

# Gulf Race

## Safety Declaration Form



Your yacht must comply with all Yachting NZ Safety Regulations of Sailing (SRS) [Current version] Category 4 requirements. In addition, your yacht must comply with items marked with a C.  
**C** = Compulsory. **R** = Recommended.

SRS Ref	DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT	C/R	✓
Safety Equipment			
8.5	Emergency means of steering. See also 8.6	R	
17.12	Liferaft, or inflatable (must be inflated) or rigid dinghy with sufficient buoyancy to support all the crew; on deck or towed. Oars, rowlocks & bailer must be fitted and held or tied in place.	C	
17.05	Lifejacket, fitted with a whistle, for each member of the crew (see SR Appendix 4)	C	
17.06	Safety harness & tether for each crew member.	R	
17.23	Jackstays fitted on deck to provide secure attachments for safety harnesses.	R	
18.6	EPIRB – 406 MHz	R	
Navigation Equipment			
19.02	Spare compass. (may be hand bearing)	R	
19.03	Paper charts of the area in which you will be sailing.	C	
19.04	GPS, fitted or handheld.	C	
19.04	Leadline or depth sounder.	R	
19.08	Emergency navigation lights.	R	
Communications			
18.2	VHF capable of transmitting & receiving as far away as Great Barrier.	C	
18.4	Cell Phone – switched on during race.	R	
Engine & Electrical			
20.08	Carry enough fuel to enable motoring at least 60 nm.	C	
WBC	Sufficient battery capacity to power critical electrical equipment for 12 hrs.	C	

- I declare that my yacht complies with YNZ SRS [Current version], Category 4. In addition, I declare that my yacht complies with all of the above compulsory items. I understand that my yacht may be subject to a spot inspection either before or after the race, and that if it doesn't comply, I will be (a) refused entry to the race or (b) disqualified.
- I understand YNZ SRS [Current version], Part II, 2.0 – 2.5, and acknowledge that the decision to participate in this event is mine and the responsibility for the safety of my yacht and crew rests with me.
- I understand that the Weiti Boating Club (Inc.) and their sponsors disclaim any and every responsibility for damage that might occur to persons or property both on shore or at sea as a consequence of participating in any way in this race/event.

Yacht name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail number: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2.0 SKIPPER'S (MASTER'S) RESPONSIBILITY, CREW RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must do his/her best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather.

He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and be trained in its use.

2.2 The Maritime Transport Act 1994 states that the master of the vessel is at all times responsible for the safety of the vessel, the safety of those on board, discipline on board and for complying with all maritime rules, regulations and bylaws.

2.3 Neither the establishment of these Safety Regulations, their use by Organising Authorities, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

2.4 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue the race or voyage.

2.5 Skippers and crews. The Maritime Transport Act 1994 states that it is an offence to operate, maintain, or carry out any other act involving any vessel or maritime product, that creates an unnecessary risk or danger to persons or property.