

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
YACHTSHARE CRUISING EVENTS
2 December 2023 to 16 March 2024
NOTICE OF RACE

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

- 1.1 This series 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.
The YNZ Safety Regs Part 5 Category B shall apply to trailer yachts.
In addition, all yachts are required to carry or tow a dinghy suitable for use as a tender.
- 1.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:
- RRS Rule 29.2 is changed as per 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(a) is changed as per GSI 15.4
 - RRS Rule 62.1(a) 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 These races are open to multihulls, keelers and trailer yachts.
- 2.2 Eligible boats, including RYC Sail-Pass holders, may enter these events 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

RYC Sail-Pass holders	N/C
RYC members	N/C
All other entrants	\$25 per event

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Racing Schedule		Dates	High Water
Race 1 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial	Saturday	2 December 2023	1145 - 3.1m
Race 2 - Mahurangi Night Race	Friday	26 January 2024	2116 - 3.0m
Race 3 - Cruising Rally	Saturday	16 March	1308 - 3.3m

4.2 Divisions, Flags and Start Times

Races 1 & 3

	Flag	Start Time
C General OPEN	White	1000 hours
E General NO EXTRAS	White	1000 hours
Q Singlehanded OPEN	Light Blue	1005 hours
P Singlehanded NO EXTRAS	Light Blue	1005 hours

Race 2

	Flag	Start Time
C General OPEN	White	1830 hours
E General NO EXTRAS	White	1830 hours
Q Singlehanded OPEN	Light Blue	1835 hours
P Singlehanded NO EXTRAS	Light Blue	1835 hours

4.3 Handicaps are assigned under the RYC Handicapping Policy as detailed in the GSI.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6.0 VENUE

Races will be held on the Waitematā Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf.

7.0 COURSES

Detailed below.

8.0 PRIZES

8.1 Prizes will be awarded for each division, per race, and for the series as follows:

Line; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap.

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

8.3 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.

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

8.5 Trophies will be awarded at the RYC annual prizegiving.

COURSES		Length (nm)
Event 1		
Sir Peter Blake Memorial Race		
From the start, North Head Buoy (P), Torbay Buoy (approx S36 42.50, E174 47.35) (S), to finish between Billy Goat Point, Motutapu and the RYC Committee Boat.		17
Event 2		
Mahurangi Night Race		
From the start, Whangaparāoa outermost yellow Buoy (P), to finish between Sadler Point, Mahurangi & the RYC Committee Boat.		25
Event 3		
The probable course for event 3 will be posted on the Cruising Events webpage a couple of days before the event however the final course will be indicated by the course number displayed at the race start.		
1	Te Wharau Bay, Blackpool	
	From the start, Browns Is Navy Buoy (P), Sargeant Channel Buoy (S) to finish between Maunganui Point, Waiheke and the RYC Committee Boat.	13
2	Woodside Bay or Rocky Bay	
	From the start, Browns Is Navy Buoy (P), Sargeant Channel Buoy (S), to finish between Rocky Bay Buoy and the RYC Committee Boat.	15
3	Piemelon Bay	
	From the start, Rangitoto Is (P), Waiheke Is (S), to finish between Thompson Point, Waiheke and the RYC Committee Boat.	16
4	Kawau	
	From the start, Whangaparāoa Outermost Yellow Buoy (P), Motuketekete Island (P), Passage Reef (S), then to finish between a race committee boat (displaying an amber flashing light) and Momona Point.	28
Short and Heavy Weather Courses		
5	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
6	From the start to Motukorea Buoy (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

9.0 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.

10.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 10.1 Mandatory check-in for Mahurangi Night Race: 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, sail number and your expected finish time.
- 10.2 In general the following VHF channels will be used for race communications:
VHF 17 In the Waitematā Harbour
VHF 03 North of Whangaparāoa
- 10.3 Boats are asked to take their own finish times; this becomes required in the event there is no finish boat on station. Please report your finish time to the RYC Committee Boat or any Race Officers present, at the first reasonable opportunity the morning after the race.
- 10.4 Boats are required to notify RYC when they withdraw from racing. Call 'Richmond committee boat' on the appropriate VHF channel or text. Notification is only given once an acknowledgement is received.
- 10.5 Abandonment or Postponement of Race 2:
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 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 this race.
- 10.6 Abandonment or Postponement of Races 1 & 3: A decision will be made by 0900 hours on the day of the race if an abandonment or postponement is considered appropriate.
- 10.7 All races start using the Westhaven Tower by default. If conditions are unfavourable for starting at Westhaven (light winds, unfavourable tide) then RYC may elect to use the **Cruising Events Alternative Start** at Northern Leading Buoy. 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 area, and the race will be started one hour later than the Normal time (1930 or 1100).
- 10.8 After each Cruising Event we will gather racers and cruisers together to have the prizegiving and a party. In general, this will be on the following schedule:
Race 1: Beach clean up & prizegiving on the beach - Saturday afternoon/evening
Race 2: Champagne breakfast and games - Sunday morning.
Race 3: Party & prizegiving on the beach - Saturday afternoon/evening
- 10.9 For all events, RYC will provide a BBQ and cooking utensils. You are asked to bring your own food and drinks unless otherwise notified.

11.0 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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