



## 2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u Race



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## Notice of Race

The Kerikeri Cruising Club invites all eligible monohull and multihull yachts to enter the 2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u yacht race which is organised and conducted by the Kerikeri Cruising Club.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UspNIm8wiQ> for more information on the tropical destination of Tonga.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 1 shall apply
- 1.3 The following Rules will also apply:
  - The Prescriptions of Yachting New Zealand.
  - The Rules as they apply to the YNZ Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicapping method.
  - The IRC Rules 2016 as modified by Clause 1.7 below.
- 1.4 The RRS are changed as follows:
  - 1.4.1 The Rules of the RRS Part 1 are altered during the race between the hours of official sunset and sunrise and when motoring to give precedence to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions At Sea.
  - 1.4.2 RRS Rule 41 *Outside Help* is changed to allow outside assistance for repairs and RRS Rule 41(c) *Outside Help* is revised to define internet usage.
  - 1.4.3 RRS Rule 52 *Manual Power* shall not apply.



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- 1.4.4 RRS Rule 63.1 *Requirement for a Hearing* is changed to allow time penalties to be applied by the Race Committee to any yacht failing to report as required by the race schedules without a hearing (see Clause 14 *Radio and Position Reporting*).
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions may also change other Rules as permitted by RRS Rule 86.1(b) *Changes to the Racing Rules*.
- 1.6 For yachts using SSB/HF radio, a serviceable currently licensed SSB/HF radio with 60 watts minimum power capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 2182, 2207, 4125, 4146, 6215, 6224, 8291 and 8297 kHz shall be carried. Yachts will be required to provide email evidence of a satisfactory radio test with Taupo Maritime Radio ZLM.
- 1.7 Yachts using Satellite Phone will be required to provide email evidence of a test email or phone call to Taupo Maritime Radio.
- 1.8 The IRC Rules are changed as follows:
  - 1.8.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5(e) *Rigs and Sails* is varied to allow a spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
  - 1.8.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1 *Spinnakers* is varied to allow a boat to carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of an area not greater than the rated SPA without an increase in rating.

## 2 Advertising

- 2.1 All competitors' advertising must be declared with entry and must not conflict with the interest of the event sponsor unless dispensation is granted.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The race is open to all monohulls and multihulls not less than 10 metres hull length and that meet the requirements of YNZ Safety Regulations of Sailing Part II, Category 1. All yachts will be subject to a safety inspection before the start of the race.
- 3.2 The minimum age of all crew on a boat is 18.
- 3.3 To be eligible to compete in this event all competitors shall be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to a National Authority.
- 3.4 Yachts shall be New Zealand registered ships, or for overseas entrants, an equivalent registration.
- 3.5 Yachts shall be of a thoroughly seaworthy type.
- 3.6 Yachts shall hold current safety, radio and handicap certificates as applicable.
- 3.7 Each entered yacht must have completed a qualifying race or cruise of not less than 250 n.m. on open water with the prospective skipper in charge.
- 3.8 At least 50% (rounded up) of the crew members shall have a current certificate from an approved World Sailing Advanced Survival At Sea Course.
- 3.9 At least one crew members on a boat shall hold either a current NZ Coastguard Offshore Medic, an Australian Senior First Aid Certificate, an equivalent qualification, or be a practicing medical practitioner (with current evidence).
- 3.10 To be eligible to enter the restricted divisions a boat must have a current and valid Yachting New Zealand PHRF Certificate.
- 3.11 All applications for entry must be made by the closing date of 1700 hours local time on Friday 7 April 2017 by completing the online entry form accompanied by the entry fee of NZD\$600 per boat (note: tracking device included).
- 3.12 The on-line entry form can be accessed at [www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/vavau](http://www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/vavau)



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3.13 Late entries may be accepted at the Organising Authority's absolute discretion on payment of an additional late entry fee of \$250.

3.14 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation.

#### **4 Documentation**

The following documentation is required to be completed:

4.1 The Sailing Administrator or a delegated representative from the Kerikeri Cruising Club must sight (and may take copies of) all required documentation as outlined in Table 1 *Required Documentation*, including items of eligibility, no later than 1700 hours on Friday 7 April 2017 unless specified otherwise.

4.2 Yachts racing in the IRC division shall provide a copy of their IRC rating application to Yachting New Zealand or their National Authority by the documentation deadline of 1700 hours on Friday 7 April 2017.

4.3 Competitors may be required to produce additional documentation following receipt of their entry, and will be given a reasonable amount of time to produce this.

4.4 One or more digital colour photos of the boat, suitable for both publicity and search and rescue purposes, form part of the required documentation. One photo shall be of the boat under full sail. Photo(s) should be no less than 1200 x 800 pixels.

4.5 Evidence of registration and the HEX numbers of all 406 beacons, both EPIRB and personal locator beacons.

4.6 The make, model and storage location of all life rafts carried and documented proof of their servicing.

4.7 For all crew members a list of details to include full address, age and next of kin.

4.8 A colour copy of each crew member's passport.

4.9 Documented proof that all life jackets have been serviced in the previous 12 months.

#### **5 Insurance**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZ\$3 million dollars. Evidence of such insurance shall be provided with the entry form.

#### **6 Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Kerikeri Cruising Club's Vava'u race website from 1200 hours on Friday 21 April 2017 and will take precedence over this Notice of Race and, where they differ, over all documents previously issued.

#### **7 Course**

For all divisions the start will be off the Kerikeri Cruising Club and finish in Vava'u, Tonga.

