



2023 Auckland Fiji Yacht Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendments

#1 – Tuesday 7 February

3.14.1 The tracker deposit is now required by the entry deadline

3.19 ~~This sentence is deleted:~~ All boats are required to pay the tracking deposit outlined in 3.14.1 by 8th December 2022

FIRST START

Thursday 1st June 2023 @ 1300hrs

SECOND START

Saturday 3rd June 2023 @ 1300hrs

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC)
8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland New Zealand
www.aucklandfiji.co.nz

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.





1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II, Category 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The following rules will also apply:
 - 1.3.1 The prescriptions of YNZ.
 - 1.3.2 The rules as they apply to the PHRF handicap method, with certificates applicable from 1 June 2023.
 - 1.3.3 The IRC 2023 Rules shall apply except as modified by 1.7.
- 1.4 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Between the hours of official sunset and sunrise and when motoring, the rules of Part 2 will be replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
 - 1.4.2 RRS 28 will be changed to allow a boat which does not start correctly to be scored as a finisher after applying a time penalty.
 - 1.4.3 RRS 41 will be changed to allow outside assistance for repairs and RRS 41(c) revised to define internet usage. (see clause 14.2). [DP]
 - 1.4.4 RRS 52; Manual power shall not apply.
 - 1.4.5 RRS 47 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, a boat that discards biodegradable sail stops when setting sail or discards biodegradable table scraps shall be exonerated from this rule".
 - 1.4.6 RRS 63.1 will be changed to allow time penalties to be applied by the Race Committee to any boat failing to report as required by the race schedules without a hearing (see clause 15). [DP]
 - 1.4.7 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules, as permitted by RRS 86.1 (b)
- 1.5 Boats using SSB/HF Radio: A serviceable SSB/HF radio with 60 watts minimum power capable of transmitting and receiving on 2182, 2207, 4125, 4146, 6215, 6224, 8291 and 8297 kHz shall be carried. Boats will be required to provide email evidence of a satisfactory radio test with Taupo Maritime Radio ZLM.
- 1.6 Boats using Satellite Phone will be required to provide email evidence of a test email or phone call to Taupo Maritime Radio.
- 1.7 The IRC rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.7.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5(e); a spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
 - 1.7.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1 is varied to the extent that a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC Certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.



2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 All competitors' advertising must be declared with entry and must not conflict with the interest of the event sponsors unless dispensation is granted.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.3 Boats will be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the organizing authority. A boat on which this tracking device fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio in accordance with the sailing instructions. [DP]
- 2.4 Failure to carry and operate a tracking device when required will lead to rejection of entry, or disqualification, this changes RRS 76.1. [DP]

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The race is open to all monohulls and multihulls not less than 9 metres hull length that meet the requirements of YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, Category 1.
- 3.2 The minimum age of all competitors on a boat is 16. Any competitors under 18 years of age for the duration of the race is required to supply a parental consent form to the skipper, and the organizing authority. Before signing the consent form, the competitor, parent or guardian, the skipper of the yacht they are racing on must meet with a representative of RAYC to discuss the risks of participation in this race. In addition, the youth competitor must have a current Advanced Sea Survival Certificate, which is additional to the requirements of clause 3.10.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognized by the entrant and crew member's National Authority.
- 3.4 Boats shall be New Zealand registered ships, or for overseas entrants, an equivalent registration.
- 3.5 Boats shall be of a thoroughly seaworthy type, completely self-sufficient for extended periods of time capable of withstanding heavy weather and prepared to meet serious emergencies without the expectation of outside assistance.
- 3.6 Boats shall hold current safety and handicap certificates, as applicable.
- 3.7 Each entered boat must have completed a qualifying race or cruise of not less than 250nm on open water with the prospective skipper in charge.
- 3.8 Every boat must be in an approved central Auckland Marina with a current Category 1 (or higher) safety certificate and be available for inspection as per an inspection schedule provided by the organizing authority. All Category 1 documentation including service certificates of all equipment (e.g., Life Jackets, Jon Buoy / Dan Buoy, Life Raft etc.) will be required to be presented at this time. Every boat may be inspected, with at least two competitors in attendance, by YNZ inspectors for compliance with its safety certificate, this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and its ability to safely take part in the race. Boats that do not pass the inspection may remedy any defects and request a further inspection. Any boat that does not pass an



