

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)

HARBOUR SHORT-HANDED RACE

11 October 2026

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 These races 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 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 race is open to keelers, multihulls and trailer yachts.
- 2.2 Eligible boats, including Richmond Sail-Pass holders, may enter the race by completing both payment and the online registration form on the website richmondyc.org.nz. Entries will be accepted until 90 minutes prior to the first start on race day.
- 2.3 To be eligible to compete in this race each entrant shall be a financial member of a club recognised by YNZ.

3.0 FEES

RYC Sail-Pass holders	N/C
RYC members	\$35
Non-members	\$45

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Racing will be held on Sunday, 11 October 2026. **High Water** 0835 – 3.3m
- 4.2 **Divisions** **Flag** **Start Time**

E Single-handed NO EXTRAS	Light Blue	1300
C Two-handed NO EXTRAS	Yellow	1305
- 4.3 Handicaps are assigned under the RYC Handicapping Policy as detailed in the GSI.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6.0 VENUE

The race will be held on the Waitematā Harbour.

7.0 COURSES

The courses for the race are described in Appendix A:
2026-2027 RYC Harbour Courses.

8.0 PRIZES

8.1 Prizes for the race will be awarded for each division as follows:

Line; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap.

8.2 Line prizes must be collected at the prizegiving otherwise they will be forfeited.

8.3 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.

8.4 Prizes will be awarded at Richmond Yacht Club after racing.

8.5 Trophies will be awarded at the RYC annual prizegiving.

9.0 TIME LIMIT 1630 hours

10.0 ADDITIONAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Richmond Yacht Club requires that all skippers, and crew, competing in the Harbour Short-handed Race wear a life jacket and all Single-handed skippers carry on their person a means to raise a rescue in the event that they fall overboard (e.g. PLB, waterproof VHF and/or a phone in a waterproof container).

11.0 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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.

11.2 The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.

11.3 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>

11.4 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.

12.0 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.

13.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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