



Lowry Bay Yacht Club



24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race

3rd - 4th March 2018

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Incorporated (LBYC)
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1. Rules

General and Safety Rules

- 1.1 The LBYC 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 1.2 The race is a distance-over-time event and is scheduled over a 24hr period. The winning boats in the race will be those deemed to have completed the longest distance and longest corrected distance over the 24hr time. As such, to be in the race, it will be compulsory for all entrants to carry a GPS.
- 1.3 All boats need to have a mobile phone or tablet on board that is capable of running the Yachtbot App. It is intended that we keep track of boats using this app, even though it is not being used as the primary technology for determining the distance travelled.
- 1.4 The International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall apply between a boat that is racing and one that is not, and between sunset and sunrise.
- 1.5 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 is alleged to have been broken arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 1.6 The wearing of lifejackets by all crew whilst on deck is compulsory during the hours of darkness. It is strongly recommended that a waterproof light and whistle are attached.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

- 3.1 Racing is open to all multihull and self-righting monohull yachts whose owners are members of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.
- 3.2 All yachts shall be thoroughly seaworthy.
- 3.3 Compliance with safety regulations.

- (a) Keelboats (including multihulls) shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver, a GPS receiver, bosun's chair, Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633, and whistle and light on all life-jackets.
 - (b) Trailer yachts shall comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category B upgraded to include a VHF transceiver, Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633, a GPS receiver, whistle and light on all life-jackets and a minimum of 5 litres of fuel.
- 3.4 Trailer yachts must be 20 feet LOA or above and have an adequate cabin to store equipment, and provide adequate shelter for crew when not required on the working deck
- 3.5 Yachts may be inspected for safety compliance before the race and yachts failing to meet the relevant requirements in any safety inspection carried out under YNZ safety regulations shall not be allowed to race until corrective action has been taken.
- 3.6 Minimum number of crew is four (4) for multihulls, keelboats and trailer yachts, of which one other crew member must be capable of helming the boat when the Skipper is resting.
- 3.7 To be eligible to compete in this event the Skipper of each yacht shall be a Financial Member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

Entry

- 3.8 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the Entry form and sending it, together with the required fee to: The Organising Committee, PO Box 30 533, Lower Hutt 5040, by Wednesday 21st February 2018. Entries can also be sent via email to vicecomm@lbyc.org.nz and fee paid via internet banking to the account number on the entry form.
- 3.9 The event is offering just 1 division and the entry fee is \$125.00 for all yachts.
- 3.10 Late entries may be accepted at the OA's discretion until 1800hrs on Wednesday 28th February 2018 and shall be accompanied by a late entry fee of \$150.00.

4. Schedule

Registration

- 4.1 All yachts shall register in the Seaview room of Lowry Bay Yacht Club on 1700-1900hrs Wednesday 21st February 2018.
- 4.2 Skippers/Owners will be required to produce the following documents when registering.
- (a) A copy of the insurance certificate showing that the entrant has third party property liability policy of at least \$1,000,000 per event, or the equivalent.
 - (b) A complete crew list showing name, address and phone number of each crew, including the name and phone number of a nominated person which can be contacted throughout the duration of the race. Appended to the crew list shall be a declaration stating that at least 2 crew members have prior night sailing experience.
 - (c) For any entrant that has crew under the age of 18, a declaration from that person's guardian giving permission for them to compete.
- 4.3 Skippers are required to bring the smart phone or tablet that will be used in the race for tracking purposes, so the tracking software can be loaded and tested.

Briefing

- 4.4 The race briefing is scheduled for 1900hrs on Wednesday 21 February in the LBYC clubroom.
- 4.5 A final morning briefing will be on Saturday 3 March at 1000hrs in the LBYC clubroom.
- 4.6 All skippers must attend both briefings. You may bring one other crewmember to the briefings.
- 4.7 The scheduled start of the race is 1200hrs on Saturday 3 March and the Finish is scheduled for 1200hrs on Sunday 4 March. The race must be completed within this time window.
Every endeavour will be made to continue the race for the whole 24 hours, however:-
The Race Committee reserves the right to delay the start or to finish the race early due to weather, or any other condition that might impede the safety of the event.
The Race Committee also reserves the right to pause the race and restart later from the Start Line during the race time.
- 4.8 If the race has not started by 1800hrs 3 March due to either not enough or too much wind, the race will be abandoned and we will use the reserve weekend on 10 and 11 March 2018.

5. Safety

- 5.1 A safety declaration is to be completed at registration. Note: Yachts may be inspected for safety compliance before the race and yachts failing to meet the relevant requirements in any safety inspection carried out under YNZ safety regulations shall not be allowed to race until corrective action has been taken.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of Registration. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the LBYC website 1 week prior to registration.

7. Venue

- 7.1 The 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race will be held within the confines of Wellington Harbour.

8. The Course

- 8.1 The proposed course comprises of 2 different size laps. The first lap is approx. 17nm and takes in most of Wellington Harbour. The second lap and subsequent lap is approx. 9nm and is on the Northern half of the Harbour.
- 8.2 The final course diagrams will be included in the sailing instructions.
- 8.3 A lap will be completed and counted after rounding all marks in that lap correctly and sailing through the line between the LBYC start box and a laid mark.
- 8.4 When completing a lap and sailing through the line between the LBYC start box and a laid mark, Skippers shall be responsible for advising the Race Officer accordingly.

9. Handicaps

- 9.1 Handicaps (TCF) shall be allocated according to the speed potential of the individual yachts, based on the information requested on the entry form. Results shall be calculated at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.2 The handicaps allotted to a yacht shall not be grounds for requests for redress.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 Lap distances (Nm) will be advised in the Sailing Instructions. Total distance will be calculated on the laps completed and the part lap at the 24hr mark.
- 10.2 The part lap will be calculated by logging the yacht's GPS position at the 24hr mark and working out how much of that lap was completed.
- 10.3 This total distance will be used to calculate the corrected distance on handicap.
- 10.4 A Log sheet will be issued to all yachts to be completed during the race, which will then need to be handed in to race control in the LBYC clubrooms at the completion of the race. Failing to do so, may result in additional distance penalties.
- 10.5 At the discretion of the Race Committee, additional technology may be provided to all entrants to enable remote location of all boats. However, the manual method of recording laps and part laps will be the primary system. This will be described in the sailing instructions.

11. Communication

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. With the exception of mobile phone calls and/or messages to race control, reporting lap completion and positions when required.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1 Support boats are not allowed.

13. Prizes

- 13.1 The prizegiving will be held in the LBYC club room commencing at approx. 1500hrs Sunday 4th March.
- 13.2 Generous prizes trophies will be awarded as follows:
- Line Honours (Actual longest distance sailed)
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Handicap (Corrected distance sailed).
- 13.3 Other spot prizes will be awarded to all boats that complete the race.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS rule 4. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

14.2 Competitors accept that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledge that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the Organising Authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

14.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

15. Further Information

For further information please contact:

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