- inspection within 24 hours of their race start, will be deemed to have withdrawn from the race.
- 3.9 Each boat shall supply a cell phone contact number in Fiji to be contacted on up until prize giving.
- 3.10 At least 50% (rounded up) or a minimum of 2 whichever is the greater of the number of competitors on board a boat shall have a current certificate from an approved World Sailing Advanced Survival at Sea Course.
- 3.11 At least two (2) competitors on a boat shall hold a current certificate from an approved World Sailing First Aid provider or be a practicing medical practitioner (with current evidence).
- 3.12 To be eligible to compete in the restricted divisions a boat must have a current and valid PHRF Certificate from 1 June 2023.
- 3.13 Applications for entry must be completed by the closing date of midnight Friday 5 May 2023 by completing the online entry form accompanied by the following fees:
- 3.14 Entry Fees:
- 3.14.1 Non-Refundable Tracker Fee: \$400.00 per boat
~~Payable before 8th December 2022~~
 - 3.14.2 Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$1,250.00 per boat
 - 3.14.3 Non-Refundable Competitors Fee: \$100.00 per competitor.
 - 3.14.4 All prices are NZ Dollars inclusive of GST.
 - 3.14.5 If the owner/charterer of a boat is a member of RAYC they will receive a rebate of \$100 on the entry fee, and a rebate of \$20 for each competitor who is a member of RAYC will apply.
- 3.15 All entries are to be received via the online entry form via www.aucklandfiji.co.nz
- 3.16 Two competitors from each boat including the skipper or navigator shall attend the compulsory competitors briefing on Wednesday 31 May – it's encouraged that additional crew also attend
- 3.17 After close of entries yachts shall be divided into divisions and allocated start dates by the race committee.
- 3.18 Late entries may be accepted at the Race Committee's absolute discretion, with an additional late entry fee of \$500.00 per boat and an additional \$30.00 per competitor.
- 3.19 Tracking devices will be used for position following. ~~All boats are required to pay the tracking deposit outlined in 3.14.1 by 8th December 2022.~~ If a boat fails to return a tracker in working condition, they are required to pay the replacement fee of \$1,500.
- 3.20 [DP] Boats will be required to do a sail past under storm sails and receive acknowledgement prior to starting. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.21 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse, for whatever reason, any entry.

4. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 4.1 The Race Director or a delegated representative at Royal Akarana Yacht Club must sight (and may take copies of) all required documentation as outlined in Table 1 Documentation Required, including items of eligibility, no later than 1200 hours, Friday 5 May 2023 unless a written exception from the Organising Authority is provided.



- 4.2 One or more digital color photos of the boat, suitable for search and rescue purposes, form part of the required documentation. One photo shall be of the boat under full sail. The photo(s) should be no less than 1200 x 800 pixels.
- 4.3 Evidence of registration and the HEX numbers of all 406 beacons, both EPIRB and personal locator beacons is to be provided.
- 4.4 The details including the make, model and storage location of all life rafts carried must be provided
- 4.5 For all competitors, complete details including full address, age, next-of-kin contact details are required.
- 4.6 A colour copy of each crew member's passport is required.

5. INSURANCE

- 5.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five (5) million New Zealand dollars. Evidence of such insurance shall be provided with the entry form.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 As per Attachment 1

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.aucklandfiji.co.nz no later than 1200 hours on Friday 19 May 2023 and will take precedence over this Notice of Race and, where they differ, over documents previously issued.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 The race will start off Orakei Wharf, Auckland and finish near the reef entrance at Momi Bay

9. CHARTS

- 9.1 The following charts (in paper form) shall be carried on board:
- 9.2 Compulsory
 - 9.2.1 NZ 14605 New Zealand to Fiji
 - 9.2.2 BA 1670 Plans in Viti Levu
- 9.3 Recommended
 - 9.3.1 BA 2691 Fiji Islands
 - 9.3.2 BA 745 Kadavu to Suva
 - 9.3.3 BA 746 Navula Passage to Beqa
- 9.3.4 Sufficient charts for Northern New Zealand.



10. PENALTIES

- 10.1 The first sentence of rule 64.2 is changed to: “When the protest committee decides 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.
- 10.2 A boat that crosses the start line after her warning signal, 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.
- 10.3 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.

11. SCORING & DIVISION

- 11.1 The following handicap systems will apply:
- PHRF (Passage TCF)
 - IRC
 - Multihull Handicap (as supplied by the New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club)
- 11.2 The following divisions will apply:
- Monohull Line
 - PHRF
 - IRC
 - Two handed
 - Cruising
 - Multihull Line
 - Multihull Handicap
- 11.3 Divisions will be dependent on entries received and outlined in the Sailing Instructions
- 11.4 Divisional splits will be determined based on PHRF and will be announced after the close of entries
- 11.5 Additional prizes/divisions will be dependent on entries and outlined in the Sailing Instructions

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prize Giving will be held in the vicinity of Port Denarau Marina on Saturday 10 June 2023.
- 12.2 Prizes will be awarded in each of the divisions.
- 12.3 The dispersal of prizes shall be determined according to the number of entries in each division and will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES & CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 13.1 It is the responsibility of the Owner and/or Skipper to see that their boat complies with the requirements of the race in that its safety category requirements and rating certificates are current, and that the crew for both the race and the return voyage



contains a nucleus of ocean-experienced members who have sailed before on the boat. The Owner and/or Skipper in charge shall also assign a person to take over their responsibilities in the event of their incapacitation.

