



2023 North Shore Teams Racing Competition

Pre-Christmas Event: Tuesday 17th October – Thursday 7th December 2023

Post Christmas Event: Tuesday 13th February – Thursday 4th April 2024

Milford Cruising Club, 24 Craig Road, Milford, North Shore City, Auckland

Notice of Race



The Organising Authority for this event is the Milford Cruising Club (MCC).

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by 'the rules' as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024', including Appendix D.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations: Part 1 shall apply.

2.0 Changes to Racing Rules

The Racing Rules will be changes in accordance with RRS 86 as follows:

- 2.1 In RRS D2.4(a) change "green and white" to "green and white or green" and in RRS D1.2(d)(1) & RRS D2.4(c) change "black and white" to "black and white or black".
- 2.2 In RRS D5.2 change "red" to "yellow".
- 2.3 Add new rule RRS D1.1(j) "When a boat completes a leg of the course she is not permitted to return to that leg."

3.0 Eligibility

- 3.1 The event is open to all teams consisting of 6 sailors, plus up to 2 reserves and a manager or coach.
- 3.2 Competitors must in year 7 of school or older.
- 3.3 This competition is North Shore focused; entry preference will be to North Shore teams ahead of other regionally located teams.
- 3.4 After regional preference, entry to the event will be prioritised by date of receipt of entry within the following categories:
 - a) Secondary School sailing teams
 - b) Other non-Secondary School sailing teams
 - c) Composite School / Non-school sailing teams
 - d) Non-school sailing teams
- 3.5 A composite team comprising members from different schools or non-school sailors of more than one school or non-school sailors may be entered.
- 3.6 Team substitutions are allowed but for safety reasons MCC must be informed prior to launching boats
- 3.7 No weight limits will apply, and no correcting weights will be allowed.
- 3.8 Entries:
 - a) Term 4 entries will be accepted until the closing date of 2359 on Sunday 1st October 2023, by submitting the online entry form (found at: TBD) and paying the respective entry fee of \$800 via direct credit to MCC. Account details are included at the end of the NOR. Failure to pay the entry fee by this closing date may invalidate your entry.
 - b) Term 1 entries will be accepted until the closing date of 2359 on Monday 5th January 2024, by submitting the online entry form (found at: <https://tinyurl.com/NSTRC>) and paying the respective entry fee of \$800 via direct credit to MCC. Account details are included at the end of the NOR. Failure to pay the entry fee by this closing date may invalidate your entry.
 - c) Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of Organising Authority.
 - d) A damage deposit of \$500 per team is required and lodged with the entry fee, unless one is already held by MCC. In the event of a team causing major damage

to equipment, they will be required to pay an additional amount to cover the cost of the damage if they wish to continue competing in the event.

- 3.9 All teams must provide one (1) MCC approved team official on a weekly basis to assist with running the event, otherwise an additional payment of \$500 is required for each team that cannot provide this.

4.0 Boats & Equipment

- 4.1 The competition will be sailed in 420 boats. Spinnakers and trapezes are not permitted. MCC will supply the 420s required for the competition. Boats will be allocated in a draw and shall not be modified in any way not permitted by the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 Each team will consist of 8 sailors, of which 6 sailors plus 2 reserves.
- 4.3 Races will be run in a 3 v 3 format, with
- 4.4 Boats will be fitted with coloured mainsails and jibs; the mainsails shall be 200mm shorter in the leech than a standard 420 mainsail and the size of a 'Sunburst' mainsail when reefed. Mainsails will, be reefed at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 4.5 Boats will be supplied with red protest flags that shall be permanently attached to the shrouds and yellow breakdown flags that shall be attached to the vang.
- 4.6 All teams must supply their own distinctive bibs in order to make teams recognizable when racing.
- 4.7 Buoyancy vests must be worn by competitors and support persons at all times while afloat.

5.0 Schedule of Events

- 5.1 Registration will be online only.
- 5.2 Term 4 briefings will occur on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October and Term 1 Briefings will occur Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15 February, for the respective teams at 1600 - 1630, at the Milford Cruising Club, 24 Craig Road, Milford, North Shore City, Auckland,
- 5.3 Managers' Meeting
The managers' meeting will take place on Monday 16th October 18:00 – 19:00 for Term 4 competition and Monday 12th February for Term 1 at the Milford Cruising Club, 24 Craig Road, Milford, North Shore City, Auckland
- 5.4 Racing Schedule
Racing will be completed each Tuesday and Thursday of the week in a round robin format over an eight (8) week period.
Each race day will be split into an early racing slot and a late racing slot, whereby teams will race their opponent three (3) times.
Early racing slot teams are required to rig and set-up eight (8) boats (four (4) per team) scheduled time for the first warning signal for the early time slot racing will be 16:15 and the first warning signal for the later time slot racing will be 17:00, or earlier if the earlier racing finishes ahead of schedule.
- 5.5 Racing Format
The racing shall consist of a round robin series.

5.6 Prizegiving

There will be a prizegiving at Milford Cruising Club tentatively scheduled for:

Term 4 Competition: 8th December 2023

Term 1 Competition: 11th April 2024

6.0 Sailing Instructions

The full starting sequence will be included in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the start of each race and the preparatory signal will be 2 minutes before the start.

7.0 Sailing Instructions Racing Area

The sailing area shall be off Milford Beach, Castor Bay, Milford.

7.1 Changeovers will be made on-water from a designated change boat. Further details will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 Course to be Sailed

The course will be a starboard hand 'S' course.

9.0 Scoring

9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS D3 and D4 within each fleet, formed as stated in NOR 5.5.

9.2 After two round robins, the top three teams will be deemed the overall place. If insufficient racing has taken place, the race committee reserves the right to extend or shorten this process. This may be taken on completed round robins only.

9.3 For the event to be 'completed', at least one round-robin shall be fully completed. This changes RRS D4.2(b).

10.0 Prizes

Prizes will be given to the to the top three (3) teams for:

- Pre-Christmas teams racing
- Post Christmas teams racing

Other prizes maybe awards at the discretion of the Organising Authority

11.0 Team Support Boats

Spectator boats shall not be allowed on the course unless directed by the Race Committee. All support boats are expected to comply with all YNZ recommendations and all local maritime bylaws, specifically including the use of kill-cords at all times while afloat. In addition, the racing area is a cable zone so unless in emergency situations no anchoring is allowed.

12.0 Decisions of the Protest Committee

In accordance with RRS 70.5 and YNZ Addendum A, Yachting New Zealand has approved the denial of the right of appeal for this competition.

13.0 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.

14.0 **Further Information**

Results and other related information will be available online at www.milfordcruising.co.nz

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