



Firewatch Gulf Series 2011/2010 Gulf Harbour Yacht Club

The Organising Authority is the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club Inc,
1299 Laurie Southwick Pde., Gulf Harbour.

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 1.2 For Keel Yachts the YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, category 4 shall apply.
- 1.3 For Trailer Yachts the YNZ Safety Regulations Part V, Category B shall apply.
- 1.4 A boat shall not discharge trash into the water.
- 1.5 One design yachts must conform to their International/National Class Rules.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted from Keel Yachts, Multihulls and Trailer Yachts registered with YNZ and whose owners/skippers are financial members of a yacht club affiliated to YNZ.
- 2.2 Entries must be on the GHYC Summer Entry Form and returned to the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club on or before the date listed together with the entry fee designated below.
- 2.3 **Whole Series:** Before Wednesday 15th February 2012 at 1600 hours – \$50.00.
- 2.4 **Late Series Entries:** Will be accepted up to 15th March 2012 at 1600 hours – \$60.00
- 2.5 **Individual Race:** \$15.00 lodged at the GHYC Club House by 0900 hours each race day. Entrants in this category are not eligible as series entrants.
- 2.6 GHYC reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry.

3.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located within the GHYC.

4.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5.0 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club flagpole.

6.0 Schedule of Races

The warning signal for races 1 and 4 will be at 0955 hours.

Race 1	Saturday	18 th February 2012	Course 1 or 2
Race 2	Friday	2 nd March 2012	See separate NOR and SI for race to Marsden Cove
Race 3	Saturday	17 th March 2012	See separate NOR and SI for Commodores Race Weekend
Race 4	Sunday	1 st April 2012	Course 3 or 4

7.0 Class Flag

Class flag will be White

8.0 Racing Area

The races will be held on the waters of the Hauraki Gulf and the Waitemata Harbour.

9.0 Course to be sailed

The Start/Finish line will be approximately ½ nm South of the Marina.

Course 1	Start – Flat Rock (S) – Gannet Rock (S) – Finish
Course 2	Start – Gannet Rock (P) – Flat Rock (P) – Finish
Course 3	Start – Rangitoto (P) - Finish
Course 4	Start – Rangitoto (S) - Finish

10.0 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the Port end starting mark.
- 10.2 If any boat or part of a boat, or crew, is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and is identified, the race committee shall attempt to broadcast her number on VHF Ch 66. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1 (a). (Redress)
- 10.3 Prior to the start, one or more entrants will be selected to contact the race officer, by cell phone, at least one half hour before their expected finish, with their approximate position.
- 10.4 All entrants are required to register with the committee boat before the start and supply the number of people on board.

11.0 The Finish

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the start mark at the starboard end and the orange pole with an orange flag on the committee boat.
- 11.2 In the event that the committee boat is not on station, the finishing line will be between a mark in the vicinity of 36.38.00 S 174.47.16 E and the GHYC club house. Boats must cross the finishing line keeping the above mark to port.
- 11.3 Boats using this method are to take their own finish time.

12.0 Extras

Extras may be flown.

13.0 Protests and requests for Redress

- 13.1 Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to fulfilling the requirements of rule 61.1(a), (Informing the Protestee) inform the committee boat (if on station) of her intention and the identity of the boat protested against and receive an acknowledgement from the committee boat.
- 13.2 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any hearing.
- 13.3 A protest shall be lodged on the appropriate form (available in the Club House) within the protest time limit, and handed to a member of the sailing committee.
- 13.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished.

14.0 Scoring

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 Series scores will be based on the results from the races detailed in this Notice of Race, plus the GHYC Marsden Cove (2nd March 2012) race and the Round the Islands Race at the Commodores Race Weekend (17th March 2012).
- 14.3 Boats must finish in either Races 1 or 2 to be considered for the Firewatch Series and Planet X Trophy.

15.0 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race must notify the race committee immediately.

16.0 Radio Communications

The race Committee Boat call sign is 'Olympus' on Ch 66 VHF.

17.0 Prizes

Series prizes will be awarded during the Summer Prize Giving:
Firewatch Series Planet X Trophy

18.0 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.

Further details contact the administrative office at
the GHYC. Ph 09 424 2118