

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc) 2017-18 CRUISING SERIES 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).
- 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 In addition, all yachts are required to carry or tow a dinghy suitable for use as a tender.
- 1.5 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - RRS Rule 29.2 is changed as per GSI 11.5.
 - RRS Rule 40 is changed as per GSI 4.2.
 - RRS Rule 44.1 is changed as per GSI 13.2.
 - 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.
 - RRS Rule 60.1(a) is changed as per GSI 15.4
 - RRS Rule 62.1(a) is changed as per GSI 11.6.Appendix A2.2 is changed as per 9.2 of the NOR. The changes appear in full in the GSI. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6 Appendix T will apply.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This race is open to keelers and trailer yachts.
- 2.2 Eligible boats, including Richmond Sailpass holders, may enter the series or individual races by completing the online registration form on the website: richmondyc.org.nz. Entries will be accepted until 60 minutes prior to the first start of each race.
- 2.3 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant shall be a financial member of a club recognised by YNZ.

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		Dates	High Water
Race 1 - Waiheke I	Friday	17 November 2017	1941 - 3.1m
Race 2 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial	Saturday	2 December	0641 - 3.1m
Race 3 - Mahurangi Night Race	Friday	26 January 2018	1507 - 3.0m
Race 4 - Gulf Party	Saturday	17 February	0936 - 3.2m
Race 5 - Waiheke II	Friday	16 March	2000 - 3.0m
Race 6 - Kawau Easter Rally	Friday	30 March	0711 - 3.3m

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 GSI.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2017-18 RYC GSI 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 GSI.

	Course Length (nm)
Waiheke Courses	
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
Sir Peter Blake Memorial Race (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
Mahurangi Night Race	
5 From the start, Whangaparaoa outermost yellow Buoy (P), to finish between Sadler Point, Mahurangi & the RYC Committee Boat.	25
Gulf Party	
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
Kawau Easter Rally	
8 From the start, Whangaparaoa outermost yellow Buoy (P), to finish between Momona Point, Kawau and the RYC Committee Boat.	28

7.0 COURSES (continued)

Heavy Weather Course

- 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

Short Courses

- 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

- 9.1 The RRS low point system will apply. Appendix A9 applies.
- 9.2 All series scores will be calculated using only the series entrants received by the day of that race. This changes A2.2.
- 9.3 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.4 When fewer than 5 races have been completed boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.5 When 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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:
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| 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 Races start using the Westhaven Tower by default. 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 & 6: Party on the Beach - Saturday evening
Race 2: Beach Clean-up and Party - Saturday afternoon and evening
Race 3: Champagne Breakfast and tug-o-war - Sunday morning (with Panmure YBC)
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 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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