

2014 Farr **MRX** Youth Pathway Challenge



Invitation to Auckland Youth Yacht Clubs

Kohimarama Yacht Club and **MRX Yachting** invite Crews from your club to compete in the 2014 MRX Youth Pathway Keel Boat Challenge.

The Event

The **Youth Pathway Challenge** involves 2 MRX yacht fleet racing events for Auckland Youth Yacht Clubs – an afternoon Twilight Race and a day of Fleet Racing.

The concept is to show youth sailors and their parents a great option for them both to continue to enjoy yachting after they progress from youth clubs. And provide a bit of friendly interclub competition of course!!!



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The MRX Fleet

The MRX is a strict one design keel boat developed for match racing.

The yachts are managed on behalf of the owners by MRX Yachting to provide the very best affordable one design keel boat racing for all who sail on the fleet. All an owner needs to do is step aboard and go sailing.

Owners can enjoy the sailing of their choice, be it fun social Twilight racing, frenetic windward ward sprints, or weekend or Christmas holiday cruising.

Most of NZ's great keel boat sailors have "cut their keel boat teeth" racing on the MRX fleet – including the Team NZ crew and current owners Phil Robertson, (Kohimarama), and Garth Ellingham. (Wakatere/Murrays Bay), who finished 3rd on the World Match Racing Circuit last year and won the final major event, (the Monsoon Cup).



Phil & Garth winning the 2014 NZ Open Keel Boat Champs

For more information On the MRX Fleet go to www.mrxyachting.co.nz or www.facebook.com/MRXYachting



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The Racing

The racing will begin with a **Familiarisation Twilight Race** with the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron on Friday 25th July, (backup date if the weather fails us Friday 8th August).

The Twilight Race will start at 4.10pm. Crews will need to be at Pier E, Westhaven by 3.30pm for briefing and rigging up. After the race crews are invited to prize giving in the Dinghy Locker, RNZYS.

The Twilight Race will give crews an opportunity to become familiar with sailing a MRX. Crews will then progress to the real competition – **Fleet Racing Day** – on Sunday 24th August, (backup date Sunday 7th September).

Crews will assemble at E Pier at 10am. The first race will be a harbour course from Westhaven to the Northern Leading area, (off Mission Bay), starting at 11am. This will be followed by up to 4 back to back windward leeward races and then a harbour course back to Westhaven. A prize giving will be held at the RNZYS as soon as crews are ready.

Sails for racing will be specified by the MRX Fleet dependant on weather conditions and crew capability. The Twilight Race is without extras.

Crews

Each yacht will have **7 crew** made up of 6 sailors from a Youth Yacht Club and a MRX owner to provide guidance and helm as appropriate.

The 6 Youth Yacht Club sailors will be made up of 2 to 3 adults, at least one of whom should be an experienced keel boat racer. The balance of the crew will be youth sailors aged 15 and over – Starling sailors and up will be most suited to the size of the gear on a MRX.

Fees

Twilight Race - Entry Fee will be \$25 and MRX cost contribution \$75 per boat.

Fleet Racing – Entry Fee will be \$50 and MRX cost contribution \$450 per boat.



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Damage – as for Owners – the crews are covered by the fleets insurance policy - when a non-owner is on the helm the at fault crew's maximum liability is \$1,000 per boat involved in an incident.



Express Your Interest

To be part of the fleet send your expression of interest to:

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