



RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)

VICTORIA FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

9 October 2026 to 12 March 2027

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)
Westhaven Seawall, P O Box 46-324, Herne Bay, Auckland 1147
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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 5 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 This series is open to RichmondYC keelers, multihulls and trailer yachts ONLY.
- 2.2 Eligible boats can enter by contacting the RYC office prior to each race day.
- 2.3 FNS Crew entries are also accepted. To enter, applicants must hold a 'crew' membership with RYC and submit a series crew entry form for the FNS. Spots are limited and fill up, so get your entry in early. Check the website or contact the office for more details.
- 2.4 Eligible participants may enter by completing the appropriate entry form and submitting it and the required fee to RYC by the entry deadline. Entries will be accepted by drop-off (entry box or office), mail, or email attachment. Payments can be made by cash, credit card (in office or on form), or direct credit to RYC's bank account: 02-0100-0835080-00.

3.0 FEES

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| 3.1 | Skippers: | Any boat taking allocated crew | N/C | RYC members entry | N/C |
| 3.2 | Crew: | FNS Crew Series entry | \$340 | FNS Crew Race entry | \$75 |

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 4.1 | Racing Schedule | Dates | High Water |
| | Briefing | 9 October 2026 | |
| | Race 1 | 16 October | 1201 - 3.0m |
| | Race 2 | 30 October | 2338 - 3.2m |
| | Race 3 | 6 November | 1757 - 3.1m |

- | 4.1 Racing Schedule | Dates | High Water |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Race 4 | 20 November | 1619 - 2.8m |
| Race 5 | 4 December | 1632 - 3.0m |
| Race 6 | 11 December | 2206 - 2.9m |
| Race 7 | 15 January 2026 | 1321 - 3.0m |
| Race 8 | 12 February | 1211 - 3.2m |
| Race 9 (Reserve date) | 12 March | 2324 - 3.2m |
- 4.2 **Division**
 General NO EXTRAS **Flag:** Green **Start Time:** 1830
- 4.3 Participants are advised that the RYC handicapping policy will not be in effect and no results will be published. Have fun and be safe; the Friday Night Special is intended for socialising and gaining experience, not cutthroat racing!

5.0 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The current RYC GSI will apply for this series, available on the club website.

6.0 **VENUE** Races will be held on the Waitematā Harbour.

7.0 **COURSES**

The course will be indicated by a numbered board on the Westhaven Carpark Tower and are listed on the next page.

8.0 **PRIZES**

- 8.1 Each race will be followed by a prizegiving and seminar or a party at the RYC Club-house. Meals will be available for purchase and the bar will be open.
- 8.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap and must be collected by the boat's regular skipper at the prizegiving or they may be reallocated. There will be spot prizes for the Friday Night Special Crew who also must be present to claim a prize.

9.0 **TIME LIMIT** 2030 hours

10.0 **RISK STATEMENT**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.
- 10.3 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>
- 10.4 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.

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 Allocation of crew to boats: Names of boats, with pier number and allocated crew will be posted to the RYC front door from 1600 hours Friday afternoon. Crew allocations are also emailed to participants on Thursday night prior to a race and can be obtained by phoning RYC during office hours (1000-1400 hours, Tue to Fri).

Skippers: listen on Channel 17 from 1800 hours for any last minute changes in allocation.

12.2 Skippers and crew should be on their boats at 1730, no later than 1745 hours.

12.3 Crew are reminded to wear clothes appropriate to the weather and non-marking shoes.

13.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Richmond Yacht Club (Inc)

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Friday Night Special Courses:		Length (nm)
1	From the start to Torpedo Buoy (S), Resolution Buoy (S), to the finish.	6.0
2	From the start to Resolution Buoy (P), Torpedo Buoy (P), to the finish.	6.0
3	From the start to Stanley Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S), to the finish.	4.0
4	From the start to Bayswater Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S), Chelsea Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S), to the finish.	5.0
5	From the start to Bayswater Buoy (P), Chelsea Buoy (S), Stanley Buoy (S), to the finish.	5.7
6	From the start to Stanley Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S), Chelsea Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S), to the finish.	5.7
7	From the start to Resolution Buoy (P), Westhaven Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S), to the finish.	7.2
8	From the start to Torpedo Buoy (S), Orakei Buoy (S), to the finish.	7.0
9	From the start to Orakei Buoy (P), Torpedo Buoy (P), to the finish.	7.0
10	From the start to Bayswater Buoy (S), Stanley Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S), Stanley Buoy (S), to the finish.	5.5
11	From the start to Bayswater Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S) Bayswater Buoy (S), Westhaven Buoy (S), Bayswater Buoy (S) to the finish.	6.1
12	From the start to Resolution Buoy (P), Stanley Buoy (P) to the finish.	5.3
13	From the start to Stanley Buoy (S), Resolution Buoy (P), Torpedo Buoy (P) to the finish.	6.2