



Marsden Cove Marina Route 66 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

The Organising Authorities are Richmond Yacht Club, Inc (RYC) & 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.

1.7 Control of the race will pass from RYC to OYC immediately following the start of the last division.

1.8 Between sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will apply, replacing the relevant rules of the RRS. It is compulsory to display the appropriate navigation lights between sunset and sunrise.

1.9 Boats entering the race shall have current registration with YNZ and must display their correct registration numbers on sails in accordance with the RRS. **Incorrect sail numbers must be declared.**

1.10 If any damage is caused, however minor, to a Ports of Auckland or Port Whangarei, red or green, buoy or beacon, the boat shall immediately retire and the skipper shall inform the Race Officer or the Auckland Harbour Master (phone 09 366 0055) or NRC Hotline for Whangarei Harbour Master (phone 0800 504 639) of the occurrence and the extent of the damage to the buoy or beacon.

1.11 Competitors shall abide by harbour regulations, including the '500 ton rule' or risk disqualification. This rule is not open to protest by other boats.

1.12 Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board outside the Richmond Yacht Club. not later than 1 hour before the start of the race. It is the responsibility of the skipper to be aware of any notices prior to the start of racing.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board by 17:00 on the day before it will take effect. It is the responsibility of the skipper to be aware of any notices prior to the start of racing.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Westhaven carpark tower.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 This race will start on Friday, 3rd March 2017.

5.2 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

5.2 Changes to the Divisional Structure will be notified by Amendment at least 1 day prior to the race start. Division pennants shall be flown from the backstay or port shroud.

6.0 RACING AREA

The racing area is the Hauraki Gulf and from 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) to the FINISH (Marsden Point)

7.2 There are two start locations and two finish locations possible, see below.

8.0 MARKS

There will be no laid marks. Yellow racing buoys will be used in Auckland Harbour and harbour and channel marks will be used in Whangarei Harbour.

<u>Race Mark</u>	<u>Approximate Location</u>	<u>Chart</u>
Westhaven Tower	Westhaven Seawall (36° 50.13S 174°44.82E)	NZ 5322
Westhaven ODM Buoy	0.25nm North of Westhaven Tower	NZ 5322
Narrow Neck Buoy	Rangitoto Channel (36°47.83S 174°48.51E)	NZ 5322
Whangarei Fairway Buoy	1.9nm SE of Busby Head (35°53.25S 174°33.16E)	NZ 5214
Whangarei No 9 Buoy	NW of Home Point (35°50.83S 174°31.43E)	NZ 5214

9.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following are deemed to be obstructions or prohibited and shall be passed on the main navigation channel side only:

- Boats shall only pass through the main navigation span of the Harbour Bridge when racing
- All moored vessels and moorings in or adjacent to the designated Small Craft mooring areas as shown on Chart NZ 5322
- The Westhaven Boat Harbour defined by the line representing an extension of the permanent wave breaks
- Inside of a line between the seaward ends of any two adjacent wharves within the Auckland Commercial Harbour
- Cable beacons east of Devonport Wharf
- The Okahu Bay wave break and all vessels and moorings in the Okahu Bay mooring area.
- Beacon on Orakei Sewer Outlet
- Green beacon (south of Torpedo Wharf)
- Doris Rock Beacon (approx. 25 metres north of Bean Rock Lighthouse)
- Rangitoto Beacon
- Whangarei No. 7 Buoy (SW of Home Point, 35°51.17S 174°31.36E)

10.0 THE START

10.1 The race will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 To account for adverse tide and wind conditions, there are two START locations:

<u>START</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Westhaven	Between Westhaven Tower and Westhaven ODM (W to E)
2. Narrow Neck (alternate)	Between Committee Boat and Narrow Neck Buoy (S to N)

10.3 The START will be notified by a numbered board placed on the Westhaven Tower by 08:00 on the morning of the race. If '1' is displayed, start at Westhaven. If '2' is displayed please proceed directly to the vicinity of Narrow Neck Buoy for the alternate start at 10:30.

10.4 In the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted five minutes after the last scheduled start. The 'First Substitute' flag will be displayed for four minutes after the start signal for the recalled division(s). If more than one division is recalled these divisions will start at five minute intervals after the last scheduled start, in the sequence in which they were recalled. In the event that the last scheduled division to start is recalled and no other division has been recalled previously the new Warning signal will be given not less than 5 minutes after the previous starting signal. 'First Substitute' will be lowered at the same time as the new Warning signal is flown. (This changes RRS 29.2) In all other cases 'First Substitute' will be lowered at the same time as the preparatory signal is lowered 1 minute before the

start of the next division. When possible VHF CHANNEL 77 may be used to advise OCS starters - this does not absolve competitors of their responsibility to respond to the flag signals of the Race Committee.

