



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON
Mastercard Superyacht Regatta 2021, Auckland
23 - 27 February 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Mastercard Superyacht Regatta 2021, Auckland is an invitational regatta. The regatta is open to yachts over 24m. The 2021 regatta will include a Corinthian Spirit class, see NoR 4.6. Part 1 of this notice deals with general administrative information and Part 2 with the rules and conditions of the regatta.

PART 1 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron is the organising authority for the Mastercard Superyacht Regatta 2021, Auckland.

Address all correspondence pertaining to the regatta to:

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
2021 Superyacht Regatta, Auckland
181 Westhaven Drive, Auckland New Zealand
Tel: +64 3606800
Email: superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz

2. Event website: <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/superyacht-regatta/>
Updates and the latest information can be found on the event website.
3. Race office will be located at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

4. INSURANCE

Each Entrant shall obtain and maintain, in force throughout the Event, with a reputable insurer, insurance which provides coverage for loss or damage to or caused by the Yacht and which has the following minimum levels of coverage:

- (a) comprehensive marine general liability with limits not less than US\$5 million each occurrence and US\$15 million annual aggregate;
- (b) marine P&I insurance for the Vessel with limits not less than US\$5 million each occurrence and US\$50 million annual aggregate; and
- (c) hull insurance for the Yacht with an each occurrence limit of not less than the value of the Yacht.

The captain shall ensure that a certificate of insurance (in English) reflecting the above required insurance requirements is carried onboard the yacht at all times during the regatta.

The Organising Committee shall not be responsible for losses arising during the regatta (insured or otherwise). All owners and skippers are advised that it is the responsibility of owners and/or skippers to ensure that they carry the relevant insurance. Yachts race at their own risk.

PART 2 RACING RULES & CONDITIONS

1 RULES

The Mastercard Superyacht Regatta 2021, Auckland will be governed by:

- a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. Appendix SY version 3.1, December 2018 to the RRS.
- c. The ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCSy), www.orc.org/superyacht
- d. ORC Multihull Rule.
- e. Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions will not apply.
- f. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 2 Category shall apply.

1.1 The following racing rules will be changed as follows:

- a. Rule 52 Manual Power shall not apply.
- b. Rule 55 Trash Disposal: Add "For the avoidance of doubt, the discarding of elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is not permitted.
- c. Rule 64.1 is amended by replacing the word "disqualified" with the notation [DP] discretionary penalty.
- d. Rule 42.3 is amended so that the use of an engine is allowed up to one minute prior to a yacht's respective start time.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.2 Appendix T will apply.

2 SAFE RACING

2.1 The organising authority takes a proactive stance on safe racing, prudent seamanship and good sportsmanship. Safe racing, rule compliance and rule enforcement are the responsibilities of everyone involved in superyacht racing. The level of sportsmanship at the Mastercard Superyacht Regatta has set a standard in superyacht racing and the race committee fully expects the same level of mutual respect between competitors. Accordingly, participants are required to:

- a. Ensure that the safety of their guests, crew and yacht is their primary consideration during the regatta;
- b. Comply with all rules of the regatta;
- c. Comply with all rules and regulations that apply to the yacht by virtue of its flag, classification society or other code of compliance (and have on board all valid and up-to-date certificates) and/or any local maritime authority's decree that may apply to the yacht at the time of the regatta;
- d. Have due regard for any commercial shipping;
- e. Be courteous to all other participating yachts, the organising authority and its representatives, as well as all other vessels encountered on the racecourse;
- f. Sign and submit a Daily Declaration Form with the race office promptly after completion of each race specifying any safety related incidents and/or breaches of the RRS or other rules of the regatta involved in or observed.

2.2 This Notice of Race sends the implicit message that the focus is on safe racing, not competitive advantage. It reinforces the fact that the Mastercard Superyacht Regatta is a congenial racing event. If the organising authority receives corroborative or substantiated reports of a yacht being handled in an overly aggressive, un-seamanlike or unsafe manner, they may declare the yacht or the racing tactician ineligible for future superyacht regattas.

