



## CYANZ SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2026-2027

Harbour & Passage Series  
26 September 2026 to 17 April 2027

*The Organising Authority is:*

*Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand in conjunction with Devonport Yacht Club, Ponsonby Cruising Club,  
Royal NZ Yacht Squadron, Royal Akarana Yacht Club and Auckland Anniversary Regatta Inc  
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### 1.0 Rules:

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Attention is drawn to Regulation No.2 and clause 2.2 Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations: The Maritime Transport Act 1994 states that the master of the vessel is always responsible for the safety of the vessel, the safety of those on board, discipline on board and for complying with all maritime rules, regulations, and bylaws.
- 1.3 Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall apply to harbour races and Category 4 to passage races.  
It is recommended that all boats shall carry an inflated dinghy, a life-raft or tow a rigid dinghy capable of carrying the entire crew as per YNZ Safety Regulations.
- 1.4 The Organising Authority recommends that as a minimum lifejacket or PFD's are worn for boats without guard wires when the true wind strength is above 15 knots and for boats with guard wires when the true wind speed is above 20 knots.
- 1.5 Attention is drawn to regulation 23 relating to classic yachts.
- 1.6 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio and maintain a listening watch, on deck, always while racing, with dual listening on VHF channel 77 and VHF channel 16.
- 1.7 Rules of RRS Part 2 will be altered during the races between the hours of official sunset and sunrise to give precedence to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. Any contact however minor with any navigational mark shall be reported to the race committee by that yacht or any other yacht witnessing the incident.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between the NOR and SI's the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.9 RRS Appendix T will apply (Arbitration).

### 2.0 Communications with Competitors

**It is essential ALL boats advise the race office: [raceoffice@classicyacht.org.nz](mailto:raceoffice@classicyacht.org.nz) or 021 818448 the name & mobile of the skipper if it differs from the person who entered the vessel. This applies to every race throughout the season.**

- 2.1 Notices for CYA hosted races will be posted on one or more of the following:
  - 2.1.1 CYANZ website: <https://classicyacht.org.nz/>
  - 2.1.2 Advised by TXT to the mobile number recorded on entry form or as advised to race office.
  - 2.1.3 Advised by email to the email address loaded on the online entry form.
- 2.2 Race Control may be contacted on VHF channel 77, CYANZ races mobile: 021 818-448 or refer host Club Sailing Instructions where applicable.
- 2.3 All boats must maintain a listening watch on deck on VHF channel 77 unless stated differently in host clubs' Sailing Instructions.  
The failure to receive a [radio] message response from the race committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b)(1)  
**Distress & Emergency Calls:** VHF Channel 16 (Northern Region Coastguard)  
**Prompt Vessel or Medical Assistance:** VHF Channel 64 (Outer Gulf) or 60 (Inner Gulf), Mob: \*500
- 2.4 A boat that retires from a CYA organised race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity either via VHF Channel 77, Joyce Talbot m: 021 818-448 or in person.

### 3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the CYANZ Sailing Instructions will be texted to the listed boat skipper at least 2 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the day's racing, on the day it will take effect.  
Refer host club's Sailing Instructions for advice of any changes.

### 4.0 Divisional Flags

- 4.1
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|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| A Classic | Over 38'       | Black        |
| B Classic | Under 38'      | Green        |
| Modern    | Modern Classic | White        |
| Townson   |                | Townson flag |
- 4.2 All boats shall display the appropriate divisional flag. Failure to exhibit the flag may mean the boat is scored a DNS, the decision being at the sole discretion of the organising Authority.

### 5.0 Schedule of Events

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made

### 6.0 Courses

- 6.1 Harbour Races courses will be as per host club Sailing Instructions

- 6.2 Passage Race Courses:

**Race 1: Icebreaker - as per Devonport Yacht Club Sailing Instructions**

**Race 2: John Street Memorial - as per Royal Akarana Yacht Club Sailing instructions**

**Race 3: Patio Bay Race**

Start Times:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Townson 1:   | 1030hrs |
| Townson 2:   | 1035hrs |
| B Division:  | 1045hrs |
| A & Moderns: | 1100hrs |

Start Line: A line between the committee boat displaying the CYANZ flag and orange flag and the course side of yellow Orakei buoy

Finish Line: A line between the committee boat displaying the CYANZ flag and blue flag and the point of Patio Bay.

Course: Start W to E Bean Rock (S); Browns Island Beacon (S); Motuihe Island (P); Waiheke Island (P) to finish. Distance: 22nm.

Time Limit: 1700hrs.

**Race 4: Night Race to Mahurangi – as per Devonport Yacht Club Sailing Instructions**

**Race 5: Kennedy Bay Race**

Start Times:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| B Division:  | 1000hrs |
| A & Moderns: | 1010hrs |
| Ponsonby CC: | 1020hrs |

Start Line: A line between the committee boat displaying the CYANZ flag and orange flag and the course side of yellow Orakei buoy.

Finish Line: A line between the committee boat displaying the CYANZ flag and blue flag and Kennedy Point beacon light.

Course: Start W to E; yellow Rough Rock buoy (S); Iliomama yellow buoy (S); Navy buoy (P); Motuihe Island (S) to finish. Distance: 15nm.

Time Limit: 1700hrs

**Race 6: Round Rangitoto Race**

Start Times:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| B Division:  | 1100hrs |
| A & Moderns: | 1110hrs |
| Ponsonby CC: | 1120hrs |

Start Line: A line between the committee boat flying the CYANZ flag and orange flag & Northern Leading yellow buoy.