#### **8 Charts**

The following charts, in paper form, shall be carried on board all yachts:

NZ5124 Kerikeri Inlet and Veronica Channel

NZ5125 Bay of Islands

NZ51 Tauroa Point to Cape Brett

NZ52 Cape Brett to Cuvier Island

NZ14605 New Zealand to Fiji and Samoa Islands (includes Tonga)

NZ82 Tonga Group

NZ822 Vava'u Group

NZ8255 Vava'u

#### **9 Alternative Penalties**

Any yacht which, after its warning signal, crosses the start line and fails to return to the pre-start side of the line will be penalised one hour on elapsed time. This changed RRS Rule 29.1 *Individual Recalls*.

#### **10 Scoring**

The following handicapping systems, ratings and divisions will apply:

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## 11 Prizes

- 11.1 The race prize giving date and time will be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 All owners/charterers of yachts starting in this race will be eligible for the drawn prize of a trip for two to Vava'u including return international flights ex Auckland and internal flights in Tonga, staying seven nights at the TONGAN BEACH RESORT courtesy of MONDO TRAVEL Kerikeri, the REALtonga airline and the TONGAN BEACH RESORT. This prize will be drawn at the race prize giving in Vava'u.
- 11.3 Race prizes will be awarded in each of the handicap classes; IRC, PHRF, Multihull and Cruising (if more than three entrants) and to line honours for the first multihull and monohull to finish.
- 11.4 The dispersal of prizes shall be determined according to the number of entries received in each division and will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12 Responsibilities and Crew Substitutions

- 12.1 It is the responsibility of the yacht owner and/or skipper to see that their yacht complies with the requirements of the race in that its safety category and rating certificates are current, and that the crew for both the race and the return voyage contains a nucleus of ocean experienced members who have previously sailed on the yacht.
- 12.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to decide the eligibility of any entrant on the basis of the experience of the skipper, navigator and crew. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or its equipment or its crew.
- 12.3 Applications for entry into this race shall list the crew for the race. Substitutions will only be permitted on written application showing the details of the crew member being proposed.

## 13 Outside Assistance

- 13.1 During the race a yacht may put in anywhere and anchor or moor for any purpose. It may be towed for a distance not exceeding two nautical miles into, and for a distance not exceeding two nautical miles out of, any harbour or anchorage provided that the total of any such towing can be shown not to have advantaged the boat towards the finish. When so anchored or moored other people may come aboard to effect repairs provided that the boat continues in the race with the same stores and equipment prior to seeking assistance. Boats must finish the race with the same crew on board as at race start.
- 13.2 RRS Rule 41(c) *Outside Help* is changed to read:

“Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable. Allowable services must provide the same information to all competitors and not provide boat-specific weather routing information. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of this rule.”

## 14 Radio and Position Reporting

- 14.1 Yachts shall comply with the detailed reporting instructions that the Race Committee will publish prior to the event briefing.
- 14.2 Subject to Clause 14.3, any yacht that fails to report will either incur a 1% elapsed time penalty (without a hearing) for every missed report or be protested by the Race Committee. This changes RRS Rule 63.1 *Requirement for a Hearing*.
- 14.3 Where an SSB/HF radio has malfunctioned a boat shall make every effort to relay their position via another boat on VHF. All racing yachts must have their VHF turned on both 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after each scheduled reporting time.



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## 15 Disclaimer of Liability

The Organising Authority will accept no liability for material damage or loss or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## 16 Conditions of Entry

By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts that:

- 16.1 The owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races.
- 16.2 He/she and the crew are familiar with and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions.
- 16.3 He/she and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS Rule 4 *Decision to Race and RRS Addendum A Safety Equipment*.
- 16.4 The entry of the boat and crew is agreed to and accepted by the Kerikeri Cruising Club on the basis that the owner/charterer and his/her skipper and crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and his/her skipper and crew.
- 16.5 The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of his/her boat for this race.
- 16.6 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/charterer who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit. The owner/charterer must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 16.7 Neither the Kerikeri Cruising Club or its officers, employees or agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his/her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the 2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u yacht race and its related activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities,
- 16.8 Neither the Kerikeri Cruising Club nor its officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.
- 16.9 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charterer and crew.

## 17 Rights to Use Name and Likeness

By participating in the event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## 18 Further Information

For further information regarding the 2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u yacht race please contact:

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Event Web Site Website: [www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/vavau](http://www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/vavau)



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# Table 1: Required Documentation

NOR Clause	Documentation
1.2 / 3.1	A current YNZ Category 1 Safety Certificate.
1.6 / 1.7	Email from Taupo Maritime Radio for SSB radio check or satellite test phone call.
3.3	Proof of affiliated yacht club membership for each crew member.
3.4	Evidence of New Zealand ship registration or overseas equivalent.
3.7	Evidence of qualification voyage.
3.8	Current Sea Survival certificates for 50% of the crew - rounded up.
3.9	Current New Zealand Coastguard Offshore Medic, or Australian Advanced First Aid certificate, or an equivalent qualification, or evidence of a medical practicing certificate for at least one crew member.
3.10	Current Yachting New Zealand issued PHRF Certificate.
4.2	Current I.R.C certificate.
4.4	Photo of the yacht with full sails for both publicity and Search and Rescue.
4.5	Evidence of registration of all 406 beacons on board.
4.6	The make, model and storage location of all life rafts carried and documented proof of their servicing.
4.7	Details of all crew members.
4.8	Colour scan of each crew member's passport.
4.9	Life jacket servicing.
5	Insurance.



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