3 ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RIGHTS

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 3.2 The organising authority reserves the right to publish or broadcast anywhere in the world, names, images, video footage and audio recordings taken before, during or after the regatta.
- 3.3 Event backstay flags will be provided by the organising authority. These must be displayed during all races participated in during the regatta. Protests over the failure to display backstay flags can only be lodged by the Racing Committee. [DP]
- 3.4 A divisional flag will be provided by the organising authority and shall be displayed below the event backstay flag. These must be displayed during all races participated in during the regatta. Protests over the failure to display backstay flags can only be lodged by the Race Committee. [DP]
- 3.5 A boat may be required to carry a tracking device, media equipment and or personnel supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.6 A boat may be required to have an event sponsor representative as delegated by the OA.
- 3.7 Photography, video and audio recording while in Auckland, including but not limited to photographing and/or recording from the Yacht while in Auckland during the period of the Mastercard Superyacht Regatta shall be strictly for private purposes only. Photographs and/or recordings must not be used for any broadcasting, media or publication or for any commercial purpose whatsoever except that this shall not prevent the use of photography, video and audio recording of the Regatta (and no other America's Cup event) on the Yacht's own website and on other materials used in promotion of the Yacht. Except with the prior written consent of the Organising Authority, no professional film crew or photographer(s) shall be authorised on board the Yacht with their equipment while in Auckland during the period of the Mastercard Superyacht Regatta.
- 3.8 Each Entrant accepts and agrees for and on behalf of the Yacht and the Participants, that the Organising Authority and their respective nominees or licensees including, without limitation, appointed broadcasters and other media may film and photograph each of them and use footage and photographs as well as their name, image, likeness and voice and any photographs, video or sound recordings taken during the period of the regatta without compensation on a perpetual and royalty-free basis, for illustration, trade, editorial, commercial, advertising, marketing, promotion and all other commercial purposes and in any and all media now existing or hereafter developed, throughout the world, without restrictions or limitations provided always that the use of such material shall be limited to depicting the Entrant's and any Participant's association with the Regatta.

As part of the registration process, each Participant will be required to sign a declaration agreeing to these media rights provisions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to superyachts not less than 24 metres hull length (not including boom sprits and the like). The Mastercard Superyacht Regatta reserves the right to make an exception to any of above.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by filling in the entry form at <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/superyacht-regatta/> and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organising authority, after Nov 1st 2020 a late fee of an additional \$1000 NZD + 15% GST will apply.
- 4.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each Captain and / or helmsman shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the Captain and/or helmsman's national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership to be submitted by 1st November 2020.
- 4.5 The Organising Authority reserves the right to limit entries.

5 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 5.1 There are two classes. The Superyacht Class and Corinthian Class. Prizes will be awarded (see NOR14 below) The Organising Authority reserves the right to make an exception to the above.
- 5.2 The Organising Authority will, at its sole discretion, divide the classes into divisions based on the number of boats in each class and the individual sailing capability of the yachts. A notice of the preliminary divisions and the yachts within each division will be posted on the website by 18th January 2021.
- 5.3 The Corinthian Spirit class is a non-spinnaker class in monohull class that is restricted to headsails as described in RRS 50.4; spinnakers, asymmetrics or Code O's shall not be used. The tack of the headsail shall be attached to a furling unit, or the luff of the headsail shall be attached to the forestay by hanks.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee is \$12,000 NZD inclusive of GST payable to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
- 6.2 The following is included in the entry fee:
 - Tickets for all the crew to all the functions listed in the Event schedule
 - Guest membership of the club for the duration of the regatta for the owner, captain and crews.
 - RNZYS limited edition gift pack
 - Access to additional events prior to these dates that will have other entry fees published closer to the time.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

The Race Office will be open for registration from 1730hrs to 1830hrs Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

The following documents need to be provided by the Entrant at registration:

- Participant Waiver and Release and also media rights provision to be signed by the owner (or charterer) if an individual, the captain, crew members and guests of the Yacht at any time whilst it is in Auckland during the Regatta.
- Crew List, updated as necessary each day of racing prior to leaving the dock.
- Participant Waiver and Release and also media rights provision to be signed by the owner (or charterer) if an individual, the captain, crew members and guests of the Yacht at any time whilst it is in Auckland during the Regatta.
- Name and mobile phone numbers for the Captain and Racing Tactician.
- The name and mobile number for support vessel/s driver must be submitted with the crew list to the Race Office before the daily Skippers briefing, to be used only in case of an emergency.

7.2 Dates of racing;

24/02/2021 | Racing

25/02/2021 | Racing

26/02/2021 | Racing

27/02/2021 | Racing

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1055hrs.

7.4 One or two races per day is scheduled.

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.

