

THE BURNSCO LEGENDS REGATTA

GREAT MERCURY ISLAND 20th– 23rd OCTOBER 2017

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper/owner of a competing yacht shall be a member of a club or other organisation affiliated to Yachting New Zealand (YNZ).
- 1.3 All skippers shall complete the “*Crew List*” form in Attachment B of the Sailing Instructions (S.I.) and email to MMYC at the above contact numbers, before commencement of Race 1.
- 1.4 Following the start of Race 1 and the finish of race 4, all skippers shall phone or TXT Mobile 021 552010, provide their boat name and start/finish time.
- 1.5 To be placed in this Regatta all skippers shall complete the Log Sheet (see Attachment C of S.I.) for all races sailed, and submit the completed Log Sheet to MMYC no later than the closing time set out in S.I. 5.1.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MMYC website www.mmyc.org.nz.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that he/she is aware of any notices and amendments prior to the start of the race.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the S.I. shall be communicated before 1900 hours on the day before the start of Race 1, before 1230 hours on the days of Races 2 & 3 and before 0700 hours on the day of Race 4.
- 3.2 For Races 2, 3 & 4, all changes shall be announced by the Race Officer on VHF Channel 77.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Start Boat at Great Mercury Island for Races 2&3.

5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

5.1	Thursday	19-Oct	1800 hours	Race Briefing	MOSC
	Friday	20 Oct	At Skippers Discretion	Start Race 1	To Great Mercury Island
	Saturday	21-Oct	1300 hours	Start Race 2	Mercury Islands
	Sunday	22-Oct	1300 hours	Start Race 3	Mercury Islands
	Monday	23-Oct	At Skippers Discretion	Start Race 4	From Great Mercury Island
	Thursday	26-Oct	1200 hours	Closing time for Log Sheets at MMYC	
	Saturday	28-Oct	1700 hours	Prize giving	MOSC

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5.2 The start time of Race 1 on the 20th and race 4 on the 23rd October is at the skipper's discretion.

6 USE OF MOTORS

6.1 It is permitted for Races 1 & 4 for yachts to use their motors at the skipper's discretion but the Speed over Ground (SOG) as recorded by the boat's Geographical Positioning System (GPS) should be as near as possible to the declared speed on the log sheet.

6.2 The motoring time shall be recorded in units on the Log Sheet (see Attachment C).

6.3 Clauses 6.1 & 6.2 shall not apply to Races 2 & 3.

7 HANDICAPPING AND SCORING

7.1 All yachts shall be scored on their corrected elapsed time for Races 1-4 as recorded on their Log Sheets.

7.2 For each yacht to be placed in this Regatta, all performances shall count.

7.3 Yachts shall be handicapped on a Time Correction Factor (TCF) established by the Race Committee.

7.4 The Low Point System (*Appendix A, RRS*) shall be applied by the Race Committee to score each race.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 Bay of Plenty, and Inner and Outer Hauraki Gulf, inshore coastal waters between the designated Start Lines of participating Yacht Clubs and Finish Lines at Great Mercury Island.

8.2 The inshore coastal waters around the Mercury Islands (Attachments A).

9 THE COURSES

9.1 For Race 1 there will be 4 Courses depending on which of the 4 Different Start Lines are used by competing yachts.

9.2 Start at A Beacon, Mayor Island and The Alderman Islands to starboard, finishing by Ahikopua Point, Great Mercury Island.

9.3 From Ponsonby Cruising Club, Gulf Harbour Yacht Club and Onerahi Yacht Club, Channel Island to starboard after the start, finishing by The Sister Rocks, Great Mercury Island.

9.4 From Mercury Bay Boating Club, Mayor Island and The Alderman Islands to starboard, finishing by Needle Rocks, Great Mercury Island.

9.5 From Whangamata, Mayor Island and The Alderman Islands to starboard, finishing by Needle Rocks, Great Mercury Island.

9.6 Depending on sea and weather conditions, Races 2 & 3 will be chosen on the day by the Race Officer from the following 3 Courses (S.I.9.7 to 9.9).

