**2017 College Sport Wellington Secondary Schools Match Racing Championships**

23 & 24 September 2017

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, WELLINGTON

#### Notice of Race

**1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

#### 2.0 VENUE

The venue will be the Wellington Harbour adjacent to Oriental Bay, Wellington New Zealand.

#### 3.0 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

3.1 (a) The Race office is the RPNYC Ward Room.

(b) Registration from 0800hrs until 0830hrs Saturday 23 September.

(c) First briefing at 0830hrs Saturday 23 September.

(d) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.

(e) Racing days from Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 September.

(f) Time of the first race each day will be 0953hrs.

(g) Daily skippers briefing will be held at 0830hrs each race day.

(h) Prize giving ceremony will be held on Sunday 24 September after racing has concluded.

3.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Initial briefing for skippers and crews

(b) Daily briefing, for skippers and crews.

(c) Prize giving on Sunday 24 September.

**4.0 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

(a) Teams will be invited to participate in the event. Only Schools invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

(b) Teams will be selected for invitation based upon their participation in the College Sport Wellington Secondary Schools Match Racing Training Programme.

(c) Where Schools have not participated in the College Sport Wellington Secondary Schools Match Racing Training Programme, selection for invitation will be at the discretion of the organising authority.

(d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency or excused by the OA.

(e) All skippers shall be a student of the school they are representing.

(f) Combined Teams of more than one school may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

(g) More than one entry per school may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

**5.0 ENTRIES**

5.1 The school shall be entered on completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, cash cheque or online transfer.

5.2 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of $NZ1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.

(b) In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit being made, the OA may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

(c) Any remaining deposit at the conclusion of the event will be refunded within 10 days of the event.

**6.0 RULES**

(a) The event will be governed by the RRS 2017-2020, including App C.

(b) The Notice of Race including any amendments.

(c) The Sailing Instructions (available at registration) and any amendments.

(d) The rules for the handling of boats will apply for the event and any practice sailing.

(e) All sailors shall wear whilst aboard the Elliott 6S and changeover boats a personal flotation device approved by their national governing body

**7.0 BOATS AND SAILS**

(a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 6 Sport Class Boats provided by the OA.

(b) Four boats will be provided.

(c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:

Mainsail, Jib and Gennaker.

(d) Boats will be allocated by a draw by the OA prior to the regatta.

**8.0 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

**(**a) The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 3 or 4

from a maximum 5 person school squad.

(b) All registered crew shall sail in round robin and knock-out phase

matches, unless otherwise approved by the OA and RO.

(c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

(d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

##### 9.0 EVENT FORMAT

(a) The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - A single round robin

Stage 2- Sail offs

Stage 3 - Semi Finals

(four highest scoring skippers after Stage 1)

Stage 4 -Third/Fourth Place Petit Final

Stage 5- First/Second Place Grand Final

(b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

**10.0 COURSE**

(a) The intended course will be windward/leeward with all marks rounded to starboard and a downwind finish.

(b) The intended course area will be Lambton Harbour, Wellington, New Zealand.

**11.0 ADVERTISING**

(a) Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

(b) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

**12.0 PRIZES**

(a) The principal prize for first place will bethe College Sport Wellington Secondary Schools Match Racing Champion Cup.

(b) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

**13.0 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

The OA shall have the right to use any video, images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

**14.0 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

(a) Coach boats shall not be permitted.

(b) A boat will be provided for coaches to be on the water during racing.

(c) Support boats will be permitted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the OA.

(d) Support boats and coaches will comply with the Rules under NoR 6.0 at all times.

**15.0 OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

**16.0 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in RPNYC races or any other sailing events controlled by the RPNYC, as between the RPNYC and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RPNYC has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RPNYC is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of it's equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RPNYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

**17.0 INVITATIONS**

###### Entries will only be accepted from invited schools

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