



NEW ZEALAND MILLENNIUM CUP REGATTA

15th February to 18th February 2021

The NZ Millennium Cup regatta is the South Pacific's premiere superyacht regatta providing superyacht owners a unique and unforgettable experience. The relaxed kiwi-style regatta is well known for its hospitality, great racing and fantastic comradery.

NOTICE OF RACE

PART 1 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the New Zealand Marine Export Group Incorporated (Inc.) associated with the Russell Boating Club Incorporated (Inc.)

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2 EVENT WEBSITE

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the event website, www.millenniumcup.com

3 RACE OFFICE

The NZ Millennium Cup Race Office is located between the Duke of Marlborough Hotel and the Commodores Lodge, The Strand, Russell.

4 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the yachts racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident. 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.

As all owners are aware competitive racing inevitably carries with it an increased risk of collision between boats and resultant damage and expense. 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 AND CONDITIONS

1 RULES

The NZ Millennium Cup Regatta 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 (ORCs), 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 organizing 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 NZ Millennium Cup 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 organizing 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 NZ Millennium Cup Regatta is a congenial racing event. If the organizing 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 NZ Millennium Cup regattas.

3 ADVERTISING

- 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 supplied by the organising authority.

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 NZ Millennium Cup Committee reserves the right to make an exception to any of above.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by filling in the attached entry form and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority, after Dec 1st 2020 a late fee of \$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 December 2020.
- 4.5 The Organising Authority reserves the right to limit entries.

5 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 5.1 There are three classes. The NZ Millennium Cup Class, Corinthian Class and Multihull Class. There will be first and second prizes for all classes. Only the NZ Millennium Cup class is eligible to win the actual NZ Millennium Cup trophy. The minimum number of entries in each class is 4. The NZ Millennium Cup Committee 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 Required fees are as follows

	FEE
24m to 39.9m	NZ\$10,500 + 15% GST
40m to 44.9m	NZ\$13,000 + 15% GST
45m and over	NZ\$16,000 + 15% GST

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration:
The Race Office will be open daily between the hours of 8.30am to 7.00pm from Sunday 14th February closing at 12pm on Friday 19th February 2021.
- 7.2 Dates of racing;

DATE	
16/02/2021	<i>Racing</i>
17/02/2021	<i>Racing</i>
18/02/2021	<i>Racing</i>

- 7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1055hrs.
- 7.4 One to 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 Thursday 18th February 6.00pm at the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell.
- 7.7 See attachment C for schedule of events.

8 HANDICAPPING AND SCORING

- 8.1 Yachts in monohull class shall have a current valid ORCs certificate, while those entered in Corinthian Spirit class shall have a current valid ORCs Certificate. Yachts in multihull class shall have a current valid ORCmh 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 ORCs 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 ORCs 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 ORCs 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 organizing authority and ORC will assist Corinthian Spirit class entrants with their handicap applications.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 15/01/2021 on the event website www.millenniumcup.com , by email, on our NZ Millennium Cup App 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. Chart 5125 Bay of Islands.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be within the Bay of Islands using islands, rocks, inflatable buoys and 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 and the event App 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:

- 14.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded for first and second on handicap for each class.
- 14.2 The NZ Millennium Cup trophy will be awarded to the winner of the overall NZ Millennium Cup class.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. NZ Marine Export Group Inc., Russell Boating Club Inc. and each of their respective sponsors, contractors, volunteers and all other affiliated organisations and individuals, will not accept any liability for damage to property or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. NZ Marine Export Group Inc., Russell Boating Club Inc. and each of the their respective affiliates, sponsors, agents, employees, officers, directors and contractors (the "Released Parties") are not responsible for any damage to property or personal injury (including death) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta and, as a condition of participating in the regatta, each participant releases all claims that it may have against any of the Released Parties for any damage to property or personal injury (including death) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to continue racing. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.
- 15.2 A Competitor shall be responsible for any and all property damage and personal injury (including death) incurred by yacht, its owner, its captain, its crew members, its guests and/or any third party while the yacht is in or about Russell which arises from the actions or inaction of the yacht, the owner, the captain or crew or guests of the yacht or which arises from the yacht's presence in or about Russell, and the competitor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless NZ Marine Export Group Inc., Russell Boating Club Inc. and each of the their respective affiliates, sponsors, agents, employees, officers, directors and contractors (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims, losses, damages and liabilities suffered or incurred by one or more of the Indemnified Parties in respect of the same.