10.5 Abandonment or Postponement.

A decision will be made by 08:00 on the day of the race if the race will be abandoned or postponed. If the race cannot be started by 15:00 on the day of the race start, the race will be abandoned.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 To account for adverse tide and wind conditions, there are two FINISH locations:

<u>FINISH</u>	<u>Location</u>
No. 9 Buoy	Between OYC Patrol Boat (SB) and Whangarei No 9. Buoy (P)
Fairway Buoy (alternate)	Between OYC Patrol Boat (SB) and Whangarei Fairway Buoy (P)

11.2 The finish (No. 9 or Fairway Buoy) will be notified during Schedules after rounding Cape Rodney. It is required that all boats complete their Schedules, for more information see Section 18 below.

11.3 **For a finish at No. 9 buoy**, the Onerahi Patrol boat will be anchored approximately 30 metres East of the No. 9 Buoy. Finish in a northerly direction leaving the No. 9 Buoy to port and the finish boat to starboard. Even though Whangarei No 9 buoy is a green starboard marker, it must be left to port when finishing. There is sufficient water depth to finish, but boat of very deep draft (>2.5m) should finish close to the channel side of the finish line. All boats should tend to port after finishing and head back into the channel to avoid grounding on Calliope Bank. Please refer to Chart NZ 5214.

11.4 **For the alternate finish** at fairway buoy, the Onerahi Patrol boat will be anchored approximately 30 metres East of the Whangarei Fairway Buoy. Finish in a northwesterly direction leaving the Fairway Buoy to port and the finish boat to starboard.

11.5 The Onerahi Patrol Boat may be marked with a flashing yellow light to signal its position.

11.6 Boats shall not re-cross the finish line after finishing.

11.7 Boats finishing after dark should illuminate their sail number on crossing the finish and must ensure the patrol boat has correctly identified their yacht. VHF CHANNEL 18 can be used to notify your finish just after crossing.

12.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under Rule 31 or Rule 44.1 shall inform the Officer of the Day within the protest time limit.

12.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 apply.

12.3 The Organising Authority may apply penalties to boats in breach of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions at their discretion. Penalties will only be applied as per the Rules or as a result of the breach of a rule defined in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, or in any Amendments to the same.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 09:00 on Saturday, 4th March 2017.

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest (or request redress) shall in addition to the requirements of Rule 61.1(a) inform the race committee of her intention to protest and the identity of the boats protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes Rule 61.

14.2 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. Yachting New Zealand Appendix T will apply. This changes Rule 44.1.

14.3 Protest forms are available from the race officer or the patrol boat. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.4 The protest time limit is 10:00 on Saturday, 4th March 2017.

14.5 Competitors involved in protests will be informed in person, by phone, email or fax of the time hearings will take place.

14.6 Breaches of instructions 1.11, 15, 17 and 18.7 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat under rule 60.1(a). This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14.7 All protests shall be forwarded to the finishing Race Officer appointed by the Race Committee.

15.0 EQUIPMENT CHECKS.

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Route 66 Sailing Instructions and the Safety Regulations.

16.0 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may be marked as 'Richmond Patrol' or 'Onerahi Patrol' and may fly a RYC or OYC club burgee.

17.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

A boat shall not discharge trash into the water.

18.0 COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not send nor receive communications that are not available to all other boats. This restriction applies to communications using signalling, VHF, mobile telephones, satellite systems and/or any other similar communication means.

18.2 VHF Channels to use:

<u>VHF CHANNEL</u>	<u>Where to use:</u>
77	For race communications between Westhaven and North Head <i>Also used for berthing assistance at Marsden Cove.</i>
03	For race communications between North Head and Cape Rodney
18	For race communications north of Cape Rodney

18.3 Position Reporting (Scheds), **The following Scheds are mandatory:**

- **Soon after rounding Cape Rodney (on VHF CHANNEL 18)**
- **In the vicinity of Whangarei Fairway Buoy (~3nm to finish, on VHF CHANNEL 18)**

Scheds should be to ; 'Route 66'; or 'Onerahi Patrol' on VHF CHANNEL 18, and should include your **boat name, sail number, and your reported Sched position** as above.

18.4 If you are not able to complete a VHF Sched you may report your Sched to the Finish Race Officer (James Blackburn 0274 785 033) by phone call or by text message

18.5 The Sched is complete when Race Control acknowledges your Sched and advises the finish location (See Section 11 above), this is true for both VHF and phone communications.