9.7 A clockwise or anticlockwise circumnavigation of Great Mercury Island from the Start to the Finish as determined by the Race Officer (Attachment A).

9.8 Start, Great Mercury Island is taken to starboard, Never Fail Rock to port, Great Mercury Island to port, Finish (Attachment A).

9.9 Start, Great Mercury Island to port, Green Island, Middle Island and Stanley Island to port, Korapuki Island to starboard, Double Island to starboard, Stanley Island, Middle Island and Green Island to port, , Great Mercury Island to starboard, Finish (Attachment A).

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- 9.10 For Race 4, the courses for Race 1 are reversed. A Beacon is the finish, Mayor Island and the Alderman Islands to port and Channel Island to port.

10 NAVIGATION HAZARDS

- 10.1 Parts of the racing areas are shipping routes and ships underway may at times become hazardous to competing yachts. It is the skipper's responsibility to avoid shipping hazards.
- 10.2 In the Racing Areas (S.I.8), the shorelines, outlying rocks and reefs, are hazards to safe navigation. It is the skipper's responsibility to identify and avoid such hazards as shown on the appropriate Charts.

11 HAZARD AVOIDANCE AND SAFETY

- 11.1 All yachts shall carry the latest edition of RNZN Chart N.Z.5318, "*Great Mercury Island to Otara Bay*", and the appropriate Charts covering sea areas from their respective start lines to Great Mercury Island.
- 11.2 For this Regatta there shall be a minimum safety requirement of Category 4, YNZ Safety Regulation Part II. Notwithstanding, it is recommended that all boats racing across relatively open coastal water have an YNZ Safety Regulation Part II Category 3 current Certificate of Inspection.
- 11.3 In addition to the Category 4 Safety requirements set out in RRS Safety Regulations 2017-2020, all yachts shall have a VHF Radio capable of receiving and transmitting messages, a cell phone, a fully operational inboard or outboard motor with adequate fuel for the Regatta, and a dinghy or liferaft of sufficient capacity for the boat's crew.
- 11.4 Safety inspections may be undertaken at random in Mercury Cove of a selection of competing yachts. Failure to comply with the S.I. shall mean disqualification from the Regatta.
- 11.5 Between sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions At Sea, Rule 20 shall apply, replacing relevant parts of RRS Part 2. This Rule requires the use of the correct navigation lights between sunset and sunrise either whilst under sail or motoring.
- 11.6 A boat that retires from a Race shall notify the Race Officer on VHF Channel 77 or TXT 021 552010 as soon as possible.

12 RACE 1 START

- 12.1 For Race 1 there will be 5 Start Lines (S.I. 12.2 to 12.6) in proximity to the participating yacht clubs.
- 12.2 From Tauranga Harbour, yachts will start from A beacon to port crossing a transit between A beacon and North Rock marker, within 300meters of A beacon. This is designed to allow vessels to keep clear of shipping so please do so. (Attachments A).
- 12.3 From the Hauraki Gulf, yachts will start from west to east between Brown Island Light and Rangitoto Marker Light (Q.WR) (Attachments A).
- 12.4 From Mercury Bay, yachts will start from west to east between Round Island and Centre Island (Attachment A).
- 12.5 From Whangarei Harbour, yachts will start from east to west in Bream Bay between Sail Rock and Taranga Island Light (Attachments A).
- 12.6 From Whangamata Harbour, yachts will start from south to north between Hauturu (Clark) Island and the Headland north of Whangamata Harbour on a transit from the north sides of both Hauturu and Whanuakura Islands (Attachments A).

RACES 2& 3 STARTS

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- 12.7 The Race Officer shall decide on a course before the start of Races 2 & 3 and on VHF Channel 77 shall notify competitors of the course and start time including the start direction for each Race.
- 12.8 Each yacht shall start in its allocated Division which shall be numbered Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, etc. depending on the size of the fleet.
- 12.9 At the discretion of the Race officer, the Start Line for Races 2 & 3 will be set either off the Sister Rocks or Ahikopua Point, Great Mercury Island(Attachment A).
- 12.10 The Start Line will be between the official Start Boat and a distance marker and will be set approximately square to the wind direction.
- 12.11 Races 2, 3 will be started using the following sound signals and via VHF channel 77 from the Start Boat.
- 12.12 As the first Division is started, a sound from the start boat signals the warning signal for the start sequence of the next Division and so on until all Divisions have started.
- 12.13 A premature starter shall be identified on VHF Channel 77 by the Start Boat and will be directed to start again or risk disqualification.

