



RICHMOND  
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## 2016-17 CRUISING SERIES



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### NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)  
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#### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the 2016-17 RYC General Sailing Instructions (GSIs).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations (YNZ Safety Regs) Part 2 Category 4 shall apply to keelers and multihulls.
- 1.3 The YNZ Safety Regs Part 5 Category B shall apply to trailer yachts
- 1.4 The YNZ Safety Regs Part 6 Category B shall apply to sports boats.
- 1.5 In addition, all yachts are required to carry or tow a dinghy suitable for use as a tender.
- 1.6 The RRS will be changed as follows:
  - RRS Rule 44.1 is changed as per 15.1 of the GSIs.
  - RRS Rule 29.2 is changed as per 11.5 of the GSIs.
  - RRS Rule 51 is modified to allow boats with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete.
  - RRS Rule 52 'Manual Power' shall not apply.
- 1.7 Sports boats shall be governed by the rules of the Sports Boat Association.
- 1.8 For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal hearing.

#### 2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Boats entering shall have current registration with YNZ and must display their correct registration numbers on sails in accordance with the RRS. In one-design divisions the relevant Class Rules will apply. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- 2.2 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper must be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand.
- 2.3 Entries will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the first division each race day.
- 2.4 Eligible boats, including Richmond Sail Pass entries, may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it and the required fee to RYC by the entry deadline. Entries will be accepted by drop-off (entry box or office), mail, fax, or email attachment. Payments can be made by cash, credit card (in office or on form), or direct credit to RYC's bank account: 02-0100-0835080-00.

#### 3.0 FEES

Richmond Yacht Club sail pass	No charge
Richmond Yacht Club members	\$25 per race or \$100 for the series
Members of other yacht clubs	\$25 per race or \$100 for the series

#### 4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Racing Schedule		2016 Dates	High Water
Race 1 - Waiheke I	Friday	18 November	2331 - 3.4m
Race 2 - Sir Peter Blake Mem.	Saturday	3 December	1054 - 3.1m
4.1 Racing Schedule		2017 Dates	High Water
Race 3 - Mahurangi Night Race	Friday	27 January	2013 - 2.9m
Race 4 - Gulf Party	Saturday	18 February	1338 - 3.0m
Race 5 - Waiheke II	Friday	17 March	1142 - 3.1m
Race 6 - Kawau Easter Rally	Friday	14 April	0932 - 3.1m

#### 4.2 Divisions, Flags and Start Times

Races 1, 3 & 5 (Evening departures)	Flag	Start Time
C General OPEN	White	1830 hours
E General NO EXTRAS	Yellow	1830 hours
Races 2, 4 & 6 (Morning departures)	Flag	Start Time
C General OPEN	White	1000 hours
E General NO EXTRAS	Yellow	1000 hours

- 4.3 Handicaps are assigned under the RYC Handicapping Policy as detailed in the GSIs.
- 4.4 RYC reserves the right to assign boats to divisions deemed most appropriate; a boat's skipper will be notified if a reassignment is made.

4.5 Divisional handicap ranges are for guidance and are not definitive; if you are unsure which division to race in please ask the club for guidance.

## 5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2016-17 RYC GSIs will apply for this series.

## 6.0 VENUE

The racing area will be the Waitemata Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf.

## 7.0 COURSES

For each race a desired destination is indicated and we expect to use these courses on the day. However, in the event of unfavourable weather or other factors, RYC will update the course to a more 'cruisey' option using alternatives listed below. Check in with the club by Wednesday prior to the race for the latest information, and double check the RYC and Westhaven race towers for changes to the course. More information is given on the new 'alternative start' below and in the GSIs.

#	Course	nm
<b>Waiheke Courses</b>		
1	From the start, Motuihe Is (P), Waiheke Is (P), to finish between light on end of Orapiu Wharf, Waiheke and the RYC Committee Boat.	20
2	From the start, Waiheke Is (S), Gannet Rock (S), to finish between the starboard-hand mark at the Northern entrance to Man o' War Bay and the RYC Committee Boat.	29
<b>Sir Peter Blake Memorial Race</b> (and beach clean up)		
4	From the start, North Head Buoy (P), Cable Buoy (S), Torbay Yellow Buoy (approx S36 42.50, E174 47.35) (S), to finish between Billy Goat Point, Motutapu and the RYC Committee Boat.	17
<b>Mahurangi Night Race</b>		
5	From the start, Whangaparaoa outermost yellow Buoy (P), to finish between Sadler Point, Mahurangi & the RYC Committee Boat.	25
<b>Gulf Party</b>		
6	From the start, Rangitoto Is (S), Haystack (S), to finish off the South entrance to Woody Bay, Rakino and the RYC Committee Boat.	17
7	From the start, Rangitoto Is (S), Motutapu Is (S), to finish on a line extending West from the RYC Committee Boat to Rangitoto Is, at the entrance to Islington Bay.	24
<b>Kawau Easter Rally</b>		
8	From the start, Whangaparaoa outermost yellow Buoy (P), to finish between Momona Point, Kawau and the RYC Committee Boat.	28
<b>Heavy Weather Course</b>		
9	From the start to Illiomama Buoy (S), Browns Island Navy Buoy (P), Motuihe Is (P) to finish between Pa Point (SE Headland of Takutairaroa Bay), Motuihe and the RYC Committee Boat.	13
<b>Short Courses</b>		
10	From the start to Motukorea Bouy (P), Illiomama Buoy (S), Browns Is Navy Buoy (P), to finish on a line extending West from the RYC Committee Boat to Rangitoto Is, at the entrance to Islington Bay.	13
11	From the start to Browns Is Navy Buoy (P), Seargent Channel Buoy (S), to finish between Maunganui Point (Waiheke) and the RYC Committee Boat.	13
12	From the start to Rangitoto Is (P), Waiheke Island (S), to finish between Hakaimango Point, Waiheke and the RYC Committee Boat.	14