18.6 Listening watch on VHF:

For the safety of all competitors, it is imperative that all boats, while racing, keep a listening watch on the appropriate channel for their location as well as on VHF CHANNEL 16, where possible.

18.7 Notifying a withdrawal the race:

All boats that withdraw from the race shall notify a Race Officer by VHF, txt, or phone call. Failure to do so may result in rescue authorities being notified and ineligibility for spot prizes.

18.8 Race contact details:

Start Race Officer (RYC): Margaret Harvey 027 218 4232
Finish Race Officer (OYC): James Blackburn 0274 785 033 (Also for phone Schedules)

19.0 PRIZES

Prizegiving will be held at 10:00 on Saturday, 4th March 2017 at Marsden Cove Marina. To be eligible for line and spot prizes a crew member from the boat must attend the prizegiving. All boat's crew and supporters are welcome at the prizegiving. Handicap prizes will be forfeited if not collected within two months from RYC office.

20.0 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. This includes costs associated with rescue efforts that might be initiated by the organisers. 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.

21.0 INSURANCE

21.1 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.

21.2 Proof of insurance must be provided to Marsden Cove Marina for berthing.

22.0 SPECIAL RULES

22.1 Use of motor after your preparatory signal for Westhaven starts

Any boat running its motor in gear after its preparatory signal (4 minutes to race start) shall proceed to the western side of the Auckland Harbour Bridge via the main navigation span, stop its engine and sail back to the starting area via the main navigation span. This rule does not apply for starts at Narrow Neck and modifies Rule 42.3(h).

22.2 PredictWind TRACKER

For safety reasons, increased interest in online viewing of the race and developing race organization practice, each entrant is required to use the PredictWind GPS tracking service. To use the service you will need two smartphones (one as a backup) that use either iOS9 and above or Android 5 and above operating system. The PredictWind GPS tracking service is being made available at no cost to each competitor.

Full instructions on how to install and use the app are found at <http://www.predictwind.com/tracker>; Select yacht club: 'RYC'; Race: '2017 Route 66'. Select your division and manually enter your boat name. It is recommended that all competitors test the tracking functionality before the event and view the data at <http://forecast.predictwind.com/tracking/race/ryc> to ensure that the service is working on their phone. Any technical enquiries or issues, please email PredictWind at support@predictwind.com.

It is the crews' responsibility to test that the system works on their phones prior to the race. Each competitor is expected to check their tracker is turned on and check battery levels are satisfactory at the start and each radio schedule. Only one phone should be used to send tracking data per boat at any time. Failure to use the tracker for the entire race may result, at the sole discretion of the race committee, a 10 minute time penalty for the yacht not sending the tracking data and may also render an entry ineligible for spot prizes.

23.0 ADDITIONAL RACE INFORMATION

23.1 Unmarked buoys when approaching Marsden Cove

Note that when approaching Whangarei Harbour, there are up to two wave rider buoys situated on the starboard side of the channel midway between the Fairway Buoy and No.1 buoy. A special pillar buoy shown on chart NZ 5214 is centred to the north of these buoys as a guard buoy. All of these buoys are lit with a yellow flashing light. Vessels are advised to avoid this area. If the alternate finish is being used vessels are recommended to turn immediately to the West after finishing to avoid the wave rider buoys.

23.2 Navigational Hazards at Marsden Point

Be aware of navigational hazards at Marsden Point at the race finish, these include: shallows of Mair Bank and Calliope Bank and a reef and dangerous rocks extending from Home Point inside Whangarei No. 7 Buoy. Strong tidal conditions may in the channel near the finish and should be taken into consideration. In addition, Whangarei is a commercial Harbour and shipping movements should be taken into consideration. The channel into Marsden Cove Marina is well marked but must be carefully navigated, especially at low tide. Other navigational hazards exist. All skippers should review relevant charts for the race, especially NZ 5214. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the skipper and crew to identify these hazards and avoid running afoul of them.

23.3 Berthing at Marsden Cove marina

The organisers will endeavour to provide guide boats to each finished boat to Marsden Cove Marina. Competitors are requested to go to VHF CHANNEL 77 immediately after finishing to communicate with the docking crew. Berths will be assigned to vessels via VHF CHANNEL 77 on entering the marina.

Boats that intend to berth at Marsden Cove Marina must be able to provide proof of third party insurance on request. Contact Marsden Cove Marina for more details on their policies. (Phone 09 432 7740 Email: info@marsdencovemarina.co.nz)

24.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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