



Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand

Classic Yacht Policy

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1. **Purpose and Intent:** The purpose and intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for the type of vessels the Association will recognise as “classic” by entry as such in its database. The principle focus of the Association is on the protection, restoration, promotion and events for New Zealand classic yachts listed in its database.
2. **Definitions:** “Yacht” used in this policy means a vessel used principally for pleasure and recreation regardless of its motive power. This includes Launches.
3. **Executive Committee Approval:** All applications to enter a classic yacht in the Association’s database need to be approved by the Executive Committee who shall apply the criteria set out in this policy, but shall have discretion which shall be exercised sparingly to include a vessel for good reason that otherwise falls outside the following criteria. Acceptance of any one yacht shall not be deemed a precedent for any other yacht or type. Any yacht in the database as a classic at the date of this policy shall not be removed unless requested by the owner or is sold.
4. **Yacht Application requirements:** All new applicants will be required to complete an application form and include some recent photos of the yacht, with at least one of the boat out of the water showing her rudder, keel and underwater sections. These are to be delivered with the application form to the committee for approval.
5. **Divisions:** The Association maintains the following divisions:
 - a) **Classic Yacht:** A classic yacht is a mono hull yacht built using traditional methods principally of wood or metal to a pre- 31 December 1949 design. This includes yachts built to a class whose design parameters were established prior to 31 December 1949.
 - b) **Modern Classic:** A Modern Classic is a mono hull yacht designed and built post 1949 using traditional methods principally of wood or metal. Vessels designed or launched after 1970 will require individual approval from the Executive committee. The types of yachts we wish to encourage are wholesome modern classic yachts in predominantly original condition

such as Stewart's, Townson's, Woollacott's, Sparkman & Stephens, earlier Lidgard's, earlier Jim Young designs etc.

- c) Spirit of Tradition:** A spirit of tradition yacht is a vessel of more recent design and construction whose lines resemble those of the pre-1950 era (i.e. heavy displacement, long keel, and preferably with wooden spars). The appearance of a spirit of tradition yacht needs to be similar to vessels designed prior to 1950. These vessels are welcome to join the Classic Yacht Association and be included in the Vessel Register under the Spirit of Tradition division.

Launches: Please refer to appropriate division above as per definition in section 2.

- 6. Spars,** Spars shall be made principally of wood or metal. The Association believes that the use of carbon fibre spars is not in keeping with the spirit of classic yachting.
- 7. Sails:** The Association would like to maintain the visual appeal of classic yachts and we believe the modern Kevlar and Carbon fibre sails do nothing to enhance this therefore Kevlar and Carbon fibre sails will not be permitted.
- 8. Modifications:** The Executive Committee shall give careful consideration before allowing any vessel to join the CYA that has been modified extensively or for performance gains beyond what would have been considered normal modifications for its design period. The Executive committee reserves the right to remove any yacht on the Vessel Register that has been so modified.

For CYA racing events, the Committee shall give consideration to any vessel that has been modified extensively from the original design. For significant modifications, the CYA committee reserves the right to move a vessel from its existing division to another division. This particularly applies to major underwater profile changes to pre-1950 vessels that provides a significant change in a yacht's performance or handling. It is recommended that any proposed design or structural changes are discussed with the Committee and their appointed advisor prior to them being made.

- 9. Participation in Events:** The Association may from time to time promote, organise or participate in regattas or events for yachts which do not qualify for inclusion as classics in the Associations database. Participation in any regatta or event shall have no bearing on qualification for entry in the Associations database.
- 10. Other Divisions:** The Executive Committee in its discretion may establish other divisions from time to time.
- 11. Visiting Overseas Yachts:** Visiting overseas yachts may from time to time be invited to race as "special guests" irrespective of their compliance with these rules.
- 12. Amendments:** The Executive Committee in its discretion may amend this policy from time to time.