## 8.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

## 9.0 SCORING

The RRS low point system will apply.

## 10.0 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the RYC prize allocation guide and as follows:

- Line
- 1st Handicap

- 2nd Handicap Minimum of four boats started in division.  
3rd Handicap Minimum of six boats started in division.

10.2 Line prizes must be collected at the prizegiving.

10.3 Handicap prizes will be held at the Richmond Yacht Club office for 2 months and will be forfeited if not claimed within this timeframe. It is the skipper's responsibility to check the results and collect prizes.

10.4 Prizegiving will be held at the after-race event, refer below for details.

10.5 Trophies will be awarded at the series prizegiving which will be held at RYC's annual prizegiving.

10.6 Results will be posted on the website as soon as practicable after prizegiving.

## 11.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 12.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12.1 Mandatory check-in for night finishes: All boats expecting to finish after dark must alert the RYC Committee Boat by VHF one hour prior to finishing. Calls should be to 'Richmond Committee Boat' and should include your boat name and number and your expected finish time.

12.2 The following VHF channels will be used for Cruising Series race communications:

- VHF 77 In the Waitemata Harbour
- VHF 03 North of North Head
- VHF 62 East of North Head

12.3 Boats are asked to take their own finish times; this becomes required in the event there is no finish boat on station. It is likely that the finish boat will not be on station for finishes after midnight. If you take your own time, you are responsible to report it to the RYC Committee Boat or any Race Officers present, at the first reasonable opportunity prior to the prizegiving.

12.4 Boats are required to notify RYC when they withdraw from racing, preferably by calling 'Richmond Committee Boat' on the appropriate VHF channel. Notification is only given once an acknowledgement is received.

12.5 Please keep a listening watch on the appropriate VHF channel for race communications (e.g. safety, shortening of courses, finish boat details, where to anchor after). Boats are encouraged to also keep a listening watch on VHF 16; this is especially important for races beyond the Waitemata Harbour.

12.6 Abandonment or Postponement of Races 1, 3 & 5:

A decision will be made by 1630 hours on the day of the race if an abandonment or postponement is considered appropriate. If a race is postponed, it may be restarted at 0900 hours the next morning. If a postponed race is restarted the following will apply:

- New start time: Divisions C and E start time 1000 hours
- A new time limit of 1630 hours will apply to these races.

12.7 Abandonment or Postponement of Races 2, 4 & 6:

A decision will be made by 0900 hours on the day of the race if an abandonment or postponement is considered appropriate.

12.8 If conditions are unfavorable for starting at Westhaven (light winds, unfavorable tide) then RYC may elect to use the "Cruising Series Alternate Start." In this case, RYC will endeavour to notify skippers in advance, and on race day the change will be indicated by displaying flag 'C' on the RYC Clubhouse Tower at least one hour before the normal start time. If the 'Alternate Start' is indicated, boats should proceed under motor to the Northern Leading region, and the race will be started one hour later than the normal time (1930 or 1100).

12.9 After each Cruising Series race we will gather racers and cruisers together to have the prizegiving and a party. In general, this will be on the following schedule:

- Races 1, 4, & 5: Party on the Beach - Saturday pm
- Race 2: Beach Clean-up and Party - Saturday pm
- Race 3: Champagne Breakfast and tug-o-war - Sunday am (with Panmure YBC)
- Race 6: Mixer at Kawau on Saturday pm & Rally (with Devonport YC)

More details for the Cruising Series events will be notified via the RYC website, newsletter and facebook page. Keep in touch and you will know exactly where the fun will be happening and how to join. You are encouraged to bring your friends and friendly boats of all types - the more the merrier!

12.10 For all events, RYC will provide a BBQ and cooking utensils. You are asked to bring your own food unless otherwise notified.

## 13.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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