7.6 The Prize giving will be held on Saturday 27th February 1700hrs at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

7.7 See attachment C for schedule of events.

8 HANDICAPPING AND SCORING

- 8.1 Yachts in monohull class shall have a current valid ORCsy certificate, while those entered in Corinthian Spirit class shall have a current valid ORCcs Certificate. More details may be found at www.orc.org
- 8.2 More detailed information on racing formats and the overall scoring criteria will be posted on the event website prior to 18th January 2021.
- 8.3 A request for an ORCsy or ORCmh certificate shall be made by completing the on-line application form at the ORC website - www.orc.org. The application and all relevant documents to process an ORCsy or ORCmh certificate shall be submitted no later than 1st January 2021, The ORC may extend this deadline at its sole discretion.
- 8.4 The use of “pivoted or rise/fall centreboards” is permitted.
- 8.5 Yachts entered in the Corinthian Spirit class are required to have a current and valid ORCcs handicap certificate, the application is available at <http://www.orc.org/index.asp?id=207> All yachts in the Corinthian Spirit class must submit their completed handicap application to the ORC no later than Dec 1st, 2020). The organising authority and ORC will assist Corinthian Spirit class entrants with their handicap applications.
- 8.6 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.7 A Yacht’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1/02/2021 on the event website <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/superyacht-regatta/>, by email and at registration.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the location of the regatta venue.
- 10.2 Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas. This is on chart 532

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be within the Hauraki Gulf using islands, rocks, inflatable buoys and official boats as marks of the course.
- 11.2 The approximate start area will be advised at the daily Owners and Captains’ daily race briefing.
- 11.3 The course to be sailed will be advised by VHF radio not less than 15 minutes before the first yacht’s start. Each mark will be described with approximate GPS positions and the side in which it is to be passed and the approximate position of the finish.

12 COMPETITORS TENDERS

- 12.1 Each yacht may be accompanied by its own motorised competitor’s tenders, at the sole discretion of the race committee. Such competitor’s tenders may be called upon by the race committee to assist in the management of the race, or in an emergency. Please refer to the Sailing Instructions. Competitor’s tenders shall display a flag identifying the Yacht it supports.

13 COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

- 13.1 A yacht shall not receive radio transmissions unless available to all yachts. All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite, are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except weather forecast information.
- 13.2 Yachts are required to operate their Automatic Identification System (AIS) from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.
- 13.3 Communications between Race Management and all Competitors shall be made by VHF radio. Competitor to competitor communications as per SY Rule 1.3 shall be made on VHF radio, channel to be advised.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded for first, second and third for each class.

Where there are less than four Yachts entered in that division trophies and or prizes will be awarded for first and second.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Regatta, the Entrant agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) it and each Participant is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their Yacht to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Regatta;
- b) it is responsible for the safety of the Yacht and her crew and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) the Yacht is in good order, equipped to sail in the Regatta and the crew is fit to participate;
- d) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve the Entrant of its own responsibilities; and
- e) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

The Entrant and the Participants participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. The Entrant agrees to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of the Yacht, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. The Regatta Parties will not accept any liability for damage to property or personal injury or death sustained by the Entrant, the Yacht or any participant in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the Regatta. The Regatta Parties are not responsible for any damage to property or personal injury (including death) sustained by the Entrant, the Yacht or any Participant in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta and, as a condition of participating in the Regatta, the Entrant releases all claims that it may have against any of the Regatta Parties for any damage to property or personal injury (including death) sustained by it or any Participant in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

- 15.2 The Entrant will ensure that the Participant Waiver and Release is accurately completed and signed by each Participant and lodged with the Organising Authority prior to the first race of the Regatta. The Participant Waiver and Release will be posted on the Regatta website at <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/superyacht-regatta/> by 23 February 2021.
- 15.3 In the event of any crew member, guest or personnel change on board a Yacht during the Regatta, the Entrant will ensure that each new Participant shall sign the Participant Waiver and Release before participating in any race forming part of the Regatta. The updated form is to be submitted to the Race Office before each day.

15.4 The Entrant shall be responsible for any and all property damage and personal injury (including death) suffered by it or the Yacht or any Participant and/or any third party while the Yacht is in or about New Zealand which arises from the actions or inactions of the Yacht or any of its crew, and each Entrant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Regatta Parties from any and all claims, losses, damages and liabilities suffered or incurred by one or more of the Regatta Parties in respect of the same.

