

Bluff Oyster Regatta 2018

Incorporating the 2018 Southland Yachting Championships and the 2018 New Zealand Trailer Yacht Association South Island Trailer Yacht Championships



Saturday 10 March/Sunday 11 March 2018
The Organising Authority is the Bluff Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 for dinghies and Part 4 Category C for trailer yachts apply.

2.0 Changes to Racing Rules

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

For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

3.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats except sail boards.
- 3.2 Entries will be accepted at Registration until 0930 hours on Saturday 10 March 2018 by completing the attached entry form accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 for junior dinghies, \$10 senior dinghies and \$10 for trailer yachts.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's national authority.

4.0 Schedule of Events

- 4.1 Registration: Will be from 1800 hours on Friday 9 March to 0930 hours on Saturday 10 March 2018.
- 4.2 Non Scoring Event (Trailers - Sailors and Keelers only): A briefing will be held at 1830 hours on Friday 9 March 2018.
- 4.3 Briefing: First briefing will be at 1000 hours on Saturday 10 March 2018.

4.4 Racing Schedule: The scheduled time of the warning signal for Race 1 is 1030 hours on Saturday. Races will be set around the weather and may be sailed back to back. A total of 8 races are scheduled. No race shall start after 1400 hours on Sunday.

5.0 **Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration

6.0 **Racing area**

The races will be held in Bluff Harbour and Foveaux Strait.

7.0 **Courses to be Sailed**

The courses will be detailed at the briefing. The course for the non-scoring event may be outside the harbour if weather permits. Chart NZ681 should be carried for this event.

8.0 **Scoring**

8.1 The Bonus-Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

8.2 1 race will be required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9.0 **Prizes**

9.1 A certificate will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class and cups may be awarded.

9.2 3 or more boats of the same design will form a class, all others will be grouped into divisions and handicaps applied.

11. **Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. **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.

