

Route 66^(nm)

Friday 5th March 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authorities are the Richmond Yacht Club (Inc) and the Onerahi Yacht Club (Inc)

THE RACE IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY YACHT CLUB

1.0 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Yachting New Zealand Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

1.2 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part II Category 4+, with life raft or fully inflated inflatable dinghy shall apply to all boats.

All boats must meet the Category 4 Safety Regulations PLUS

1. Be fitted with lifelines. 2. Have securely fitted jackstays. 3. Carry a floating grab bag containing, Cat 4 flare pack, 406mhz EPIRB or PLB, waterproof floating torch, cellphone in a sealed plastic bag, handheld VHF (if the boat is not already fitted with one).

1.3 RACE PACK

A Race Pack, consisting of the following items, must be carried by all yachts in the Route 66(nm) race: NOR, Sailing Instructions, Contact details sheet, VHF communication details sheet and other relevant information. Race Packs will be available on completion of an entry form.

1.4 VHF CHECK IN

Boats are required to call the Onerahi Patrol vessel at the following times:

- soon after passing Cape Rodney
- between the fairway buoy (the first channel marker in the approach to Whangarei Heads approximately 3 miles from the finish) and Busby Head.

This is a safety requirement.

Any vessel retiring from the race is required to advise the Onerahi Patrol vessel as soon as practicable. Failure to do so may result in the boats disqualification and may result in rescue authorities being notified. Fuel and other costs associated with an unnecessary search may be charged to the offending vessel.

See VHF information sheet in the Route 66(nm) Sailing Instructions for details.

1.5 RACE CONTROL

Control of the race will pass from Richmond Yacht Club to Onerahi Yacht Club immediately following the start of the last division.

1.6 The Racing Rules will be changed in accordance with Rule 86 as follows

Rule 29.2 is changed as per instruction 11.4 of the 'Route 66' Sailing Instructions.

Rule 42.3(f) is changed as per Instruction 1.9 of the 'Route 66' Sailing Instructions.

Rule 51 is changed as per Instruction 1.8 of the 'Route 66' Sailing Instructions.

Rule 61 is changed as per Instruction 16.1 of the 'Route 66' Sailing Instructions.

Rule 52 is changed as per Instruction 1.10 of the 'Route 66' Sailing Instructions.

1.7 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal hearing.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to all keelers that meet the requirements of 1.2

2.2 Entries will be accepted up to 1700 hours, Thursday 4 March 2010.

Eligible boats, including Richmond sail pass entries, may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it, with the required fee, to Richmond Yacht Club (Inc), P O Box 46-324, Herne Bay, Auckland 1147 or leaving it in the entries box adjacent to the front door of the club. Faxed entries will be accepted provided all information on the entry form has been completed and full payment has been received. Fax number is 360 2379.

2.3 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper must be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand.

3.0 FEES

3.1 Richmond Yacht Club Sail pass holders	No charge
Richmond Yacht Club Members	\$25.00
Onerahi Yacht Club Members	\$25.00
Other Yacht Club Members	\$35.00

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Measurement

No official measurement is required for this race. Boats may be inspected to ensure they meet the Category 4+ Safety Requirements detailed above.

4.2 Briefing

Will be held on Thursday 4 March 2010 at the Richmond Yacht Club. A Route 66(nm) race pack will be distributed to each registered yacht at the briefing. Yachts not represented at the briefing will not be eligible to race or receive prizes.

Each yacht is to furnish a 2-minute form, including a complete list of crew members no later than 30 minutes after the end of the briefing.

4.3 Race Schedule

There will be one race on the 5 March 2010

Auckland High Water

Friday 0021 – 3.3m

Marsden Pt High Water

Saturday 1247 – 2.6m

4.4 Start Times

Division	Flag	Warning Signal
A Keelers OPEN	Dark Blue	1455 hours

The divisional structure may be changed in response to entries received. A boat's division may also be changed at the discretion of the convenors.

4.5 The race will not be run if a gale warning, or higher, is in force on any part of the course at 1400 hours on the day of the race.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Route 66(nm) Sailing Instructions 2010 will apply for this race.

6.0 VENUE

The racing area is the Hauraki Gulf and Bream Head to Cape Colville.

7.0 COURSE

Start between the main mast of the Richmond Yacht Club and the Yellow Racing Buoy 'Westhaven', Torpedo Buoy (port), Kawau Island (port), Little Barrier Island (stbd), Sail Rock (stbd), Whangarei Channel Number 7 Buoy (stbd), to finish in a northerly direction between the Whangarei Channel Number 9 Buoy (leaving the buoy to port) and the finish boat to starboard.

Supplementary:

- Full finishing instructions will be provided as part of the Race Pack which will be given out at the briefing.
- Onerahi YC will provide boats to guide competitors to anchor at Whangarei Heads.
- To be eligible for prizes boats must attend the prizegiving. Details of Anchorages / Berths will be provided as part of the Race Pack.

8.0 PENALTY SYSTEM.

No alternative penalties apply. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 apply for all Richmond Yacht Club Races.

9.0 PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded at Marsden Cove Marina, the café will be open for breakfast.

Gun

1st Handicap Minimum of three boats raced in division.

2nd Handicap Minimum of five boats raced in division.

3rd Handicap Minimum of eight boats raced in division.

9.2 Gun prizes must be collected at the prizegiving. If a representative from the gun boat is not present it will be returned to the prize pool. Handicap prizes must be collected from the RYC office within 2 months or they shall be forfeited.

9.3 Race Results will be posted on the Club Notice Board and the Club website, www.richmondyc.org.nz, as soon as practicable after the prizegiving.

9.4 Every effort will be made to begin the prizegiving by 1000 hours, Saturday, 6 March. Assuming sufficient boats have finished. All boats, crews and supporters are welcome at the prizegiving.

9.4 A kangaroo court may be convened at the discretion of the organisers to "reward" particularly notable faux pas (including, but not limited to flying spinnakers incorrectly, particularly spectacular broaches, etc.).

11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in any races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

12.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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