16 CANCELLATION OF REGATTA

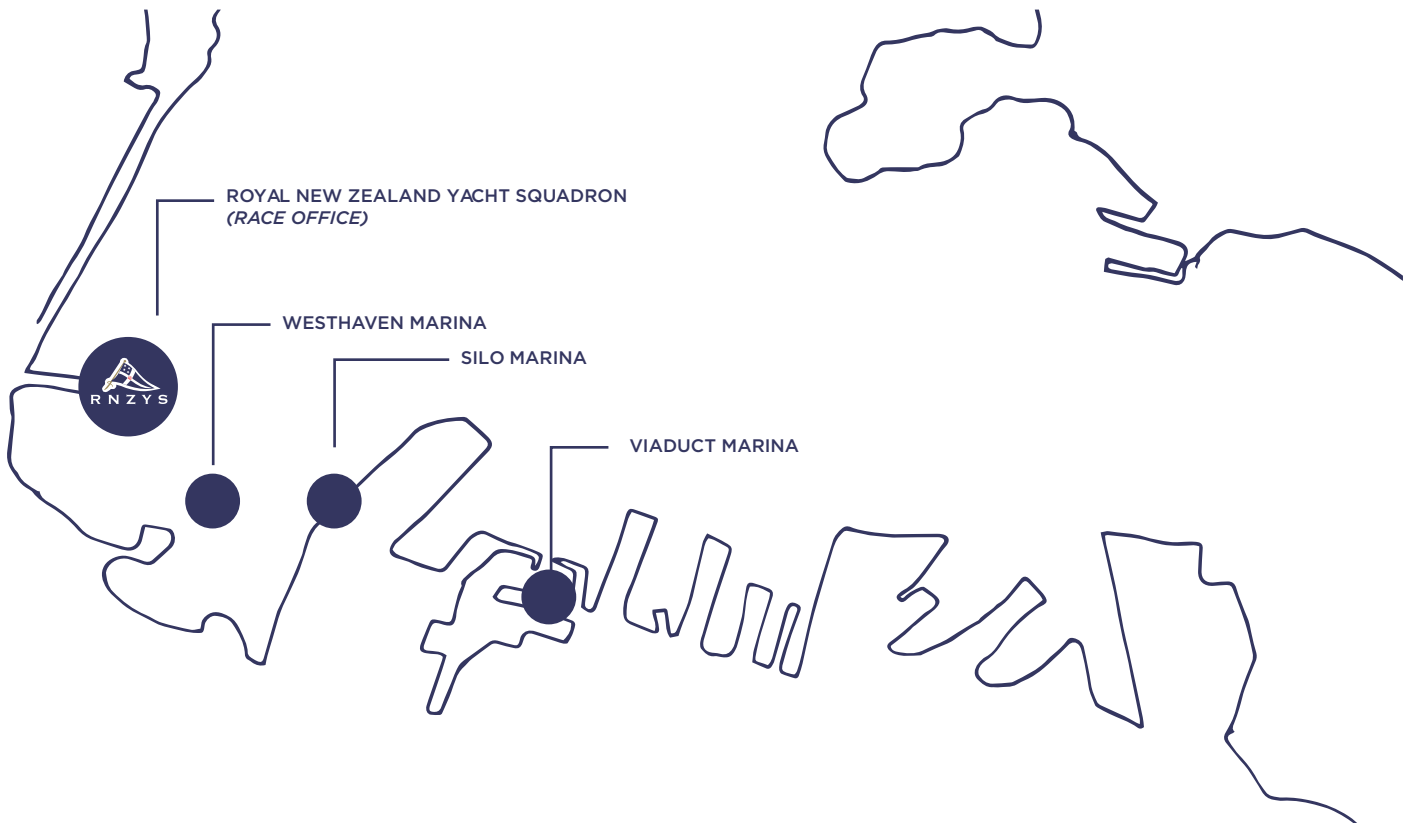
16.1 The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the regatta completely by written notification to each yacht via email to the captain's e-mail address provided on the Entry Application. In the event of cancellation of the regatta:

- a) In the event the regatta is postponed or abandoned for reasons beyond the organisers control a refund in whole or part will be limited to payments made for entry fee only, at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- b) This Agreement in respect of this regatta will be terminated forthwith; and
- c) Each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly agree that no claim of any nature whatsoever against the organising authority will be permitted or entertained and each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the organizers in respect of any claim brought by anyone associated with them and/or their yacht and any costs incurred by the organizers in relation to such claim.