16 CANCELLATION OF REGATTA

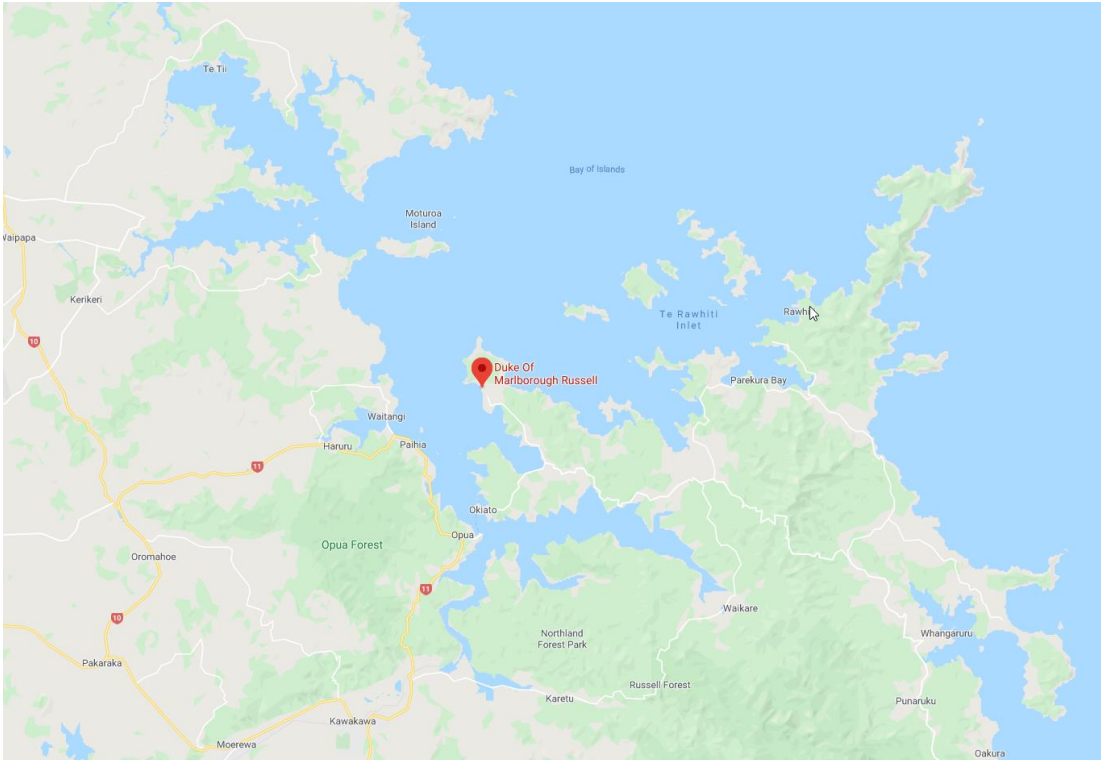
- 16.1 The organizing authority reserves the right to cancel the regatta completely by written notification to each yacht via email to the captain's e-mail address provided on the Entry Application. In the event of cancellation of the regatta:
 - a) In the event the regatta is postponed or abandoned for reasons beyond the organisers control a refund in whole or part will be limited to payments made for entry fee only.
 - 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 organizing 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.

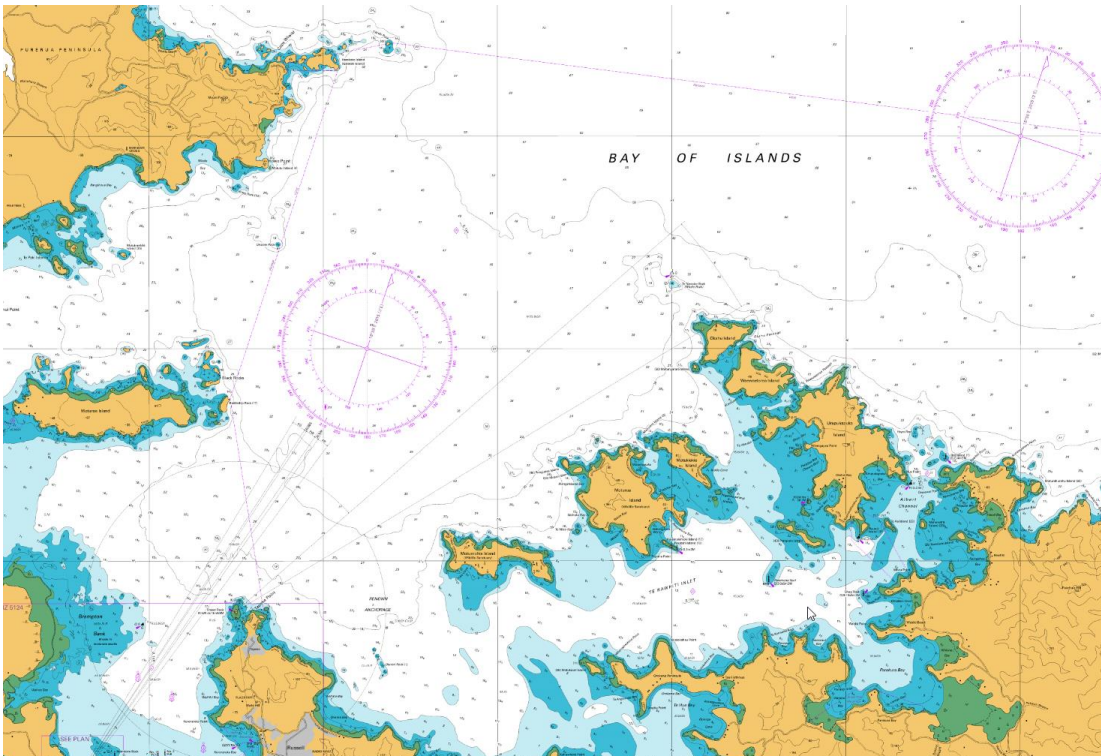
17 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

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

Attachment A:



Attachment B



Attachment C

NZ Millennium Cup 2021 Schedule of Events

Monday 15th February		
08:30 – 20:00	Entries event bag can be collected from the NZ Millennium Cup Race Office	NZ Millennium Cup Race Office, Russell
17:30 – 19:00	Welcome Function – sponsored by Southern Spars	Duke of Marlborough, Russell
Tuesday 16th February		
09:00	Owners and Captains daily race briefing	Duke of Marlborough, Russell
11:00	First day's racing	Orams Marine Race Day
18:30 – 19:30	NZ Millennium Cup Function – sponsored by Propspeed	Duke of Marlborough, Russell
Wednesday 17th February		
09:00	Owners and Captains daily race briefing	Duke of Marlborough, Russell
11:00	Second day's racing	Boat International Race Day
18:00 – 19:00	Duke Happy Hour	Duke of Marlborough, Russell
Thursday 18th February		
09:00	Owners and Captains daily race briefing	Duke of Marlborough, Russell
11:00	Third day's racing	Royal Huisman Race Day
18:00 – 19:00	Prize-giving: Peter Montgomery MBE officiates	Duke of Marlborough, Russell