

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
MARINE DEALS and SEAMTECH SPRING REGATTA
19 September 2026
NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Richmond Yacht Club (RYC)
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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This 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 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 29.2 is changed as per RYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI) 11.5
 - RRS 44.1 is changed as per GSI 13.2
 - RRS 51 is modified to allow boats with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete.
 - RRS 52 'Manual Power' shall not apply.
 - RRS 60.1(a) is changed as per GSI 15.4
 - RRS 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 the online registration form on the website (richmondyc.org.nz). Entries will be accepted until 2359 hours, Thursday, 17 September 2026.
- 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 All skippers must supply crew details and contact details via the online entry system.

3.0 FEES

Richmond Yacht Club Sail-Pass	N/C
Richmond Yacht Club members	\$35
Members of other yacht clubs	\$45

Note: Please submit Gold Cup series entries to Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC).

4.0 SCHEDULE

High Water

- 4.1 Racing will be held on Saturday, 19 September 2026. 1308 - 2.8m
- 4.2 The divisional structure may be changed in response to entries received.
- 4.3 To be scored for the Gold Cup you must enter the Gold Cup Series via RAYC and race in the appropriate Gold Cup division.
- 4.4 Open keelers may choose to sail the Long Haul (LH) or Short Haul (SH) course, those choosing to sail the LH course will start at the same time as the Gold Cup monohulls.

4.0 SCHEDULE	Flag	Start Time
M Gold Cup Multihulls	Green	0930
A Gold Cup Monohulls & Spring Regatta LH	White	0935
C Spring Regatta SH	Green/Yellow	0940
E Spring Regatta NO EXTRAS	Black/White	0945
H Up to 26 feet & Trailer Yachts	Pink	0950

5.0 MEASUREMENT

Gold Cup entries must meet entry requirements for the Gold Cup series.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

7.0 VENUE

7.1 The race will be held on the Waitematā Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf.

8.0 COURSES

Full Course	Length (nm)
M, A Start to Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands (S), Gannet Rock (S), Waiheke Island (S), to the finish.	50
C, E Start to Rangitoto Buoy (S), Motuihe Island (S), Gannet Rock (S), Waiheke Island (S), to the finish.	45
H Start to Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands (S), Motuihe Island (S), Illiomama Buoy (P), to the finish.	26
Short Course 1	
M, A Start to Eastern Navy Buoy Whangaparāoa (S), to the finish.	28
C, E Start to Haystack/Ōrarapa Island (S), to the finish.	23
H Start to Saltworks Buoy (S), Motukorea Buoy (P), Illiomama Buoy (P), to the finish.	14
Short Course 2	
M, A Start to Passage Rock (P), to the finish.	34
C, E Start to Motuihe Island (S), Motukorea Buoy (S), Illiomama Buoy (P), Saltworks Buoy (P), to the finish.	23
H Start to Motuihe Island (S), Motukorea Buoy (S), Saltworks Buoy (P), to the finish.	19

8.1 If one of the shortened courses is to be used, the RYC Committee Boat will fly the Code Flag S with Numeral 1 or 2 Pennant.

8.2 The Start and Finish are described in the current RYC GSI, and reprinted below:
The **START LINE** will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee Boat and the Yellow Northern Leading Buoy. Signals will be made from the Committee Boat. If an inner distance mark is laid, yachts are prohibited from sailing between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.

- 8.3 **FINISH LINE** will be between a committee boat anchored in the vicinity of the Orakei Wharf, and Orakei Buoy.
- 8.4 **TIME LIMIT** for the Spring Regatta and Gold Cup - 2100 hours

9.0 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded in the RYC clubrooms at 2100 hours, Wednesday, 30 September 2026, prior to the first RYC Wednesday night race prizegiving for the new season.
NB: Due to the varied finish times the RYC clubrooms will NOT be open on Saturday, 19 September 2026.
- 9.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
Line; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap.
- 9.3 Line prizes must be collected at the prizegiving otherwise they are forfeited.
- 9.4 Handicap prizes will be held at the RYC office for 2 months only. Prizes must be claimed within this timeframe otherwise they shall be forfeited. It is the skipper's responsibility to check the results and collect prizes.

10.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.
- 10.3 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>
- 10.4 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.

11.0 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.

12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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