

MARSDEN COVE
MARINA

ROUTE 66

COASTAL
YACHT RACE



FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017
66NM FROM AUCKLAND TO WHANGAREI HEADS





The Organising Authorities (OAs) are the Richmond Yacht Club, Inc (RYC) and the Onerahi Yacht Club, Inc (OYC)

1.0 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations (YNZ SR) Part II Category 4 shall apply, with additional requirements as specified below (Cat 4+):

1.3 In addition to meeting Cat 4, all yachts must:

- Carry a dinghy (or liferaft) and lifebuoys to meet YNZ SR Cat 3 standards
- Be fitted with lifelines (or equivalent) to meet YNZ SR Cat 3 standards.
- Have securely fitted jackstays to YNZ SR Cat 3 standards
- Carry a floating grab bag containing: a Cat 4 flare pack, a 406mhz EPIRB or PLB, a waterproof floating torch, a waterproof cell phone (or one in a waterproof case) or a waterproof handheld VHF (required if the boat is not fitted with a fixed VHF).

1.4 Additional requirements for singlehanded skippers:

- Singlehanded skippers are required to wear an appropriate personal flotation device while racing. e.g. a New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 inflatable type 401 150N lifejacket with crotch strap
- Singlehanded skippers are required to carry, on their person during the race, the means to self-initiate a 3rd party rescue in the event that they become unable to sail singlehanded or fall overboard. Appropriate equipment would include marine communications equipment such as a waterproof handheld VHF marine radio, a cell phone in a dry-container that can be operated while kept dry, or a registered 406 MHz marine EPIRB/PLB. A personal AIS transponder, whistle, light or signaling mirror may be carried but will not meet the requirement to be able to self-initiate a 3rd party rescue.

1.5 The Organising Authorities recommend that ALL competitors wear lifejackets that meet New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 (inflatable type 401 150N) with a crotch strap whilst underway. All crew are recommended to be clipped in to jackstays before leaving the safety of the cockpit.

1.6 The RRS will be changed in accordance with RRS Rule 86 as follows:

- RRS Rule 51 is modified to allow boats with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete given they comply with YNZ Safety Regulations 6.1(K) and 6.2(K).
- RRS Rule 52 'Manual Power' shall not apply.
- For starts at Westhaven, any boat running its motor in gear after its preparatory signal may proceed to the western side of the Harbour Bridge via the main navigation span, stop its engine and re-enter the starting area via the main navigation span under sail alone. This modifies RRS Rule 42.3(i). This does not apply for starts at Narrow Neck.

- Where a boat is sailing singlehanded an autopilot self-steering system may be used. This modifies RRS Rule 52.
 - Other changes to the RRS will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 Control of the race will pass from RYC to OYC immediately following the start of the last division.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The race is open to all yachts (keelboats and multihulls) that meet the requirements of Section 1 of this NOR.

2.2 Standard entries will be accepted up to 17:00, Friday, 24th February 2017. Late entries will be accepted at the OAs' discretion up to 17:00, Wednesday, 1st March 2017.

2.3 Eligible boats, including RYC 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 entry form), or direct credit to RYC's bank account: 02-0100-0835080-00 (reference R66 and boat name).

2.4 If available, entries may also be made via the RYC online entry system.

2.5 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper must be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand.

2.6 The Organising Authorities reserve the right to refuse any entry without explanation.

3.0 FEES

- Holders of the RYC Sail Pass \$30
- All other entrants \$80
- Add \$20 for a late entry (see 2.2 above)

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Measurement: No official measurement is required for this race.

4.2 Skippers agree to make their boats available for inspections prior to and/or just after finishing to ensure they meet Cat 4+ Safety Requirements as detailed above.

4.3 Briefing: There will be no briefing for this race. A pre-race briefing document will be provided to skippers and available from the RYC office and website no later than 17:01 Wednesday, 1st March 2017.

4.4 2-Minute Form: Each yacht must complete and submit to RYC a 2-minute form, including a complete list of crew members no later than 17:01 Wednesday, 1st March 2017. Forms will be available from the RYC office or website.

4.5 Race Schedule: The race will start on Friday 3rd March 2017.

4.6 Divisions and Start Times

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Alternate Start</u>
B SINGLEHANDED	White	09:00	10:30
A2 OPEN KEELER (~0.75-)	Light Blue	09:05	10:35
A1 OPEN KEELER (~0.75+)	Blue	09:10	10:40
M MULTIHULLS	Green	09:15	10:45

4.7 The divisional structure may be changed in response to entries received.

4.8 A boat's division may be changed at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities.

4.9 If there is a need to postpone or abandon the race a decision will be made by 08:00 on the day of the race.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2017 Marsden Cove Route 66 Sailing Instructions will apply for this race. The SIs will be available from the RYC office and website no later than 17:01 Wednesday, 1st March 2017.

6.0 VENUE

The racing area is the Hauraki Gulf and Bream Head to Cape Colville.

7.0 COURSE

7.1 From the Start (Auckland) to Kawau Island (P), Little Barrier Island (S), Sail Rock (S), Whangarei Fairway Buoy (P), Whangarei Channel Number 7 Buoy (S), to the Finish (Marsden Point)

7.2 The Start and Finish will be fully defined in the Sailing Instructions. Be advised that, in adverse conditions, an alternate start may be used and/or the course may be shortened by a boat on station at Whangarei Fairway Buoy.

8.0 SCORING

The RRS low point system will apply.

9.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

No alternative penalties apply.

10.0 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded at the race prizegiving held at Marsden Cove Marina starting from 9:00 on Saturday, or soon thereafter. All boats, crews and supporters are welcome at the prizegiving.

10.2 To be eligible for prizes, boats must attend the prizegiving.

10.3 Race results will be posted on the club notice boards and the RYC website, as soon as practicable after the prizegiving.

11.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

11.1 Subject to availability, finishing boats will be directed to a complimentary berth and will receive a finisher's pack upon their arrival at Marsden Cove Marina.

11.2 The depth of the channel leading into Marsden Cove Marina is approximately 3m at low tide.

Auckland High Water	Friday	11:59	3.4 m
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Marsden Point High Water	Saturday	00:32	2.7 m
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11.3 Boats returning to Auckland are encouraged to join for the return party at Kawau Saturday night, details will be announced in the lead up to the race.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in the Marsden Cove Route 66 Race, do so at their own risk and responsibility, see RRS Rule 4 Decision to Race. Richmond Yacht Club (RYC) and Onerahi Yacht Club (OYC) have no liability for any damage, loss or penalty suffered by any boat, crew or any other person taking part. RYC and OYC are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew.

13.0 INSURANCE

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

13.2 Proof of insurance must be provided to Marsden Cove Marina prior to berthing.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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