



PORTDENARAU**MARINA**



Sailing Instructions

Auckland–Fiji Ocean Race 2010

Conducted by Royal Akarana Yacht Club in conjunction with Port Denarau Marina

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by The Racing Rules Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Yachting New Zealand (YNZ), the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) method of handicapping, the Yachting New Zealand ORC method of handicapping, the International Rule Club (IRC) parts 1, 2 and 3, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1988, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions, except that during the race between the hours of official sunset and sunrise navigation lights must be lit and boats sailing in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Any contravention of these Instructions must be reported on the Declaration (see Sailing Instruction 17).
- 1.2 The race will not be cancelled but may be abandoned or the start postponed.
- 1.3 Safety Requirements: Category 1 of Yachting New Zealand Special Regulation Part 2 – Offshore Racing shall apply. Random inspections may be carried out at any time.
- 1.4 Boats when racing shall fly a white pennant from the backstay.

2. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of RAYC Clubhouse and the notice board at the Port Denarau Marina Office

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RAYC flagstaff.

5. The Course

From the start line, Auckland, leaving Rangitoto Beacon to starboard, to the finish line inside the Navula Passage, Fiji.

6. Start Times

Start time for the Corinthian and Divisions: 1400 hrs Wednesday 19 May 2010.

Start time for the Premier and Multihull Divisions: 1400 hrs Saturday 22nd May 2010.

7.0 The Start

7.1 Starting flags will be flown from the mast of the Committee boat (or a flagstaff on the end of Orakei Wharf if the alternative start line is used).

7.2 The Start Line

The start line will be between a mast, flying an Orange flag, on the race committee signal boat and the North Eastern corner of the Orakei Wharf. The race committee signal boat shall fly a RAYC burgee.

7.3 Alternative Start Line

Should conditions be such that the Committee Boat cannot keep station, the start will be conducted from the Orakei Wharf. The start line will be between a Flagstaff on Orakei Wharf and Yellow Orakei Buoy. An orange flag will be flown from the end of the wharf from 1330 if the alternative start position is to be used.

7.4 Late Starters

After the start line is removed boats may start up to 24 hours late by sailing between Orakei Wharf and Yellow Orakei Buoy from west to east. Boats are to advise their intentions to RAYC by telephone +64 (09) 524 9945 prior to starting. The time considered for the elapsed time prizes shall commence from the official starting time of the race.

8. Recalls

8.1 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with rule 29.1. Sail numbers of boats recalled may be broadcast on VHF radio channel 77.

8.2 General recalls will be made in accordance with rule 29.2. The general recall flag will be displayed for not less than 4 minutes and will be followed by a new warning signal.

9. Premature Starters

Premature starters who do not return will be penalized one hour on their elapsed time. Any such penalty will be added to any time considered for the elapsed time prizes.

10. Collisions at the Start

In the event of any boat colliding with another object or vessel and/or sustaining structural damage to hull or equipment prior to, during, or within one hour of the start of the race, the boat or boats concerned will immediately call Royal Akarana Yacht Club on VHF Channel 77 for instructions for safety or any other checks that may be required by the Race Officials.

11. Withdrawals

Any boat withdrawing from the race must notify Royal Akarana Yacht Club by radio or by telephoning +64 (0)9 524 9945.

12. Repairing Damage

12.1 A boat which needs to put into port to effect essential repairs may do so and, if necessary, for safety reasons, may use her engine, subject to reporting the details to the Race

Committee, and satisfying them that such use was justified and that no advantage was gained.

- 12.2 Outside assistance may be used for work that is clearly beyond the capacity of the crew and the boat's equipment. A report to the Race Committee must be made of such circumstances.
- 12.3 Any boat putting into port must notify by telephone Royal Akarana Yacht Club +64 (0)9 524 9945 as soon as possible.
- 12.4 Boats putting into port to repair damage must re-validate their Category 1 Safety Certificate before they continue racing.

13. Position Reports

- 13.1 The required procedure for position reporting will be as detailed in attachment A. SSB will normally be used in reporting. VHF radio channel and relay by a competitor or other station will only be accepted as a backup in event of failure of SSB radio equipment. Satellite phones will also be accepted for position reporting subject to prior approval from the organising authority.
- 13.2 Tracking devices will be provided for each yacht. Crews will be instructed on the operation and assisted in the instalment of these devices.
- 13.3 Boats not reporting on each schedule or failing to keep their tracking device operating will receive a penalty of 1% off corrected time for each report missed or for an extended outage of the tracking device, unless a satisfactory explanation is made with the Declaration (see Sailing Instruction 15).