13 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 13.1 If there is a Start Boat at the Start Finish Line, it shall be clearly identified and display the MMYC Green & White Pennant.

14 FINISH

- 14.1 For Race 1, there shall be 2 Finish Lines at Great Mercury Island.
- 14.2 For all yachts approaching Great Mercury Island from the north the Finish Line shall be at The Sister Rocks (NZ 5318) within 200 metres seaward of the outer Sister along a Compass Bearing of 035⁰ to the outer Sister (Attachment A).
- 14.3 For all yachts approaching Great Mercury Island from the south the Finish Line shall be at Ahikopua Point (NZ 5318) within 200 metres seaward of an unnamed rock pinnacle off the Point along a Compass Bearing of 045⁰ to the pinnacle (Attachment A).
- 14.4 For Race 4 the Finish line can be any of the official start lines for race 1.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing shall be exonerated by taking the Two-Turns Penalty at the time of the incident by getting well clear of other boats and making 2 tacks and 2 gybes in the same direction.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 There shall be no time limits for all Races

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest Forms are available at the MMYC Clubhouse and from the Race Committee at the Mercury Islands. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Protest Chairman, the Race Officer, or a member of the Race Committee before the protest time limit with a \$25.00 protest fee. This fee is non-refundable.

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- 17.2 Protests must be lodged 2 hours after the boat protesting has finished or retired from the race EXCEPT that these time limits shall be extended on one or more of the following grounds: That such persons as are mentioned above are not available to accept the protest within the time limit, provided however, that the protesting boat has made every effort to inform such persons of their intention to protest, and has lodged their protest at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3 Protest notices may be posted within 1 hour of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses. These notices will be deemed to fulfil the requirements of RRS Rule 63.2. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1(b).

18 COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 At the Start of Race 1 all skippers shall TXT Mobile 0274 544 334, provide their boat name and start time.
- 18.2 Appropriate Coastguard Channels from south to north are:
- Tauranga – **01**, Waihi Beach – **07**, Whangamata – **04**, Whitianga – **63**, Inner Hauraki Gulf – **64**, Outer Hauraki Gulf – **60**, Whangarei – **05**. Boats approaching Great Mercury Island from the north shall TXT Mobile 021552010 to check in off Channel Island and when finishing at Great Mercury Island.
- 18.3 Boats approaching Great Mercury Island from the south shall TXT Mobile 0274 544334 to check in off Slipper Island and when finishing at Great Mercury Island.
- 18.4 All Vessels must TXT Mobile 021552010 on completion of race 4 providing boat name, we need to know you are safe in port.
- 18.5 VHF 77 will be monitored between 0800 and 2000 hours.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The time and place for prize giving is set out in S.I. 5.1.
- 19.2 To be eligible for the Participating Prize of the Regatta, the person nominated on the Log Sheet shall have competed in a minimum of 3 out of the 4 events.

20 POLLUTION

- 20.1 Discharge of raw untreated sewage from boats is prohibited in Mercury Cove and within 500 metres from the shoreline in the Racing Areas (S.I. 7).
- 20.2 No rubbish shall be discharged by boats into the sea and must be disposed of on land.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. (see RRS Part 1 Rule 4, '*Decision to Race*'). The Organising Authority (MMYC) shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate third-party liability insurance to cover full reparation of potential damage or destruction to other yachts inflicted by a participant during the Regatta.

23 ATTACHMENTS A 1, 2, and 3: Charts, Courses, and Diagrams.

24 ATTACHMENT B: Crew List.

25 ATTACHMENT C: Log Sheet.

26 ATTACHMENT D: Regatta Information Sheet.