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## NOTICE OF RACE

### Weekend Racing 2025 - 2026

*The Organising Authority is BOPTYS Rotorua*

#### **Notice of Race (NOR)**

*Summer series running October 2025-April 2026*

*Winter series running May 2026-September 2026*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28* and [Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions 2025-2028](#).
- 1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 3 Trailer Yachts Cat C shall apply.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available on the BOPTYS Web page from October 01 2025.
- 2.2** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the BOPTYS Website

#### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1** The online official notice board is located at [www.boptys.club/racing-info](http://www.boptys.club/racing-info) And the BOPTYS Facebook page will also be an official notice board for any amendments or notifications

- 3.2** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on [Ch 16, 77, 64, 02](#)
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4** 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.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1** These series are open to all owners /skippers who are financial members of the Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron (BOPTYS).
- 4.2** Boats from other affiliated YNZ clubs are invited to participate but will not be eligible for Series prizes or BOPTYS club trophies.
- 4.3** Entry shall be by the Skipper "signing on" prior to the start of each race in the series at the Clubroom
- 2.4** The Race Officer and/or racing committee has the right to refuse or accept any entry.
- 2.5** Measurement requirements are that safety checks can be made on any boats at any time during this series
- 4.2** Racing will be in three divisions. The split between divisions shall be based on NZTYA handicaps:-  
"A" Division yachts with NZTYA Handicap above 0.860 inclusive  
"B" Division yachts with NZTYA Handicap below 0.859 inclusive  
"C" Division all yachts sailing a shorter course  
Other approved yachts shall be allocated a division and starting handicap by the race committee.  
All results will be calculated on BOPTYS Club Handicaps

#### **5 FEES**

**No fees apply to financial club members.**

#### **7 ADVERTISING**

- 7.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **9 SCHEDULE**

Briefings will be

- 1000 hrs for the Summer Sunday Series, Seamanship, Ladies, and Winter Sunday Series
- 19:00 hrs for the Night Race.
- 13:00 Single handed Race

- 9.3** Dates of racing:

be published in the BOPTYS Club Calendar and on the BOPTYS Website.

- 9.4** Number of races:  
9 for the summer series  
7 for the winter series

- 9.5** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be published on the BOPTYS website

## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.3** Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **12 VENUE**

- 12.1** Venue will be the Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron Okawa Bay Lake Rotoiti.

## **13 COURSES**

- 13.1** Courses may be either lake courses or round the buoys at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day of racing.
- 13.2** Courses will be posted on the club course board prior to the race briefing.
- 13.3** The marks that may be used are as follows:  
BOPRC Yellow 5 knot Buoys or standard club buoys and pennant Marks.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.2** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1** The scoring system is as follows:  
Scoring will be based on progressive Club Handicap system.
- 15.2** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3** (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**15.4** Rule A5.3 applies.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

**22.1** 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. 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.**

## **23 INSURANCE**

**23.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 000 000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **24 PRIZES**

**24.1** Prizes will be given as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> in each division

2<sup>nd</sup> in each division

3<sup>rd</sup> in each division

*Summer series and Winter series trophies will be presented for each division*

## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**25.1** For further information please contact

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