

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
COOLSTORE CONSTRUCTION SINGLE-HANDED SERIES
12 October 2025 to 18 April 2026
NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)
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The series will be run in conjunction with
Devonport Yacht Club (DYC).

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 and multihulls.
The YNZ Safety Regs Part 5 Category A shall apply to trailer yachts.
- 1.3 Additional safety regulations and restrictions may be specified by host clubs and will be described in the Notices of Race (NoRs) and Sailing Instructions (SIs) published by the host clubs for each race.
- 1.4 Additional safety regulations are required for participation in the series; refer to Safety and Self Rescue Declaration for more details on these additional safety regulations:
 - Skippers in the series must carry on their person the means to self-initiate a rescue in the event they fall overboard while underway.
 - Skippers in the series must wear an approved lifejacket while racing.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This race is open to keelers, multihulls and trailer yachts.
- 2.2 Eligible boats, may enter the series by completing the series entry via Top Yacht Entry System and a signed Safety and Self Rescue Declaration form (see richmondyc.org.nz).
- 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 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 An entrant in the series is defined as a single boat and skipper combination. No substitutions permitted.
- 2.6 The deadline for entry is 1300hrs on Friday, 10 October 2025. Late entries for the series may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion.
- 2.7 Single race entries may be accepted at the host club up to 1300 hours the day before any race.
- 2.8 Safety checks may be made at the discretion of the Organising Authority at any point during the series.

3.0 FEES

- 3.1 Series entry \$180 RYC Sail-Pass \$90
- 3.2 RYC will pass on series entry information to the host clubs for you; it is not necessary to separately enter these races.
- 3.3 Host Clubs reserve the right to request additional information from entrants.

4.0 SCHEDULE

4.1	Race	Host	Event	SSI/NoR	2025	High Water
	Race 1	RYC	Harbour SH - NO EXTRAS	Hbr SH	Sun, 12 Oct	1208 - 3.4m
	Race 2	RYC	4 Island Race I	SH SSI	Sat, 1 Nov	1617 - 2.9m
	Race 3	RYC	4 Island Race II	SH SSI	Sun, 2 Nov	1713 - 3.0m

Race 4	RYC	Peter Blake Memorial	SH SSI/Passage	Sat, 29 Nov	1445 - 2.9m
Race 5	RYC	PBM Return	SH SSI	Sun, 30 Nov	1539 - 3.0m

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Race 6	RYC	Kawau Night Race	SH SSI/Passage	Fri, 20 Feb	2244 - 3.3m
Race 7	RYC	Kawau Return	SH SSI	Sun, 22 Feb	1152 - 3.4m
Race 8	RYC	Orapiu Night Race	SH SSI/Passage	Fri, 20 Mar	2136 - 3.4m
Race 9	RYC	Closing Day Regatta	CDR	Sat, 11 Apr	0700 - 3.1m
Race 10	DYC	Single-handed	DYC	Sat, 18 Apr	0742 - 3.4m

4.2	Division	Flag	Start Time
	Race 1 - E Single-handed NO EXTRAS	Light Blue	Refer to NoR/SSI
	Races 2-9 - Q Single-handed OPEN	Light Blue	Refer to NoR/SSI
	Race 10 - refer to Devonport Yacht Club NoR/Sl		

- 4.3 The divisional structure may be changed in response to entries received.
- 4.4 Handicaps are assigned by the host clubs for individual races. Series handicaps will be allocated by RYC as per Clause 17.0 of the current RYC General Sailing Instructions.
- 4.5 In the case that the divisional structure in the host club NoR is different from 4.2, contact RYC for clarification.
- 4.6 There will be a briefing at RYC at 1800 hours, Thursday, 9 October 2025. All series documents and notifications will be posted on the Organising Authority's website.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The series will be governed by the RYC GSI plus the Single-handed Series SSI (except Race 10, DYC, whose sailing instructions will apply)..

6.0 COURSES

Courses will be described in the SSI.

7.0 NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, SELF STEERING AND POWERED WINCHES

- 7.1 All forms of navigational aids, GPS, Sat-Navs, weather facsimiles, radar etc. are permitted. The use of self-steering devices whether mechanical, electrical or otherwise is permitted. Powered winches, either electric or hydraulic, are permitted. This modifies RRS Rule 52.
- 7.2 When there is a conflict between clause 7.1 of this NoR and the NoR/SIs for an individual race in the series, the NoR/SIs for the individual race in the series will take precedence.

8.0 SCORING

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 6 races will be required to be completed to constitute a series.
When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her 8 best race scores.

9.0 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded in races 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9 at these events' specific prizegivings.
- 9.2 Series prizes will be awarded as follows for each division:
- Series Line (1st), Series Club Handicap (1st - 3rd)
- 9.3 Series prizegiving will be held at RYC at a date to be advised.
- 9.4 Trophies will be awarded at the RYC annual prizegiving.

10.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 10.1 A Whatsapp group is used for communications between single-handed sailors. Contact RYC to find out how to join this group.
- 10.2 Note that the 4 Island Race weekend will have a BBQ and social get together on the Saturday evening. In addition, the PBM, Kawau & Orapiu Night Races are passage race/cruising rallies, with social events to follow the race on the weekend. Information will be shared via the Whatsapp group.

- 11.0 **ADVERTISING** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by RYC.

12.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.
- 12.3 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>
- 12.4 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.

13.0 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.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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