

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
SAILUTIONS CLOSING DAY REGATTA
11 April 2026
NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)
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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 Safety Regs) Part 2 Category 4 shall apply to keelers and multihulls.

The YNZ Safety Regs Part 5 Category B shall apply to trailer yachts.

- 1.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:
- RRS Rule 29.2 is changed as per RYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) 11.5
 - 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 is changed as per GSI 15.4
 - RRS Rule 61.4 (b)(1) is changed as per GSI 11.6

The changes appear in full in the GSI and may also change other racing rules.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to keelers, multihulls and trailer yachts.
2.2 Eligible boats, including Richmond Sail-Pass holders, may enter the races by completing the online registration form on the website richmondyc.org.nz. Entries will be accepted until 2359 hours, Thursday, 9 April 2026.
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

		RYC Sail-Pass holders	N/C
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RYC members	\$30	Non-members	\$40
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4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Racing will be held on Saturday, 11 April 2026 **High Water**
1349 - 2.7m

4.2	Division	Flag	Start Time
	Q Single-handed OPEN	Light Blue	0930
	M Multihulls OPEN	Green	0935
	A Keelers OPEN: 0.77+	Blue/Yellow	0940
	C Keelers OPEN: 0.73 to 0.76	Green/Yellow	0945
	E General NO EXTRAS	Black/White	0950
	D Keelers OPEN: 0.73-	Purple	0955

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

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The current RYC GSI will apply for the race, available on the club website and in the club handbook (pages 13-20).

6.0 **VENUE** The races will be held on the Waitematā Harbour and Hauraki Gulf.

7.0 COURSES

Length (nm)

1	M,A	From the start, Rangitoto, Motutapu, Rakino & Ōrarapa (Haystack) Islands (S), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	31
	C,E,Q	From the start, Rangitoto, Motutapu & Rakino Islands (S), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	30
	D	From the start, Rangitoto & Motutapu Islands (S), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	26
2	M,A	From the start, Rangitoto, Motutapu, Rakino & Ōrarapa (Haystack) Islands (P), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	31
	C,E,Q	From the start, Rangitoto, Motutapu & Rakino Islands (P), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	30
	D	From the start, Rangitoto & Motutapu Islands (P), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	26

7.2 The Start and Finish are described in the current RYC GSI.

7.3 In the event of unsuitable weather for the above courses, the Race Officer may opt to shorten the course prior to the race start by choosing one of the harbour courses described in *Appendix A 2025-2026 RYC Harbour Courses* (pages 72-75).
In this case the tower will fly the 'C' flag and display the relevant course number.

8.0 PRIZES

8.1 Prizes will be awarded at RYC at the conclusion of racing. Line; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap.

8.2 Line prizes must be collected at the prizegiving otherwise they are forfeited.

8.3 Handicap prizes will be held at the Richmond Yacht Club office for 2 calendar months only. Prizes must be claimed within this timeframe otherwise they shall be forfeited.
It is the skipper's responsibility to check the results.

8.4 Cups will be awarded at the RYC annual prizegiving.

9.0 RISK STATEMENT

9.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

9.2 The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.

9.3 YNZ Safety Regs are updated on a regular basis and it is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that the boat and her safety equipment remain in compliance:
<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>

9.4 The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after participation.

10.0 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.

11.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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