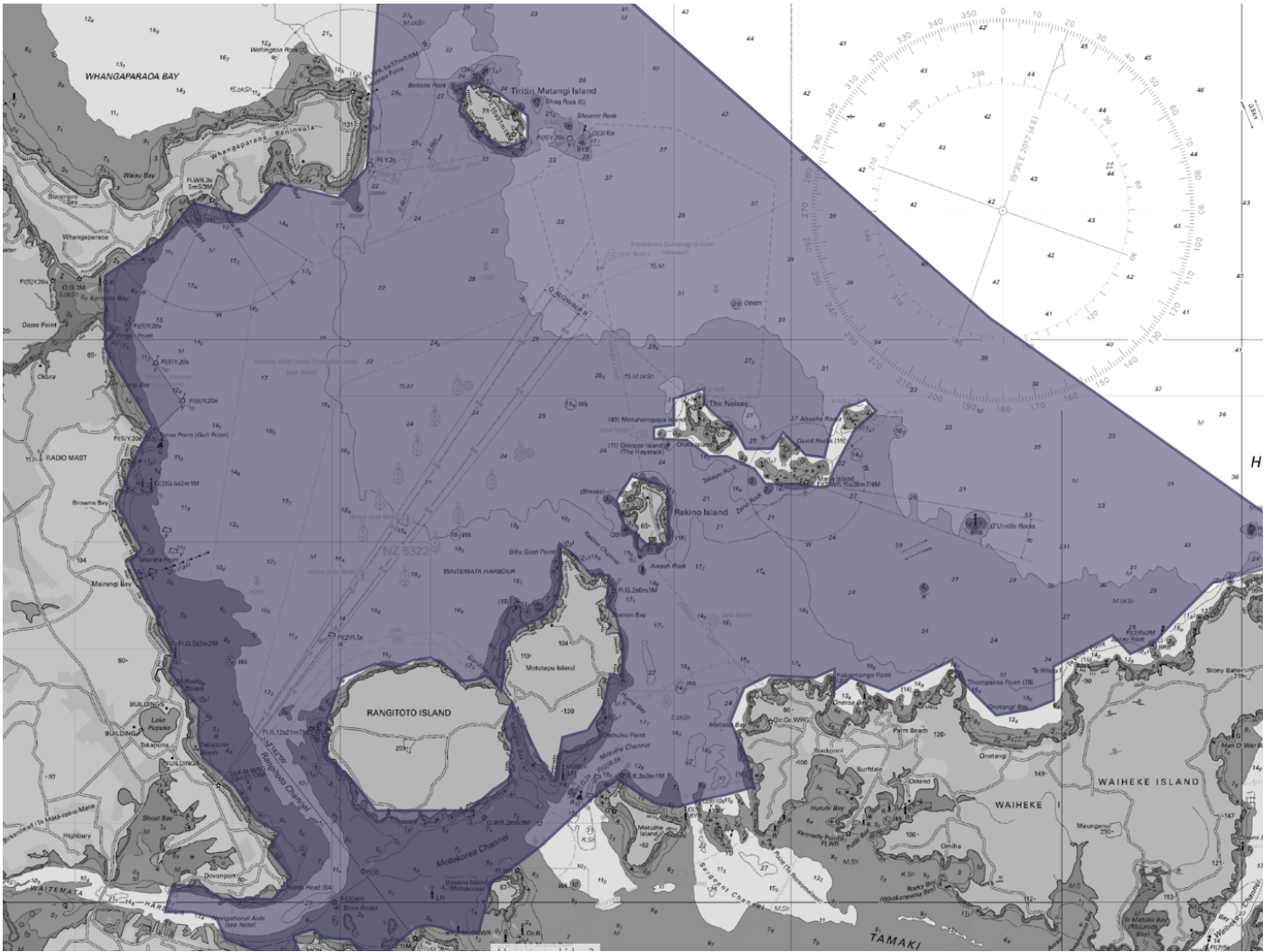
17 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

17.1 The organising authority reserves the right to amend this notice of race. Any amendments will be posted on the event website.

ATTACHMENT A - VENUE LOCATION



ATTACHMENT B - RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT C - DAILY SCHEDULE

Tuesday
23 FEB
2021

4.00pm -
5.30pm

Registration
Where:
RNZYS

5.30pm -
6.30pm

Captains'
Briefing

Where:
RNZYS

Dress:
Smart Casual

6.30pm -
8.30pm

Regatta
Welcome
reception

Where:
RNZYS

Wednesday
- Saturday

24 FEB
2021 -
27 FEB
2021

11.00am

Race Start

weather dependant

Where:
Hauraki Gulf

5.00pm -
6.00pm

Crew happy
hour

Where:
RNZYS

Dress:
Crew wear

Daily Schedule

Saturday
27 FEB
2021

5.00pm -
midnight

Regatta
prizegiving

Where:
RNZYS

Dress:
Crew wear

***Subject to change**