



Notice of Race

Registration 24 January, Racing 25, 26 and 27 January 2017

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The NZ Millennium Cup is being held as part of the Bay of Islands Sailing Week regatta 2017. There is a separate Notice of Race for the Bay of Islands Sailing Week regatta bayofislandsailingweek.org.nz

The organising authority is the New Zealand Millennium Cup Committee and the New Zealand Marine Export Group Inc. The on-water race authority is Bay of Islands Sailing Week Inc.

1.0 Eligibility

The NZ Millennium Cup is a congenial, invitational regatta set in the Corinthian spirit. There are two divisions: NZ Millennium Cup and Pacific Cup. The three day regatta will be sailed in the picturesque Bay of Islands, 120 nm north of Auckland. Sailing vessels of not less than 19 metres in length will be eligible, with smaller vessels racing for the Pacific Cup. This is a regatta that has safe and enjoyable sailing as the highest priority.

- 1.1 The event is limited to Single Hull Ballasted Keel Sail Yachts and Multihull Sail Yachts of not less than 19 metres hull length (not including boom sprits and the like). Yachts greater than 30 metres hull length that are generally known as Superyachts will race in the NZ Millennium Cup division. Other yachts whose entry is accepted will race in the Pacific Cup division unless the Organising Authority, at their sole discretion, decides otherwise.
- 1.2 Yachts may have and use pivoted or rise/fall centreboards.
- 1.3 Each entrant yacht shall be owned, or chartered, by a member of a yacht club affiliated to a Member National Authority of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).
- 1.4 Each yacht racing in the NZ Millennium Cup division will be racing under the International Superyacht Rule handicap system. It is the responsibility of each yacht racing in the NZ Millennium Cup division to obtain her International Superyacht Rule handicap certificate. For further information on the International Superyacht Rule see <http://www.internationalsuperyachtrule.com>

- 1.5 Each yacht racing in the Pacific Cup division will be racing under the Yachting New Zealand PHRF handicap system. It is the responsibility of each yacht racing in the Pacific Cup division to obtain her PHRF handicap certificate. The Yachting New Zealand "Rules – Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) 2016-17" shall apply to boats racing under PHRF.

2.0 Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (Racing Rules) and by Appendix SY to the Racing Rules of Sailing, including any amendments that are issued and come into effect prior to 24 January 2017.
- 2.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 2, Category 4 will apply. Safety spot checks may be undertaken.
- 2.3 It is the obligation of the yacht's skipper to ensure compliance with safety regulations.

3.0 Changes to Rules

The Racing Rules will be changed in accordance with rule 86 as follows:

- 3.1 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.
- 3.2 Rule 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 3.4 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 3.5 Rule 55 will be amended by adding the following sentence: "For the avoidance of doubt, the discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is not permitted".
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 Rule 64.1 is amended by replacing the word "disqualified" with the words "penalised at the discretion of the protest committee".
- 3.8 Appendix SY of the Racing Rules will apply to all yachts. This modifies rule SY1.
- 3.9 The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. Additional Racing Rule changes may be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

4.0 Entry and Entry Fee

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted up until 30 December 2016.
- 4.2 The entry fee for the NZ Millennium Cup division is \$4,000 plus gst.
- 4.3 The entry fee for the Pacific Cup division is \$2,500 plus gst.
- 4.3 A late entry surcharge of \$500 plus gst shall apply from 1 December 2016.
- 4.4 The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation or to classify yachts into divisions.

5.0 Schedule of Events

- 5.1 Registration and Event Briefing will be between 1645hrs and 1730hrs on Tuesday 24 January 2017 at the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell. This will be followed by the NZ Millennium Cup Welcome Function from 1730hrs to 1900hrs.
- 5.2 Race Briefing. There will be a daily Captains' race briefing each race day between 0830hrs and 0900hrs. This

briefing will be held at the Opuia Cruising Club at the Opuia Marina. It should be attended by the Captain, designated Safety Officer and Racing Tactician or Navigator.

- 5.3 Racing will be held on Wednesday 25 January, Thursday 26 January and Friday 27 January 2017.
- 5.4 There will be 1 pursuit race each day. Each yacht will be allocated a start time based on ratings provided under the International Superyacht Association's handicap system, or under the PHRF handicap system; depending on the division being raced in. A yacht's start time is likely to vary each day, depending on the course and the wind.
- 5.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first yacht starting will be at 1125hrs each day.
- 5.6 Each yacht may be accompanied by its own motorised escort boat whose functions may include warning spectator boats and the like. Such escort boats may be called upon by the race committee to assist in the management of the race, or in an emergency.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (with sponsor's flags and division flags) will be available at Registration. The Sailing Instructions will be available at <http://www.millenniumcup.com> from Wednesday 18th January 2017.

7.0 Sailing Area

- 7.1 The races will be held in the Bay of Islands area. Chart NZ 5125.
- 7.2 A sheltered anchoring area has been set aside at Opuia during the regatta for superyachts. A dedicated area will be available in the Opuia marina for storing tenders during racing.

8.0 Courses to be Sailed

The courses will be within the Bay of Islands using islands, rocks and buoys as marks of the course. The specific race course to be sailed each day will be advised at the daily Captains' race briefing. Example courses are shown in the Appendix to this Notice of Race.

9.0 Radio Communication

- 9.1 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 9.2 VHF Channel 15 will be used for communication between yachts and with the race committee.

10.0 Scoring

- 10.1 One race will be required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 RRS Appendix A low points scoring system will be used. A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores, with no discards. Scoring shall be based on order of finish. The yacht with the lowest score over the series in a division will be first in the series for that division.
- 10.3 Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third on handicap for a division where there are at least four yachts entered in that division. Where there are less than four yachts entered in that division trophies will be awarded for first and second on handicap.
- 10.4 The NZ Millennium Cup will be awarded to the winner of the NZ Millennium Cup division.
- 10.5 The Pacific Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Pacific Cup division.