14. Finish Line

- 14.1 The race will finish at Navula Passage. The finish line shall be between the light on Navula Reef (Fl. 5s) and a finish boat anchored to the east of the light. Boats finishing at night should follow the leading lights through the passage and avoid the northern side where the reef is reported to be extending southward.
- 14.2 All competitors must record their own finish time: this to be included on the Declaration Form (see Sailing Instruction 15).
- 14.3 Boats finishing at night should consider anchoring in Momi Bay until sunrise so that the arrival at Port Denarau Marina would be in daylight.

15. Declaration Form

A Declaration Form must be completed and hand-delivered to the Race Officer or his representative at the Port Denarau Marina Office within 12 hours of crossing the finish line.

16. Protests

Protests must be lodged with the Race Officer or his representative within 24 hours of either the Protestor or Protestee finishing.

17. Clearances

- 17.1 All competitors must clear inwards at the Port Denarau Marina
- 17.2 Any irregularities reported to the Race Committee on Outwards Clearance from Auckland, Inwards Clearance in Fiji, Outwards Clearance from Fiji, Inwards Clearance at the boat's return port in New Zealand will jeopardize the boat's, the owner's and the master's chances of entering future RAYC events to or from distant ports.
- 17.3 The crew of yachts that arrive outside the hours of operation will be allowed ashore for celebrations but must remain within the marina area. All must be on board at 0830 the following morning, with passports, for clearance.
- 17.4 Skippers of boats with crew members not departing Fiji on the vessel they arrived on

should ensure that these persons are cleared from the inbound crew list at Immigration. Failure to do so may result in extreme difficulty when finally clearing Fiji to go to other ports.

18. Results

18.1 Results will be calculated using the following Handicap systems:

- IRC
- ORC Club using the Ocean Performance Line Handicap, adjusted by the dynamic allowance and age allowance set out in the 2000 IMS Regulations clause 103 and as further amended by the New Zealand Prescriptions
- PHRF offshore

18.2 Provisional results will be displayed on the notice board at Port Denarau Marina and on RAYC's website www.rayc.org.nz.

19. Prizes and Prize Giving

19.1 Prize giving will be held on Sunday evening 30th May at Port Denarau Marina.

19.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Line Honours – Presidents Cup and Auckland harbour Board Cup
- IRC – Suva Gold Cup
- ORC Club
 - 1st – Past Commodores Cup
 - 2nd – Prize
 - 3rd – Prize
- PHRF Overall – Mercurn Cup
- PHRF Premier
 - 1st – Marlborough Cup
 - 2nd – Prize
 - 3rd – Prize
- PHRF Corinthian
 - 1st – Rothmans Cup
- Short Handed – RAYC 25th Anniversary Trophy

20. Disclaimer

RAYC and the sponsor are not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or crew, nor for any other matter, however arising from this race. Attention is drawn to rule 4 – Decision to Race.

Attachment A: Position Reports

Competitors are reminded of their obligations to give position reports as stated in the Sailing Instruction 13.

A1 Base Station Call Sign

Taupo Maritime Radio ZLM

A2 Daily Schedule

The following is the Daily Radio Schedule and the procedure to be used:

NZST	FREQ.	PROCEDURE - FIRST DAY ONLY
1815	4146	On the day of the start, a schedule to confirm starters will be held by Taupo Radio. No positions are required, but when called by Taupo Radio, acknowledge that you are racing. For example: "Incentive Racing"
NZST	FREQ.	PROCEDURE - DAILY THEREAFTER
0615	4146	Position reports from boats in alphabetical order. Taupo Radio will call "Incentive Go". <i>Incentive</i> will answer "Incentive South 3020 East 17621" (This is the estimated position at the time of the schedule in degrees and minutes.) Taupo Radio will reply "Incentive South 3020 East 17621" <i>Incentive</i> will reply either "Affirmative" or "Correction" and repeat the position.
1815	4146	Position reports from boats as per 0615 format. On completion of receiving position reports, Taupo Radio will relay to the fleet any warnings received for the race area. Taupo Radio will stand-by for any special messages from the fleet at the conclusion of the radio scheds.

A3 Unreported Boats

- A3.1 If nothing is heard from a boat when called, Taupo Radio will continue the roll call, and then return to call boats not heard.
- A3.2 In the event of a competitor not being heard on the roll call on 4146, all boats equipped with VHF are requested to keep a close listening watch on Channel 16 at sched time. This may give a chance for a boat that has communication problems on SSB to report its position.

A4 Arrival at Fiji

Boats will call "Denarau Finish Boat" on VHF channel 14 two hours prior to finishing and maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 14.
After finishing, boats should call Port Denarau Marina on channel 14.

A5 Supplementary Frequencies

Taupo Radio ZLM is licensed to operate on all of these listed frequencies:
2182, 4125, 6215, 6224, 8291, 8297, 12290, 12356.

A6 Satellite Phone Position Reports

Entrants using satellite phones are required to report their positions at a prearranged time prior to the SSB radio schedules. The boat position will be relayed to the fleet during the normal schedule.