

# **RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)**

## **HAURAKI SERIES**

Yachtshare Fully Crewed OPEN & NO EXTRAS

Coolstore Construction Single-handed OPEN & Two-handed OPEN

**31 October 2026 to 19 March 2027**

### **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. All yachts are encouraged 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 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.

- 1.4 Additional safety regulations are required for single-handed entrants; refer to Safety and Self Rescue Declaration for more details on these additional safety regulations:
  - Single-handed skippers must carry on their person the means to self-initiate a rescue in the event they fall overboard while underway.
  - Single-handed skippers must wear an approved lifejacket while racing.

#### **2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This series is open to keelers, multihulls and trailer yachts.
- 2.2 Eligible boats, including Richmond Sail-Pass holders, may enter the series, or any individual race by completing both payment and the online registration form on the website [richmondyc.org.nz](http://richmondyc.org.nz)  
Entries will be accepted until 90 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.
- 2.4 In the SINGLE-HANDED DIVISION One person is permitted on board while racing. An observer/coach will be considered on application. Note, the skipper has sole responsibility for sailing and controlling the yacht at all times during the race. An observer/coach may only provide advice and/or coaching to the skipper during the race.
- 2.5 A series entrant in the SINGLE-HANDED division is defined as a single skipper/boat combination. No substitutions permitted.

- 2.6 Series entries are not permitted to change divisions once the series has begun.
- 2.7 Safety checks may be made at the discretion of the Organising Authority at any point during the series.

### 3.0 FEES

#### Series Entry

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| RYC members           | \$100 |
| RYC Sail-Pass holders | N/C   |
| All other entrants    | \$190 |

#### Single Race Entry

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| RYC members           | \$25 |
| RYC Sail-Pass holders | N/C  |
| All other entrants    | \$45 |

### 4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Racing Schedule                                       |          | Dates           | High Water  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Race 1 - 4 Island Race                                | Saturday | 31 October 2026 | 1204 - 3.4m |
| <b>Cruising Rally - Man-o-War BBQ</b>                 |          |                 |             |
| Race 2 - 4 Island Return Race                         | Sunday   | 1 November      | 1300 - 3.3m |
| Race 3 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial                     | Saturday | 28 November     | 1058 - 3.5m |
| <b>Cruising Rally - Motutapu BBQ</b>                  |          |                 |             |
| Race 4 - PBM Return Race                              | Sunday   | 29 November     | 1151 - 3.5m |
| Race 5 - Mahurangi Night Race                         | Friday   | 29 January 2027 | 1340 - 3.2m |
| <b>Cruising Rally - Mahurangi champagne breakfast</b> |          |                 |             |
| Race 6 - Kawau Night Race                             | Friday   | 26 February     | 1222 - 3.3m |
| <b>Cruising Rally - Kawau BBQ</b>                     |          |                 |             |
| Race 7 - Kawau Return                                 | Sunday   | 28 February     | 1353 - 3.0m |
| Race 8 - Orapiu Night Race                            | Friday   | 19 March        | 1734 - 3.0m |
| <b>Cruising Rally - Waiheke BBQ brunch</b>            |          |                 |             |

### 4.2 Divisions, Flags and Start Times

| Division             | Flag  | R1,2,3,4,7 | R5,6,8 |
|----------------------|-------|------------|--------|
| C General OPEN       | White | 1000       | 1830   |
| E General NO EXTRAS  | White | 1000       | 1830   |
| Q Single-handed OPEN | Blue  | 1005       | 1835   |
| P Two-handed OPEN    | Blue  | 1005       | 1835   |

- 4.3 Handicaps are assigned under the RYC Handicapping Policy as detailed in the GSI.
- 4.4 The divisional structure may be changed in response to entries received.

### 5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

### 6.0 VENUE

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

## 7.0 COURSES

Length (nm)

### All divisions

#### Race 1 - 4 Island Race - Course 1

From the start (at Northern Leading Buoy), Rangitoto, Motutapu and Waiheke Islands (S), to finish between the northern point of Pakatoa Island (P) and the RYC Committee Boat (S).

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#### Race 1 - 4 Island Race - Course 2

From the start (at Northern Leading Buoy), Motukorea Island (S), Waiheke Island (P), to finish between Orapiu Wharf (P) and the RYC Committee Boat (S).

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#### Race 2 - 4 Island Return Race - Course 1

From the start, Waiheke Island (S), Motukorea Island (P), to finish between Bean Rock Buoy and Bastion Buoy.

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#### Race 2 - 4 Island Return Race - Course 2

From the start, Waiheke Island (P), Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands (P), to finish between Bean Rock Buoy and Bastion Buoy.

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#### Race 3 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial Race

From the start, North Head Buoy (P), Torbay Yellow Buoy (S), to finish between the RYC Committee Boat (P) and Billy Goat Point, Motutapu (S).

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#### Race 4 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial Return Race

From the start, Motutapu Island (S), Sergeant Channel Buoy (S), Illiomama Buoy (P), to finish between Bean Rock Buoy and Bastion Buoy.

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#### Race 5 - Mahurangi Night Race

From the start, Whangaparāoa Outermost Yellow Buoy (P), to finish between the RYC Committee Boat (displaying an amber flashing light) (P) and Sadler Point, Mahurangi (S).

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#### Race 5 - Short Course

From the start, to finish between the RYC Committee Boat (displaying an amber flashing light) (P) and Gulf Harbour Yellow Buoy (S).