11.0 Conditions of Entry

- 11.1 The conditions of entry include the right of the Organising Committee to publish or broadcast anywhere in the world, names, images, video footage and audio recordings taken before, during or after the regatta.
- 11.2 Sponsor's backstay flags will be provided by the Organising Committee. 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. Penalties may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 11.3 An event sponsor's battle flag will be provided to each yacht. This must be flown from the yacht's foremost stay during the regatta, when not racing.
- 11.4 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 urges all owners to carry full racing insurance and believes that at the very least third party insurance should be held. It is not, however the responsibility of the Organising Committee to police or enforce insurance; it is a matter of choice for individual owners and skippers. 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.
- 11.5 Entrants are reminded that a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone: see Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 11.6 Nothing in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions relieves a boat of her responsibility to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.

12. Prizes

The Prize Giving is on Friday 27 January 2017 at 1830 hrs or as soon thereafter as possible. The prize giving will be at the Duke of Marlborough Hotel at Russell.

Entry forms and further information is available at <http://www.millenniumcup.com>

APPENDIX - map showing example courses

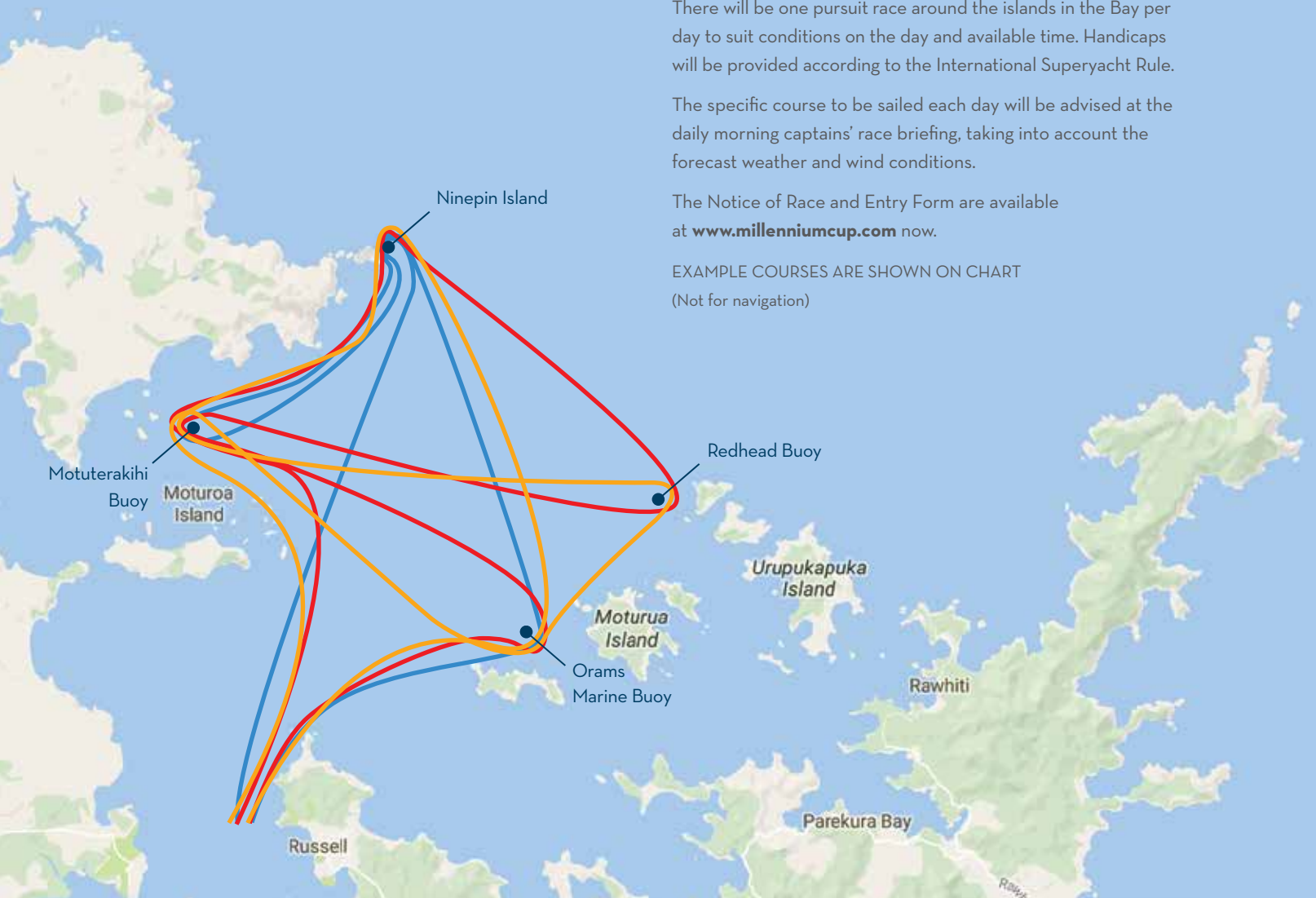
THE COURSES

There will be one pursuit race around the islands in the Bay per day to suit conditions on the day and available time. Handicaps will be provided according to the International Superyacht Rule.

The specific course to be sailed each day will be advised at the daily morning captains' race briefing, taking into account the forecast weather and wind conditions.

The Notice of Race and Entry Form are available at www.millenniumcup.com now.

EXAMPLE COURSES ARE SHOWN ON CHART
(Not for navigation)



*courses subject to change