



Gulf Triangle 2021

26th - 28th February 2021

The Organising Authorities is the Richmond Yacht Club, Inc (RYC)

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 Authorities strongly recommended 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. e.g. a New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 inflatable type 401 150N lifejacket with crotch strap

- Singlehanded skippers are required to carry, on their person during the race, the means to self-initiate a 3rd 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 3rd 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 23:59 hours Wednesday 24 February 2021. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. 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

- Holders of the RYC Sail Pass \$80.
- All other entrants \$160

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 1700 Wednesday 24th February 2021. 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 28th February 2021.

4.3 Race Schedule:

Leg One	Auckland to Whangarei (Route 66)	Friday 26th February 2021
Leg Two	Whangarei to Great Barrier Island	Saturday 27th February 2021
Leg Three	Great Barrier Island to Auckland	Sunday 28th February 2021

4.4 Divisions

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>
B1 OPEN SINGLEHANDED	White
B2 NO Extras SINGLEHANDED	White

4.5 If there is a need to postpone or abandon the race a decision will be made by 08:00 on the day of the race.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2021 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 1700 Friday, 22nd February 2021.

6.0 VENUE

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

7.0 COURSE

- 7.1 Leg One - From the Start (Auckland) to Kawau Island (P), Little Barrier Island (S), Sail Rock (S), to the Finish (Whangarei)
- 7.2 Leg Two - From the Start, Little Barrier Island (P), to Finish (Great Barrier Island)
- 7.3 Leg Three - From the Start, to Finish (Auckland)
- 7.4 The Starts and Finishes for Legs 2 & 3 will be fully defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 PRIZES

- 8.1 Overall prizes will be awarded at the Wednesday night prizegiving on 3rd March 2021

9.0 INSURANCE

- 9.1 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 4, 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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