



## NEW ZEALAND MILLENNIUM CUP 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The NZ Millennium Cup event is the South Pacific's premiere superyacht event providing superyacht owners a unique and unforgettable experience. The relaxed kiwi style event is well known for its hospitality, great racing and fantastic comradery in one of the world's picturesque sailing destinations. The Organising Authority is the New Zealand Marine Export Group (inc) in conjunction with the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron.

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### Notice of Race (NoR)

#### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No Yachting New Zealand prescriptions apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.4 When rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by contacting boats concerned on VHF Ch: 77.
- 1.5 The NZ millennium Cup event will be governed by:
  - a. [appendix SY version 3.1](#) December 2018 to the RRS.
  - b. The ORC Superyacht Rule (ORScy), [www.orc.org/superyacht](http://www.orc.org/superyacht)
  - c. ORC Multihull Rule.
  - d. Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.7 **The following racing rules will be changed as follows:**
  - a. Rule 52 Manual Power will not apply.
  - b. Rule 47, Trash Disposal: Add 'For the avoidance of doubt, the discarding of elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is not permitted'.
  - c. Rule 42.1 is amended so that the use of an engine is allowed up to one minute prior to a boat's respective start time.
- 1.8 All boats will also have to comply with:
  - Bylaws: [navigation-bylaw.pdf \(aucklandcouncil.govt.nz\)](#)
  - Maritime NZ rules: [Maritime and marine protection rules - Maritime NZ](#)

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



## **2. RACE OFFICE**

- 2.1** The NZ Millennium Cup Race Office is located in the Viaduct Events Centre, Halsey Street, Auckland

## **3. EVENT WEBSITE**

- 3.1** Periodic updates and latest information on the event can be found on the event website, [www.millenniumcup.com](http://www.millenniumcup.com)

## **4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1** The sailing instructions will be available after 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, on the event website [www.millenniumcup.com](http://www.millenniumcup.com), by email, and at registration, located in the Viaduct Events Centre, Halsey Street, Auckland.

## **5 COMMUNICATION**

- 5.1** The online official notice board is located on the official event website, [www.millenniumcup.com](http://www.millenniumcup.com)
- 5.2** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 77.
- 5.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 5.4** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 5.5** 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.
- 5.6** Boats 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.
- 5.7** Communications between Race Management and all competitors shall be made via VHF radio. Competitor to competitor communications as per SY Rule 1.3 shall be made on VHF radio, channel to be advised.
- 5.8** The organising authority reserves the right to amend this NoR. Any amendments will be posted on the event website.

## **6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 6.1** The event is open to superyachts not less than 24 metres hull length (not including boom sprits and the like). The NZ Millenium Cup Committee reserves the right to make exception to any of the above.
- 6.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to : [stacey@nzmarine.com](mailto:stacey@nzmarine.com)
- 6.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 6.4** 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 helmsmen's national authority.
- 6.5** The Organising Authority reserves the right to limit entries.

## **7. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS**

- 7.1** There are three classes. The NZ Millennium Cup Class, Corinthian Spirit 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 Four (4). The NZ Millennium Cup Committee reserves the right to make an exception to the above.
- 7.2** 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 boats.  
A notice of the preliminary divisions and the boats within each division will be posted on the

website by 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

- 7.3** The Corinthian Spirit class is a non-spinnaker monohull class that is restricted to headsails described in RRS 50.4; spinnakers or asymmetric or Code 0'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 hanks.

## **8 FEES**

- 8.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Fee
24m to 39.9m	NZD \$10,500 plus 15%GST
40m to 44.9m	NZD \$13,000 + 15% GST
45m and over	NZD \$16,000 + 15% GST

- 8.2** Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions of the Organising Authority, after the December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023: a late entry fee of \$1000nzd + GST will apply.

## **9 ADVERTISING**

- 9.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 9.2** 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 event.
- 9.3** Event backstay flags will be provided by the organising authority. These must be displayed during all race participated in during the event. Protests over the failure to display backstay flags can only be lodged by the Race Committee.
- 9.4** A divisional flag will be provided by the organising authority and shall be displayed below the event backstay flag.
- 9.5** A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the organising authority.

