

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
EXCEL REFRIGERATION GULF TRIANGLE
3 - 5 March 2023
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 SR) Part II Category 4 shall apply, with additional requirements as specified below (Cat 4+):
- 1.3 In addition to meeting Cat 4, all yachts must:
 - Carry lifebuoys that meet YNZ SR Cat 3.
 - Be fitted with lifelines (or equivalent) to meet YNZ SR Cat 3 standards.
 - Have securely fitted jackstays to YNZ SR Cat 3 standards
 - Carry a floating grab bag containing: a Cat 4 flare pack, a 406mhz EPIRB or PLB, a waterproof floating torch, a waterproof cell phone (or one in a waterproof case), or a waterproof handheld VHF (required if the boat is not fitted with a fixed VHF).
- 1.4 The Organising Authority strongly recommends that ALL yachts carry a dinghy (or life raft) to meet YNZ SR Cat 3 standards.
- 1.5 Singlehanded skippers are required to wear an appropriate personal flotation device while racing, such as a New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 inflatable type 401 150N life-jacket with crotch strap.

Singlehanded skippers are required to carry, on their person during the race, the means to self-initiate a third party rescue in the event that they become unable to sail singlehanded or fall overboard. Appropriate equipment would include marine communications equipment such as a waterproof handheld VHF marine radio, a cell phone in a dry-container that can be operated while kept dry, or a registered 406 MHz marine EPIRB/PLB. A personal AIS transponder, whistle, light or signaling mirror may be carried but will not meet the requirement to be able to self-initiate a third party rescue.
- 1.6 The Organising Authority recommends that ALL competitors wear lifejackets that meet New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 (inflatable type 401 150N) with a crotch strap whilst underway. All crew are recommended to be clipped into jackstays before leaving the safety of the cockpit.
- 1.7 The RRS will be changed in accordance with RRS Rule 86 as follows:
 - RRS Rule 29.2 is changed so that in the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted five minutes after the last scheduled start.
 - 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.
 - Where a boat is sailing singlehanded an autopilot self-steering system may be used. This modifies RRS Rule 52.Other changes to the RRS will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to all yachts (keelboats and multihulls) that meet the requirements of Section 1 of this NoR.
- 2.2 Eligible boats, including RYC Sail Pass entries, may enter by completing the online registration form on the website richmondyc.org.nz. Entries will be accepted up to 2359 hours Wednesday, 1 March 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Entry to this event will also include entry to the Route 66.
- 2.3 To be eligible to compete in this event the skipper must be a financial member of a club recognised by YNZ.

3.0 FEES

RYC Sail-Pass holders	\$90
All other entrants	\$180

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Skippers agree to make their boats available for inspections prior to and/or just after finishing to ensure they meet Cat 4+ Safety Requirements as detailed above.

4.2 Briefing

There will be no briefing for Leg 1. A pre-race briefing document will be provided to skippers and available from the RYC office and website no later than 1700hrs Thursday, 2 March 2023. Leg 2 start time and start/finish lines will be advised at the Route 66 prizegiving. Leg 3 start time and start/finish lines will be advised on the morning of Sunday, 5 March 2023.

4.3 Race Schedule

Leg One	Auckland to Whangarei (Route 66)	Fri, 3 March 2023
Leg Two	Whangarei to Great Barrier Island	Sat, 4 March 2023
Leg Three	Great Barrier Island to Auckland	Sun, 5 March 2023

4.4 Division

		Flag
B1	OPEN Singlehanded	White
B2	OPEN Two Handed	Yellow

- 4.5 If there is a need to postpone or abandon the race a decision will be made by 0800 on the day of the race.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2023 Marsden Cove Route 66 Sailing Instructions will apply for Leg One, other Legs will be covered by the Gulf Triangle Sailing Instructions. The SIs will be available from the RYC office and website no later than 1700hrs Thursday, 2 March 2023.

6.0 VENUE

The racing area is the Hauraki Gulf, Bream Head to Cape Colville and including Great Barrier Island.

7.0 COURSES

Race		Length (nm)
Leg One	From the start, Kawau Island (P), Little Barrier Island (S), Sail Rock (S), to the finish (Whangarei)	66
Leg Two	From the start, Sail Rock (P), to the finish (Great Barrier Is)	50
Leg Three	From the start, to the finish (Auckland)	55
The Starts and Finishes for Legs 2 & 3 will be fully defined in the Sailing Instructions.		

8.0 SCORING

A boat's series score will be the total of her three race scores, this changes Rule A2.1.

9.0 PRIZES

Overall prizes will be awarded at the Wednesday night prizegiving on 8 March 2023.

10.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a recommended cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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