



Lowry Bay Yacht Club

2020

24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race

14th - 15th March 2020

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 2017-2020 ("RRS") and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003.
- 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 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 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.
- 1.4 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 1.5 All crew shall wear a lifejacket with crotch straps and a personal waterproof light whilst on deck during the hours of darkness.
- 1.6 All yachts shall be rigged with jackstay lines and each crew member should have a tether line attached to them when moving forward out of the cockpit during the hours of darkness.

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.

Compliance with safety regulations.

- 3.2(a) Keelboats (including multihulls) shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include two VHF transceivers, a GPS receiver, bosun's chair, jackstay lines fitted to the boat, tether safety lines for 50% of the crew, Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633, and a whistle and light on all life-jackets. Life jackets are required to have crotch straps fitted.
- 3.2(b) Trailer yachts shall comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category B upgraded to include two VHF transceivers, a GPS receiver, jackstay fitted to the boat, tether safety lines for 50% of the crew, Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633 (a requirement of Cat B), and a whistle and light on all life-jackets. Life jackets are required to have crotch straps fitted. A minimum of 5 litres of fuel.
- 3.2(c) All boats with outboards shall keep them mounted in an operable position at all times.
- 3.3 Yachts shall 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.
- 3.4 Minimum number of skipper and crew is four (4) for both keelboats and trailer yachts,
- 3.5 At least one of the crew (besides the skipper) must be capable of helming the boat, has prior experience in night sailing, and operating a VHF radio when the skipper is resting.
- 3.6 All yachts must have a cabin that crew can rest in.
- 3.7 To be eligible to compete in this event, the skipper of each yacht shall be a financial member of a yacht club recognised by Yachting NZ.

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 Thursday 5th March 2020. 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 entry fee is \$125.00 for all yachts.
- 3.10 Late entries may be accepted at the OA's discretion until 2000hrs on Wednesday 11th March 2020 and shall be accompanied by a late entry fee of \$25.00 in addition to the standard entry fee.

4. Schedule Registration

- 4.1 All yachts shall register in the Seaview room of Lowry Bay Yacht Club on Thursday 5th March 2020 between 1700-1900hrs.
- 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 the full name (correctly spelled) and phone number of each crew
- (c) The name and cell phone number of a nominated person who can be contacted throughout the duration of the race.
- (d) A declaration stating that at least one other crew member (besides the skipper) has prior night sailing experience and is capable of helming the yacht.
- (e) For any entrant that has crew under the age of 18, a declaration from that person's guardian giving permission for them to compete.

Briefing

- 4.3 The race briefing is scheduled for 1930hrs Thursday 5 March 2020 in the LBYC clubrooms.
- 4.4 A final morning briefing will be at 0900hrs Saturday 14 March 2020 in the LBYC clubrooms.
- 4.5 All skippers must attend both briefings. You may bring one other crew member to the briefings.

Start

- 4.6 The scheduled start of the race is at 1100hrs on Saturday, 14 March 2020 from the end of Eastbourne Rona Wharf.

Finish

- 4.7 The scheduled finish of the race is at 1100hrs on Sunday, 15 March as per the precise reported achieved position of each boat (as per GPS) at that time.

Race Continuation, Postponement or Abandonment

- 4.8 If the race has not started by 1800hrs 14 March 2020 due to either insufficient or excessive wind conditions or other possible delaying factors, the race will be abandoned, and the reserve weekend will be used.
- 4.9 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 of the race or finish the race early due to weather, or any other condition that might impede the safety of the event.
- 4.10 The Race Committee reserves the right to pause the race and restart it at a later time from the start line at Rona Wharf. Skippers are required to record their precise GPS position when the race is paused.

Reserve Weekend

- 4.11 The reserve weekend for the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race is the 21 – 22 March 2020.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 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.

6. Venue

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

7. The Course

- 7.1 The proposed course comprises of 2 different size laps.
- 7.2 The first lap is approximately 17nm and takes in most of Wellington Harbour. The subsequent lap is approximately 9nm and is at the Northern end of the harbour.
- 7.3 A decision will be made on the day of the start as to whether 1 or 2 large laps will be sailed and will be displayed on the official noticeboard and announced at the briefing
- 7.4 The final course diagrams will be included in the sailing instructions.
- 7.5 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 at Point Howard Wharf.

8. Handicaps

- 8.1 Handicaps will be posted on the official noticeboard by 0900hrs on Saturday 14 March 2020
- 8.1 Handicaps (TCF) shall be allocated at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.2 The handicaps allotted to a yacht shall not be grounds for requests for redress.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 The fleet will be sailed and scored as one division.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 The part lap will be calculated by logging the yacht's GPS position at 1100hrs on Sunday 15 March and working out how much of that lap was completed.
- 9.4 This total distance will be used to calculate the corrected distance on handicap.
- 9.5 A Log sheet will be issued to all yachts and must 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 to be scored.
- 9.6 At the discretion of the Race Committee, additional technology may be used by 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 and at the 1st briefing on 5 March.

10. Communication

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Refer RRS 41
- 10.2 Boats may make live streams or posts to the 24hr Endurance race Facebook page during the race.

11. Support Boats

- 11.1 Support boats are not allowed.

12. Prizes

- 12.1 The prizegiving will be held in the LBYC club room commencing at approx. 1400hrs Sunday 15 March.
- 12.2 The 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race prizes and trophies will be awarded as follows:
 - Line Honours (Longest distance sailed) Heineken Centennial Tankard
 - Longest distance new record (if this is achieved) (Shield)
 - 1st on handicap (corrected distance sailed) Gibson Sheat Cup
 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th on handicap (corrected distance sailed).
 - Class prizes if there are 3 or more boats of one class competing.
- 12.3 Other spot prizes will be awarded to all boats that complete the race.

13. Refunds

Competitor Withdrawals

Competitor withdrawals and the applicable entry fee refunds will be as follows:

- 13.1 If a competitor withdraws **48 hrs** or more from the race first warning signal
- 75% refund
- 13.2 If a competitor withdraws **48 to 24 hrs** from the race first warning signal
- 50% refund
- 13.3 If a competitor withdraws **24 hrs** or less from the race first warning signal
- no refund

Cancellation

- 13.4 If the organising authority cancels the event due to being unable to sail on either the scheduled weekend, or the reserve weekend, a 50% refund of entry fees may be sought on application in writing to vicecomm@lbyc.org.nz

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 event organiser 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 visiting boats, a marina berth will be made available on request from the Seaview Marina for 2 nights either side of the race, free of charge. Contact the marina office prior to the event if you would like a berth.

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Or visit the website <http://www.lbyc.org.nz/24-hour-endurance-race>