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## 7.0 COURSES

Length (nm)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Race 6 - Kawau Night Race</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |           |
| From the start, Whangaparāoa Outermost Yellow Buoy (P), Motuketekete Island (P), Passage Reef (S), to finish between the RYC Committee Boat (displaying an amber flashing light) (P) and Momona Point (S). | <b>28</b> |
| <b>Race 6 - Short Course</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| From the start, to finish between the RYC Committee Boat (displaying an amber flashing light) (P) and Gulf Harbour Yellow Buoy (S).                                                                        | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Race 7 - Kawau Return Race - Course 1</b>                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| From the start, Moturekareka Island & Rocky Islets (P), Motuora Island (P), to finish between Bean Rock Buoy and Bastion Buoy.                                                                             | <b>27</b> |
| <b>Race 7 - Kawau Return Race - Course 2</b>                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| From the start, Moturekareka Island & Rocky Islets (P), Motuora Island (P), to finish between Whangaparāoa Outermost & Inner Yellow Buoys.                                                                 | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Race 8 - Orapiu Night Race</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |           |
| From the start, to finish between the light on the end of Orapiu Wharf (P) and the RYC Committee Boat (displaying an amber flashing light) (S).                                                            | <b>20</b> |
| <b>Race 8 - Short Course</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| From the start, to finish between Rocky Bay Yellow Buoy (P) and the RYC Committee Boat (displaying an amber flashing light) (S).                                                                           | <b>13</b> |

## 8.0 THE START

8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

8.2 The starting lines are as defined below:

**Race 1** - RYC Committee Boat (P) and Northern Leading Buoy (S).

NB: Race 1 starts at 1000 hours.

**Races 3, 5, 6 & 8** - Main mast of the Westhaven Carpark Tower, displaying the RYC burgee and Westhaven Buoy.

**Races 3, 5, 6 & 8 Alternate Start** - RYC Committee Boat (P) and Northern Leading Buoy (S).

NB: If conditions are unfavourable for starting at Westhaven (light winds or an unfavourable tide) then RYC may elect to use the Alternate 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 Westhaven 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 (Div C & E at 1100 or 1930 hours, Div P & Q at 1105 or 1935 hours).

**Races 2, 4 & 7** (Return Races) - Start lines for the return races will be notified at the BBQ/prizegiving on the Saturday of the same weekend.

## **9.0 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The finish lines are defined in the courses above (7.0 COURSES)
- 9.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, the skipper will make a fair effort to record the GPS time of crossing the line and report that time and her position in relation to nearby boats on the RYC Hauraki Series WhatsApp group or report your finish time to the RYC Committee Boat or any Race Officers present, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.3 **Races 2, 4 & 7** (Return Races) - There will be no committee boat at the finish line; skippers are required to report their own finish time as per 9.2 above.

## **10.0 TIME LIMIT**

**Races 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7** (Day Races) - 1600 hours.

**Races 5, 6 & 8** (Night Races) - 0300 hours the day after the race start.

## **11.0 SCORING**

- 11.1 Rule A5.3 will apply. All series scores will be calculated using only the series entrants received by the day of that race. This changes rule A2.2.
- 11.2 4 races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.  
When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her 5 best race scores.

## **12.0 PRIZES**

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded for each division, per race as follows:

Line

|              |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st Handicap | Minimum 3 boats started in division. |
| 2nd Handicap | Minimum 5 boats started in division. |
| 3rd Handicap | Minimum 8 boats started in division. |

- 12.2 Line prizes must be collected at the prizegiving otherwise they will be forfeited. As there is no prizegiving after the three 'Return Races', there are no line prizes for these.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Prizegiving will be held at the after-race event, refer below for details.
- 12.5 Trophies will be awarded at the RYC annual prizegiving.

## **13.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 13.1 Mandatory check-in for Mahurangi, Kawau and Orapiu Night Races: 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.

\*By prior arrangement skippers may arrange to send a text message in place of VHF.

- 13.2 In general the following VHF channels will be used for race communications:  
VHF 17 In the Waitematā Harbour  
VHF 03 North of Whangaparāoa  
VHF 62 East of Motuihe Island

- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Abandonment of Races 1 & 3: A decision will be made by 0900 hours on the day of the race if an abandonment is considered appropriate.  
Abandonment of Races 5, 6 and 8: A decision will be made by 1630 hours on the day of the race if an abandonment is considered appropriate.  
Abandonment of Races 2, 4 & 7: A decision will be made by 0900 hours on the day of the race if an abandonment is considered appropriate.  
If Race 1, 3 or 6 are abandoned then Race 2, 4 or 7 will be abandoned also.
- 13.5 For the purposes of catering all skippers (both racing and cruising) are requested to contact the RYC office on the Thursday prior to the weekend and confirm their (a) intention to race, (b) intention to attend the BBQ & (c) number of crew.
- 13.6 After each Hauraki Race & cruising rally 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** (4 Islands): BBQ & prizegiving - Saturday evening.  
**Race 3** (PBM): Beach clean up, BBQ & prizegiving - Saturday afternoon/evening.  
**Race 5** (Mahurangi): Champagne breakfast and games - Sunday morning.  
**Race 6** (Kawau): BBQ, Party & prizegiving - Saturday evening.  
**Race 8** (Orapiu): BBQ, Party & prizegiving - Saturday brunch.  
For all events, RYC will provide food, BBQ and cooking utensils.  
Skippers - BYO drinks.

#### **14.0 RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.
- 14.3 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>
- 14.4 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.

#### **15.0 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.

#### **16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

RichmondYacht Club (Inc)  
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