

# OYC White Island Race - Saturday 16 December 2023

**Communication:** All communications on VHF Ch 62 between Taiaroa Head and Cape Saunders, then Ch 60 between the Cape and White Island. Remember to switch back on your return.

**Race Entry:** Online entries only. Entries close 2100hrs on Friday 15 December. OYC members compete for the Rudder Cup trophy on Club handicaps. A minimum of 4 yachts are required for the race to proceed.

**Safety:** All competitors must wear life jackets at all times while racing and carry a working VHF radio switched on to the appropriate channel. This is not only for safety reasons but also for receiving details of any course changes from the Race Officer.

All persons taking part do so at their own risk. The OYC is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a yacht or the adequacy of its equipment or crew. It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or continue to race, and for the safety of the crew and yacht.

Any boat withdrawing from the event should notify the Race Officer before leaving the course area.

**Start:** First Warning Signal 0825hrs. (5 minute start sequence.) Start at 0830hrs. Race start signals (Flags only) will be displayed by the Light Tower at the end of the Mole.

The Start / Finish line is the imaginary line from the Light Tower at the end of the Mole and the Taiaroa Head Lighthouse. (If there is insufficient wind at the Heads the Race Officer may move the start line outside the Heads on a transit line between the end of the Mole and the Landfall Tower.)

**Course:** (Approx 39nm) From the Start line, Tow Rock to starboard, starboard rounding of White Island, Tow Rock to Port, to the Finish line.

**Finish:** All yachts should record their times as they return through the Start/ Finish line being the imaginary line from the Light Tower at the end of the Mole and the Taiaroa Head Lighthouse. Report actual time of day finishing times (Not elapsed time) to the Race Officer as soon as practicable. Text to 021 1692359

**Tides:** HWPC 0652hrs 2.1m; LWPC 1309hrs 0.3m; HWPC 1915hrs 2.0m