## **10. SCHEDULE**

### **10.1 Registration**

The Race Office will be open daily between the hours of 8.30am from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, closing at 12pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **10.2 Event Schedule**

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>		
16:45- 17:15	Event briefing for owners and skippers	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
17:30-20:30	Welcome Function	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
09:00	Owners and Captains daily race briefing	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
11:30	Race Start – Orams Marine Race Day.	
18:00 – 19:30	Daily prizegiving and networking	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
09:00	Owners and Captains daily race briefing	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
11:30	Race Day 2 start	
18:00 – 19:30	Daily prizegiving and networking	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
09:00	Owners and Captains daily race briefing	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
11:30	Race Day 3 start	
18:30 – 19:30	Prizegiving followed by function until late	NZ Millenium Cup HQ, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland

- 10.3** The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be 11:25hrs

- 10.4 One or two races are scheduled each day.
- 10.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:30hrs

## **11 VENUE**

- 11.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 11.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

## **12 COURSES**

- 12.1 The courses will to be sailed each day will be notified advised via VHF, Whatsapp Captain Group not less than 15 minutes before the firsts boat's start, or if they are known, they will advise everyone at the Owners and Captain's meeting.
- 12.2 The appropriate start area will be advised at the daily Owners and Captains' race briefing.
- 12.2 The marks that may be used will also be explained at daily briefings. These will be described with approximate GPS positions and the side of the boat in which the mark is to be passed and the approximate position of the finish.

## **13 HANDICAPPING AND SCORING**

- 13.1 Boats in the Millennium Cup class shall have a current valid ORCsY certificate, while those entered in the Corinthian Spirit class shall have a current valid ORCsC Certificate. Boats entered in multihull class shall have current valid ORCmH certificate. More details may be found at [www.orc.org](http://www.orc.org). To allow the Organising Authority to provide a transparent level playing field for current and future editions it would be desirable for competing boats to have a Fully Measured ORCsY Certificate.
- 13.2 More detailed information on racing formats and the overall scoring criteria will be posted on the event website prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- 13.3 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](http://www.orc.org). The application and all relevant documents to process and ORCsY or ORCmH certificate shall be submitted no later than 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The ORC may extend this deadline at its sole discretion.
- 13.4 The use of "pivoted or rise/fall centreboards is permitted.
- 13.5 Boats entered in the Corinthian Spirit class are required to have a current and valid ORCsC handicap certificate, the application is available at <http://www.orc.org/index.asp?id=207> . All boats in the Corinthian Spirit class must submit their completed handicap application to the ORC no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The organising authority and orc will assist Corinthian Spirit class entrants with their handicap applications.

## **14 SUPPORT TENDERS**

- 14.1 Each boat may be accompanied by its own motorised competitor's tender, 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 boat it supports.

## **15 SAFE RACING**

- 15.1 The organising authority takes 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 boats is their primary consideration during the event.
  - b. Comply with the rules of the event.

- c. Comply with the rules and regulations that apply to the boat by virtue of its flag, classification society or other code of compliance (and have onboard all valid and up-to-date certificates) and /or any local maritime authority's decree that may apply to the boat at the time of the event.
- d. Have due regard to any commercial Shipping.
- e. Be courteous to all other participating boats, the organising authority and its representatives, as well all other boats / vessels encountered on the racecourse.
- f. Any safety related incidents and /or breaches of the RRS or other rule of the event involved in or observed shall be specified by submitting a Daily Declaration Form to the race office promptly after the end of racing each day.

**15.2** 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 event is a congenial racing event. If organising authority receives corroborative or substantiated reports of a boat being handled in an overly aggressive, seamanlike or unsafe manner, they may declare the boat or the racing tactician ineligible for future NZ Millennium Cup races and / or events.

## **16. POSTPONEMENT OF THE EVENT**

**16.1** The organising authority reserves the right to postpone the event by written notification to each boat via email to the captains email address provided on the entry application.

If the event postponed:

If the event is postponed to another date in 2024 no refund of the entry fee shall apply regardless if the boat participates or not in the new scheduled date.

## **17. CANCELLATION TERMS**

**17.1** If an entry cancels prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, a full refund of the entry fee shall apply. If any entry cancels on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, no refund of the entry shall apply.

## **18 CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT**

**18.1** The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event completely by written notification to each boat via email to the captain's email address provided on the Entry Application.

**In the event of cancellation of the event:**

In the event of the event being cancelled, a refund in whole or part will be limited to payments made or due for the entry fee only.

This Agreement in respect of this event will be terminated forthwith; and each boat, owner and captain hereby expressly agree that no claim of any nature whatsoever against the organising authority will be permitted or entertained and each boat, owner and captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the organisers in respect of any claim brought by the anyone associated with them and/or their boat and any costs incurred by the organisers to such claim.

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**19.1** 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.

Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and safety equipment. NZ Marine Export Group Inc., Royal NZ Yacht Squadron and each of their respective sponsors, contractors volunteers and all other affiliated organisations and individuals, will not accept any liability for damage or property or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event. NZ Marine Export Group Inc, Royal NZ Yacht Squadron and each of their respective affiliates, sponsors, agents, employees officers, directors and contactors (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 event and, as a condition of participating in the event each participant releases claims

that it might 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 event.

