

NOTICE OF RACE

Nelson Yacht Club - 2017 Whakatu Regatta

Open to All centreboard

14th & 15th January 2017

The Organising Authority is the Nelson Yacht Club Inc.

322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson 7010

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 For protests where 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.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to sailboards and all classes of centreboard yachts
- 2.2 It will be held in conjunction with the 2017 Europe, New Zealand Champs, and the South Island Flying Dutchman Champs, both of which are three day events.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the contest Entry Form on the Nelson Yacht Club website at www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz and depositing the required Entry Fee as per instructions on the Entry Form.
Completed entries and fully paid entry fees must be received before Monday 9th January 2017.
- 2.4 Late entries, accompanied by the contest entry fee plus the late entry fee of \$25.00 may be accepted at the race committee's discretion until 0900 hours on Saturday 14th January 2017.
- 2.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's and crew member's national authority.

3 FEES

All Classes \$35.00

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Registration:**
Saturday 14th January 2017 From 0800 to 0900 hours
- 4.2 **Briefing and welcome:**
Friday 13th January 2017 1015 hours
- 4.3 **Racing schedule:**
Saturday 14st January 2017 3 races back to back.

Sunday 15th January 2017 3 races back to back.

- 4.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the contest each day is 1230 hours.
- 4.5 On Sunday 15th January 2017, no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

5 MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules as designated acceptable by the class officers. No measurement certificate is required.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration, from 0800 hours on Friday 13th January 2017, at the Nelson Yacht Club.

7 VENUE & RACING AREA

The venue is the Nelson Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson. The sailing area is on the waters of Tasman Bay, or inside Nelson Haven, should conditions be unsuitable for sailing in Tasman Bay.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be combinations of Triangle/Windward/Leeward and/or Windward/Leeward legs.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 LAUNCHING

Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the Nelson Yacht Club ramps.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Ribbons for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. in each class. (A class will consist of 3 or more boats. Less than this number will sail as open class and be handicapped using the Weymouth Yardstick.)

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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