



Gulf Triangle Briefing Notes 2026

Safety of all competitors is of paramount importance. The wearing of lifejackets, and the use of a tether line when leaving the cockpit is an expectation of all competitors in the Gulf Triangle Series. So is having fun. Enjoy the sail and hopefully I will see you in Whangarei and again in Port Abercrombie. - Richard Limbrick

LEG ONE

For Leg 1, use Route 66 Briefing Document.

LEGS TWO & THREE

There are light/heavy weather alternate courses for both legs.

CONFIRMATION OF COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Be sure to read and fully understand the Radio Schedules and which channels to use.

VHF Channels to use:

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17	For RYC race communications between Westhaven and North Head OR RYC Patrol Boat (either Taipan or other patrol boat)
03	For race communications between North Head and Cape Rodney (Leg 1)
18	For race communications north of Cape Rodney in (Leg 1)
77	For berthing assistance at Marsden Cove (Leg 1)
11	For monitoring shipping movements at Northport (Leg 1 & 2)
60/64	For communications to Coastguard in the Gulf [If necessary]

Position Reporting (Schedules),

Leg 1	Route 66 Radio Schedules are detailed in the Route 66 SI
Leg 2	30 minutes from the finish, call RYC Race Control on Channel 17
Leg 3	30 minutes from the finish call RYC Race Control on Channel 17

All boats retiring from racing shall notify a Race Officer by VHF, txt, phone call **OR WHATSAPP GROUP**. Failure to do so may result in rescue authorities being notified.

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 17 for their location as well as on VHF CHANNEL 16, where possible.

FINISH LINE AT PORT ABERCROMBIE

The finish line will be inside Port Abercrombie passing between Home Point and the finish boat. The finish boat shall be passed to starboard. The finish boat will display a white strobe light.

FINISH LINE AT KAWAU

Between Accord Point, Bon Accord Harbour and the Patrol boat. The finish boat will display a white strobe light.

FINISH LINE AT WESTHAVEN

Whilst we will endeavor to be in the Westhaven Tower for your finish, entrants are advised to take their own time crossing the line and post it on the **Whatsapp** group

TRACKER LINK

For Leg 1, 2, 3 use the Predict Wind Tracker link for the RYC, Route 66, B1 SH Open or B2 Short Handed so all Route 66 boats can be tracked together.

PATROL BOAT - White 42 foot Bayliner Launch

PROVISIONING

Saturday Night Barbecue and Sunday morning breakfast will be provided on board the patrol boat.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving will be held at Richmond Yacht Club. Date to be advised.