- 13.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to decide the eligibility of any entrant based on the experience of the Skipper, Navigator and crew. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted; or its equipment or its competitors.
- 13.3 Applications for entry shall list the competitors for the race and substitutions will only be permitted on written application showing the competitor substituted and experience of the competitor being proposed.

14. SUSPENSION OF RACING AND INTERNET USAGE (Changes RRS 41 & 47.1)

- 14.1 A yacht may suspend racing for safety and seamanship reasons, but not be used to gain tactical advantage (e.g. to get out of adverse tide) provided that she informs RAYC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2 A yacht that has suspended racing may use a propulsion engine, haul out, or make fast, until she resumes racing.”
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Before resuming racing, a yacht shall return to the position where she suspended racing and inform RAYC at the first reasonable opportunity
- 14.5 Prior to the preparatory signal, boats may utilise weather information from any source.
- 14.6 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.
- 14.7 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)

15. RACE COMMUNICATIONS & POSITION REPORTING

- 15.1 Boats shall comply with the detailed reporting instructions that the Race Committee will publish prior to the event briefing.
- 15.2 A boat that fails to report will incur a 1% elapsed time penalty for each missed report. This penalty will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.



17. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 17.1 By submitting an entry, all competitors acknowledge and accept:
- 17.2 To be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race.
- 17.3 They are familiar with and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions;
- 17.4 They are familiar with and understand RRS 3 “Decision to Race”.
- 17.5 Attention has been drawn to the World Sailing Fundamental Rule 3 “Decision to Race” which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”;
- 17.6 The entry of the boat and competitors is agreed to and accepted by Royal Akarana Yacht Club on the basis that the competitors, are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the competitors;
- 17.7 The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the race;
- 17.8 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/charterer/skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by competitors of sufficient numbers and experience who are physically fit. The owner/charterer must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the competitors know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 17.9 Neither Royal Akarana Yacht Club, its members, officers, volunteer, employees, contractors nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer or competitors or their property as a result of their taking part in Auckland Fiji Yacht Race 2023 and its related activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities;
- 17.10 Neither Royal Akarana Yacht Club nor its officers, employees, contractors or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever;
- 17.11 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charter and competitors;

18. BERTHING PRIOR TO THE RACE

- 18.1 Boats must be berthed at one of the following marinas at least one week prior to their start for tracker installation and other checks:
- Westhaven Marina
 - Viaduct Harbour Marina
 - Silo Marina
 - Bayswater Marina
 - Orakei Marina

19. BERTHING IN FIJI

- 19.1 Berthage may be arranged through Port Denarau Marina. If you wish to have a marina berth you must show evidence of at least Third-Party Liability Insurance and supply the dimensions of the boat and the duration the berth is required for.



20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 20.1 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, government organizations and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television, positional information 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

- 21.1 All those who take part in the regatta 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).

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 For further information please contact the following race representatives:

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suellen@rayc.co.nz

Mike Alison
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**TABLE 1: DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

NOR Clause	Documentation Required
1.2 / 3.1	Current YNZ Category 1 Safety Certificate
1.5 / 1.6	Email from Taupo Maritime Radio for SSB radio check or satellite test phone call to RAYC Race Management (at an agreed time)
3.3	Proof of affiliated Yacht Club membership for each crew member
3.4	Evidence of NZ ship registration or overseas equivalent
3.7	Evidence of qualification voyage
3.10	Current sea survival for 50% of the crew – rounded up or 2 whichever is greater
3.11	Current NZ Coastguard Offshore Medics, Yachting New Zealand Offshore Medic Course or Australian Advanced First Aid certificate or evidence of practice certificate for 2 crew members
3.12	PHRF Application / Certificate
4.2	Photo of the yacht, plus photo of yacht with full sails for search and rescue
4.3	Evidence of registration of all 406 beacons on board
4.4	Life raft details – make, model, where is it stored
4.5	Details of all crew members to be added to the online form
4.6	Colour scan of each crew member's passport
5.0	Copy of Insurance policy



ATTACHMENT 1: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Description
Thursday 8 December 2022	17:00	Tracker deposit deadline
Friday 5 May 2023	Midnight	Entries close
Friday 5 May 2023	Midnight	Documentation deadline
Saturday 27 May 2023	18:30	Competitors and supporter's farewell party Royal Akarana Yacht Club
Tuesday 30 May 2023	Allocated Times	START 1 – Tracker Installation
Wednesday 31 May 2023	18:30	Compulsory Competitors Briefing – all divisions Two competitors from each boat including the skipper or navigator shall attend – it's encouraged that additional crew also attend
Thursday 1 June 2023	Allocated Times	START 2 – Tracker Installation
Thursday 1 June 2023	13:00	Start 1 - Cruising and Division 2
Saturday 3 June 2023	13:00	Start 2 - Division 1
Saturday 10 June 2023	19:00	Prize Giving. Venue to be confirmed
Note. Seminars and medics course dates are yet to be confirmed but will fall between now and 5 May 2023. Other events will be updated via the website.		