

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB (Inc)
CRC, NEW WORLD & BURNSCO WINTER SERIES
10 May to 30 August 2026
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 5 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
 - Appendix A2.2 is changed as per 8.1 of the NoR.
 - RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2 are changed as per 8.2 of the NoR.

The changes appear in full in the GSI and may also change other racing rules.

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 individual races by completing the online registration form on the website richmondyc.org.nz. Entries will be accepted until 60 minutes prior to the first start of each race day.
- 2.3 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant shall be a financial member of a club recognised by YNZ.

3.0 FEES

| | | RYC Sail-Pass holders | N/C |
|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|-------|
| RYC members single entry | \$30 | RYC Season entry | \$130 |
| Non-members single entry | \$40 | Non-members Season entry | \$220 |

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| | | High Water |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 4.1 Race 1 | 10 May 2026 | 1316 – 2.8m |
| Race 2 | 24 May | 1343 – 3.1m |
| Race 3 | 7 June | 1200 – 2.9m |
| Race 4 | 21 June | 1223 – 3.2m |
| Race 5 | 5 July | 1052 – 3.0m |
| Race 6 | 19 July | 1106 – 3.3m |
| Race 7 - Flap Martinengo | 2 August | 0947 – 3.1m |
| Race 8 - Motuihe Race | 16 August | 0953 – 3.4m |
| Race 9 | 30 August | 0842 – 3.1m |

4.2 Divisions, Flags and Start Times

| Division | Flag | Start Times | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | Races 1-6 & 9 | Races 7 & 8 |
| M Multihulls OPEN | Green | 1225 | 0925 |
| A Keelers OPEN: 0.80 + | Blue/Yellow | 1230 | 0930 |
| B Keelers OPEN: 0.73 to 0.80 | White | 1235 | 0935 |
| E General NO EXTRAS | Black/White | 1240 | 0940 |
| C Keelers OPEN: 0.73 - | Green/Yellow | 1245 | 0945 |

4.3 Handicaps are assigned under the RYC Handicapping Policy as detailed in the GSI.

4.4 RYC reserves the right to assign boats to divisions deemed most appropriate; a boat's skipper will be notified if a reassignment is made.

4.5 Divisional handicap ranges are for guidance and are not definitive; if you are unsure which division to race in please ask the club for guidance.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The current RYC GSI will apply for this series, available on the club website and in the club handbook (pages 13-20).

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

7.0 COURSES

| | Courses for Race 7: tower will indicate which course is to be sailed | Length (nm) |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| 1 | M,A,B From the start to Rangitoto, Motutapu & Rakino Islands (S), Bean Rock Buoy (S), to the finish. | 30 |
| | E,C From the start to Rangitoto & Motutapu Islands (S), Bean Rock Buoy (S), to the finish. | 26 |
| 2 | M,A,B From the start to Rangitoto, Motutapu & Rakino Islands (P), Orakei Buoy (S), to the finish. | 30 |
| | E,C From the start to Rangitoto & Motutapu Islands (P), Orakei Buoy (S), to the finish. | 26 |
| Courses for Race 8: | | |
| | M,A,B From the start to Northern Leading Buoy (S), Motuihe Island (S), Motukorea Buoy (S), Illiomama Buoy (P), Bean Rock Buoy (S), to the finish. | 26 |
| | E,C From the start to Northern Leading Buoy (S), Browns Island Navy Buoy (S), leaving Browns Island to port (P), Motukorea Buoy (S), Illiomama Buoy (P), Bean Rock Buoy (S), to the finish. | 18 |

7.1 **Races 1 to 6 and Race 9** courses are described in *Appendix A*: (pages 72-75).

7.2 The Start and Finish are described in the current RYC GSI.

7.3 In very light conditions if Course 19 is chosen all race starts will be postponed by 60 minutes and the race will be started at either Resolution Buoy or Orakei Buoy from the RYC Committee Boat. This change of start venue and time will be indicated on the Westhaven Carpark Tower by flying flag "S" over flag "1".

7.4 In the event of unsuitable weather for Races 7 or 8, the Race Officer may opt to shorten the course prior to the race start by choosing one of the harbour courses described in *Appendix A 2025-2026 RYC Harbour Courses* (pages 72-75).

In this case the tower will fly the 'C' flag and display the relevant course number.

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 A2.2.
- 8.2 For the MRX boats only, the Series Scores shall be accumulated by the boat's skipper instead of the boat. This changes RRS 90.3, Scoring, and Appendix A2, Series Scores.
- 8.3 6 races will be required to constitute a series. When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
When 7 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.0 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded for each division, per race: Line; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap.
For the series, prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Handicap.
- 9.2 Line prizes must be collected at the prizegiving otherwise they will be forfeited.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 Every effort will be made to hold prizegiving by 1630 hours (1730 for Races 7 & 8) each race day. The series prizegiving will be held after the final race.

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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