- 19.2** A Competitor shall be responsible for any and all property damage and personal injury (including death) incurred by boat, its owner, its captain, its crew members, its guests and/or any third party while the boat is in or about Auckland which arises from actions or inaction of the boat, the owner, the captain or crew or guests of the boat or which arises from the boats presence in or about Auckland, and the competitor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless NZ Marine Export Group Inc, Royal NZ Yacht Squadron and each of her affiliates, sponsors, agents, employees, officers directors and contactors (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.

## **20 INSURANCE**

- 20.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damage 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 always carried onboard the boat during the event. 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 event and/or skippers to ensure that they carry the relevant insurance.

## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1** The prizegiving will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 6.30pm at the Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland
- 21.2** Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded for first and second on handicap for each class.
- 21.3** The NZ Millennium Cup trophy will be awarded to the winner of the overall NZ Millennium Cup Class.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 22.1** Address all correspondence pertaining to the event to:

NZ Millennium Cup

NZ Marine

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85 Westhaven Drive, Auckland 1010

New Zealand.

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### **Event Contacts**

Event CEO

Event Manager

Principal Race Officer

Rating Authority

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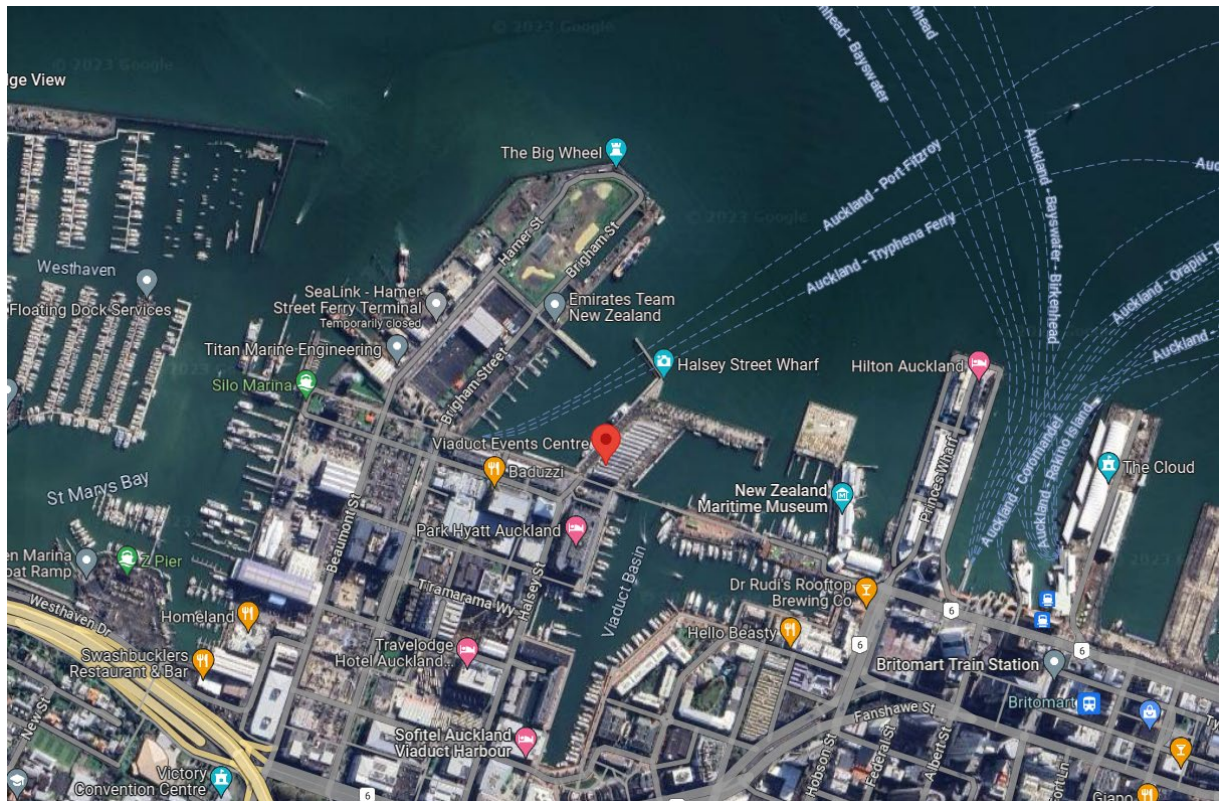
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## NOR Addendum A – Viaduct Events Centre



## NOR Addendum B Chart 532

