Prohibited Zones:**
At all times boats shall comply with the Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 Part 2, Subpart 10, clause 54 – "Moving Prohibited Zone" as described below. Moving Prohibited Zones are designated as Obstructions for the purposes of the RRS Definitions and RRS 19 and 20.
Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 – Part 2, Subpart 10 – **54 - Vessels Must Not Impede a Large Vessel In A Pilotage Area,**
 - 1. The person in charge of a vessel under 500 gross tonnage in a pilotage area must not allow that vessel to impede the navigation of any vessel of 500 gross tonnage or more.
 - 2. The person in charge of a vessel must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited zone of a large vessel that is in a pilotage area.
 - 3. A moving prohibited zone is an area of navigable water around a large vessel that –
 - a. extends 100 metres to each side or the width of the marked channel, whichever is the lesser distance; and b. continues at the width in (a) to 100 metres astern and 500 metres ahead of the vessel; and c. follows the line of the marked or buoyed channel when changing course.
 - 4. However, (2) does not apply to the pilotage area within the Tamaki River
- 1.11 (NP) Any vessel that receives a "I am concerned about your course signal" (5 or more short rapid blasts of the vessels horn) from a commercial vessel while in the Tamaki River shall incur a 20% time penalty.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions
- 2.2.1 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be posted no less than 24 hours before the event.



3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at the BBYC website www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions and BBYC Racing WhatsApp Group



Scan this QR code using WhatsApp camera to join group.

- 3.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI's) will be posted online on the BBYC website at www.bbyc.org.nz/sailing-instructions and BBYC Racing WhatsApp Group.
- 3.3 Any change to the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect unless this time is changed in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the BBYC flagpole located on the South side of the clubhouse.

4 VHF COMMUNICATION:

- 4.1 (DP) All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 16 and 77.
- (a) Channel 16 must be used in an emergency. In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.
- (b) Channel 77 is to be used for race event communication. The Failure to receive a radio message from the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.2 (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.
- 4.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee at the first reasonable opportunity via VHF, or telephone to the race officer or event co-ordinator.



5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 5.1 This event is open to members of BBYC only.
- 5.2 Classes are defined as follows.

Division	Flag Colour
Open	Pink

Small boats. 8.5 meters (28') and under and a handicap of 0.740 or lower. (Subject to 5.3)

- 5.3 Divisions are subject to Handicap Committee approval.
- 5.4 To enter call the Race Committee on VHF 77 before the warning signal
- 5.5 The Organizing Authority or the Race Officer reserves the right to refuse any entry, and this right is at their sole discretion.
- 5.6 To be considered a valid series entry in an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and before the first warning signal.

6 FEES:

This is a free event for BBYC members.

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION:

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

8 SCHEDULE:

1 race only on Sunday 27 September 2026, warning signal will be at 1400hrs.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be the standard Rum Race courses with the start and finish changed to the upper deck at the main BBYC club house.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee will designate the course by displaying the course number. The race committee may also notify boats of the course via WhatsApp and/or VHF radio. The failure to send a course message or a boat's failure to receive a course message will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).



10 MARKS

10.1 **Fairway Marks.** Boats racing shall pass on the main channel side of the following fairway marks:

All Lateral navigation marks in the Tamaki River

West Tamaki Head, Karaka Beacon

Bean Rock / Doris rock Beacon

Orakei Sewer Beacon

Browns Island Beacon

Illiomama Rock Beacon

Emu Rock Beacon (Motutapu)

Red buoys eastern side of Motuihe Channel

All moored vessels in or adjacent to the designated Small Craft Mooring areas as shown on NZ navigation charts.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The warning signal will be class flag Pink with the preparatory signal being Green. This changes RRS 26. With the warning signal (Pink flag) made 5 minutes before the starting signal and preparatory signal at 4 minutes before start and lowered at 1 min before start.
- 11.2 The starting line is between the orange flag on the upper deck at the BBYC club house the transit marked on the outer seawall.
- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 4. Failure to make a broadcast, failure of her to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.4 (a) (1).
- 11.4 **General Recalls:** In the event of a General Recall then the warning signal will be made 1 minute after lowering "First Substitute". This changes RRS 29.2.
- 11.5 Unless stated differently in the SSI's, boats failing to start within 4 minutes of their starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is between the orange flag on the upper deck at the BBYC club house the transit marked on the outer seawall.
- 12.2 Unless changed by the event SSI's.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is hereby changed to read, A boat may take a one turn penalty when she has broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing, unless changed by the SSI's.



14 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from [Protest Form.pdf](#)
- 14.2 Appendix S 13.2 is hereby changed to read, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 14.3 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to the hearing and may be held by teleconference (e.g. Zoom).

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 • Race Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.
- Finishing Window Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat, sails the course and finishes.

Race Series	Finish	Finish window
	1700hrs	30 mins

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

17 VENUE:

The racing will be held in the area Waitemata Harbour and the inner Haruaki Gulf.

18 SCORING:

- 18.1 Only series entrants will be eligible for series scores. Casual race entrants are eligible for daily race prizes but will not be included in series race scores. This changes RRS A2.2.
- 18.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.
- 18.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

19 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 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).



20 RISK STATEMENT:

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.

21 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY:

All those taking part in BBYC races or any other sailing events controlled by the BBYC, as between the BBYC and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the BBYC 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 BBYC 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 BBYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.

22 INSURANCE:

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. By entering the event the owner hereby agrees that they comply.

23 PRIZES:

Prizes will be presented in the BBYC clubrooms at after racing on the day of racing.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact; BBYC office 09 534 3046 or 02184 3377

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