

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
COOLSTORE CONSTRUCTION SINGLE-HANDED SERIES
12 October 2025 to 18 April 2026
SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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. 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This race is open to multihulls, keelers 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 1300 hrs on Friday, 3 October 2025. Late entries for the series may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion.
- 2.7. Safety checks may be made at the discretion of the Organising Authority at any point during the series.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Racing Schedule

	<u>Host</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>NoR/SI</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>High Water</u>
1	RYC	Harbour Short-Handed Race	Hbr SH NoR	Sun 12 Oct 2025	1300	1208 - 3.4m
2	RYC	4 Island Race	SH SSI	Sat 1 Nov	1000	1617 - 2.9m
3	RYC	4 Island Race	SH SSI	Sun 2 Nov	1000	1713 - 3.0m
4	RYC	Sir Peter Blake Memorial (PBM)	SH SSI / Passage NoR	Sat 29 Nov	1005	1445 - 2.9m
5	RYC	PBM Return	SH SSI	Sun 30 Nov	1000	1539 - 3.0m

	<u>Host</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>NoR/SI</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>High Water</u>
6	RYC	Kawau Night Race	SH SSI / Passage NoR	Fri 20 Feb 2026	1835	2244 - 3.4m
7	RYC	Kawau Return	SH SSI	Sun 22 Feb	1000	1152 - 3.4m
8	RYC	Orapiu Night Race	SH SSI/ Passage NoR	Fri 20 Mar	1835	2136 - 3.4m
9	RYC	Closing Day Regatta	CDR NoR	Sat 11 Apr	0930	1349 - 2.7m
10	DYC	Single-handed	DYC NoR	Sat 18 Apr	0900	0742 - 3.4m

SH SSI = Single-Handed Series Supplementary Sailing Instructions
SH Race NoR = Short-Handed Race Notice of Race
Passage NoR = Passage Race NoR
DYC NoR = DYC Single-handed Race NoR
CDR NoR = Closing Day Regatta NoR

3.2. Division and Flags and Start Times

<u>Division</u>		<u>Flag</u>
<i>For RYC races: 2-9</i>		
Q	Single-handed OPEN	Light Blue
<i>For RYC Race 1</i>		
E	Single-handed NO EXTRAS	Light Blue
<i>For DYC race, refer to DYC NoR.</i>		

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The series will be governed by the RYC GSI plus the Single-handed Series Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI). The exception to this will be Race 10 run by DYC whose sailing instructions will apply.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 5.1. A WhatsApp group is used for communications between single-handed sailors. Contact RYC to find out how to join this group.
- 5.2. Note that the 4 Island Race will have a BBQ on the Saturday evening. In addition, RYC's PBM, Kawau and Orapiu Night Races are Passage races, with social and Cruising Rally events to follow the race on the weekend. Information will be shared via the WhatsApp group.

6. COURSES

<u>Event & Course</u>			<u>Length (nm)</u>
<u>Race 1 - RYC Harbour Short-Handed Race</u>			
		Course will be selected from Appendix A of the 2025-26 RYC handbook, pg 72-75. The course number will be displayed from the Westhaven start tower.	
<u>Race 2 - 4 Island Race</u>			
	Q	<u>Course 1</u> Start between Northern Leading Yellow Buoy and committee boat, Rangitoto, Motutapu, Waiheke Islands (S) finish between the northern point of Pakatoa island and the committee boat	25

		<u>Course 2</u> Start between Northern Leading Yellow Buoy and committee boat, Motukorea Island (S), Waiheke Island (P), to finish between Orapiu wharf and the committee boat	15
<u>Race 3 - 4 Island Race</u>			
	Q	<u>Course 1</u> From the Start, [Man O War Bay] .Waiheke Island (S), Motukorea Island (P) finish between Northern Leading Yellow Buoy and committee boat	19
		<u>Course 2</u> From the start, Waiheke Island (P), Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands (P) to finish between Northern Leading Yellow Buoy and committee boat	26
<u>Race 4 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial Race</u>			
	Q	From the start, North Head Buoy (P), Torbay Buoy (approx S36 42.50, E174 47.35) (S), then to finish between Billy Goat Point, Motutapu and RYC Patrol.	17
<u>Race 5 - Sir Peter Blake Memorial Race Return</u>			
	Q	Start between RYC Patrol and Billy Goat Point, Motutapu, Sergeant Channel Yellow Buoy (S), Illiomama Yellow Buoy (P), then to finish between the RYC tower and the Yellow Westhaven Buoy.	13
		<u>Course 2 [Short course]</u> From the start, Motutapu (S), Illiomama Yellow Buoy (P), Finish between Northern Leading Yellow Buoy (S) and Northern Leading pole.	9
<u>Race 6 - Kawau Night Race</u>			
	Q	From the start, Whangaparaoa Outermost Yellow Buoy (P), Motuketekete Island (P), Passage Reef (S), then to finish between the RYC Patrol (if at night, displaying an amber flashing light) and Momona Point.	28
		<u>Course 2 [Short course]</u>	
		From the start, Finish between the committee boat and the Gulf Harbour yellow buoy	15
<u>Race 7 - Kawau Race Return</u>			
	Q	Start between RYC Patrol and Momona Point, passing Moturekareka Island & Rocky Islets (P), Motuora Island (P), then to finish between RYC tower and the Yellow Westhaven Buoy	29
		<u>Course 2 [short course]</u>	
	Q	Start between RYC Patrol and Momona Point, passing Moturekareka Island & Rocky Islets (P), Motuora Island (P) Finish between Whangaparaoa outermost & Inner yellow	15

		Buoys.	
<u>Race 8 - Night Race to Orapui Wharf</u>			
	Q	From the Start, Finish between the light on the end of Orapiu Wharf and the committee boat.	20
		<u>Course 2 [short course]</u>	
		From Start, Finish between RYC committee boat and Rocky Bay Buoy (S).	13
<u>Race 9 - Closing Day Regatta</u>			
		Course number will be displayed from the Westhaven start tower:	
		<i>Course 1</i>	
	Q	From the Start, Rakino, Motutapu & Rangitoto Islands (S), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	30
		<i>Course 2</i>	
	Q	From the Start, Rangitoto, Motutapu & Rakino Islands (P), Bean Rock Buoy (S), then to finish.	30
<u>Race 10 - DYC Single-Handed Race</u>			
		Refer DYC NoR	

In the event of unsuitable weather for races 4,5 & 9 for the above courses the race officer may opt to shorten the course prior to the race by choosing one of the harbour courses described in Appendix A 2025-26 RYC Harbour courses. In this case the Tower will fly the 'C' flag and display the relevant course number.

7. START AND FINISH LINES

<u>Race</u>	<u>Start lines</u>	
1,4,6,8,9	As described in the GSIs on page 16 of the RYC 2025-26 Handbook	
2, 3,5,7	As described in the above-listed courses	
10	Refer to DYC NoR	
	<u>Finish lines</u>	
2,3,4,5,6,7,8	As described in the above-listed courses,	
1,9	As described in the GSI on page 17 of the RYC 2025-26 Handbook	
10	Refer to DYC NoR	

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 SH WhatsApp group or report your finish time to the RYC Committee Boat or any Race Officers present, at the first reasonable opportunity.

8. RISK STATEMENT

- 8.1. Competitors participate in the race 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.
- 8.2. The skipper is legally responsible for the safety and wellbeing of crew onboard.
- 8.3. 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>
- 8.4. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

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