Finish Line: A line on the western side of the committee boat displaying the CYANZ flag and blue flag and a point of land in Islington Bay

Course 1: Start E to W: Rangitoto (S); Billy Goat Point (S) to finish. Distance: 20nm

Course 2: Start W to E Sergeant Channel (S); Motuihe Island (P); to finish. Distance: 12.9nm.

Time Limit: 1700hrs

## **7.0 Fairway Marks**

7.1 Boats racing shall pass on the main channel side of the fairway marks listed below:

1. Rangitoto Beacon
2. Iliomama Rock Beacon
3. Browns Island Beacon
4. Beacon on Emu Rock (off Motutapu)
5. Bean Rock Light and Doris Rock Beacon (approx. 25 metres north)
6. Red Buoys on eastern side of Motuihe Channel
7. Beacon on Sewer Outlet (Orakei)
8. Cable beacons east of Devonport Wharf
9. Green Sandspit marker stake (SW of Torpedo Wharf)
10. All moored vessels and moorings in or adjacent to the designated Small Craft mooring areas shown on Chart NZ 5322.
11. The Okahu Bay wave break and all vessels and moorings in the Okahu Bay mooring area.
12. The harbour bridge main navigational span pylons

## **8.0 Obstructions**

8.1 **Prohibited Racing Areas:** The following areas (shown in Attachment A) are designated as Obstructions for the purposes of the RRS Definitions and RRS 19 and 20.

1. The Westhaven Boat Harbour area defined as south of a line representing an extension of the breakwater to the most northern point of Wynyard Point – (diagram A),
2. The Commercial Harbour area defined as south of a straight line drawn between the most northern point of Wynyard Point and the north-western point of the Fergusson Container Terminal – (diagram B),
3. The Defence area marked on Chart NZ 5322 around the Naval Dock, Calliope Wharves, Devonport – (diagram C).

## **9.0 Large Vessel Moving Prohibited Zones:**

At all times boats shall comply with the Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 Part 2, Subpart 10, clause 54 – “Moving Prohibited Zone” as described below. Moving Prohibited Zones are designated as Obstructions for the purposes of the RRS Definitions and RRS 19 and 20.

### **Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021 – Part 2, Subpart 10 – 54 - Vessels Must Not Impede a Large Vessel In A Pilotage Area,**

1. *The person in charge of a vessel under 500 gross tonnage in a pilotage area must not allow that vessel to impede the navigation of any vessel of 500 gross tonnage or more.*
2. *The person in charge of a vessel must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited zone of a large vessel that is in a pilotage area.*
3. *A moving prohibited zone is an area of navigable water around a large vessel that – a. extends 100 metres to each side or the width of the marked channel, whichever is the lesser distance; and b. continues at the width in (a) to 100 metres astern and 500 metres ahead of the vessel; and c. follows the line of the marked or buoyed channel when changing course.*
4. *However, (2) does not apply to the pilotage area within the Tamaki River.*

## **10.0 The Start & Finish**

10.1 Harbour Races – as per host club Sailing Instructions

10.2 Passage Races – as described in 6.2

10.3 A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS without a Hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

10.4 When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 50m from the start line in all directions.

## **11.0 Change of the next leg of the course**

11.1 Change of course will be signaled from the race committee or mark boat by sounding repetitive sounds and displaying Code Flag C only. This changes RRS 33.

## **12.0 Penalty System**

12.1 RRS 44.1 (two turn penalty) shall apply for all boats.

## **13.0 Protests and Requests for Redress**

13.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to requirements of RRS61.1(a), inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.

- 13.2 If appropriate an arbitration meeting may be held prior to the hearing and may be held by teleconference (e.g. zoom or google meet).
- 13.3 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2 (d)
- 13.4 Competitors involved in protests will be informed by either phone or e-mail of the time and location when the hearings will take place.
- 14.0 Safety Regulations**
- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, either via VHF channel 77 as indicated in SI 2.3, by telephone or in person.
- 14.2 All boats must maintain a listening watch on deck on VHF channel 77 as indicated in SI 2.3, and on VHF channel 16 always while racing. Emergency communications must be made on VHF channel 16.
- 15.0 Prizes**
- 15.1 Informal Prizegivings may be held after races
- 15.2 The official Prizegiving for the CYA Series and individual races will be held at the RNZYS on Wednesday 26 May 2027
- 16.0 Insurance**
- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover to \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.0 Rights To Use Name And Likeness**
- 17.1 By participating in a CYA or host event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 17.2 All those who take part in any event as competitors, as well as support crew, spectators and officials agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event. This includes your person and your property (boats).
- 18.0 Risk Statement**
- 18.1 RRS 3 states: "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.**
- 19.0 Disclaimer of Liability**
- Competitors and boats participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The Organising Authority and/or any sponsor associated with this series will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Owners shall accept full responsibility for the sea worthiness and safe navigation of their boats and the competence of their crews.
- The Organising Authority and/or any sponsor associated with this series shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper and crew.
- The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after this series.
- The Organising Authority and/or any sponsor associated will not be responsible for losses arising during the series (insured or otherwise).

**Peter Brookes, CYANZ Yacht Captain**  
**Dated: 20 September 2026**

APPENDIX A

Diagram A

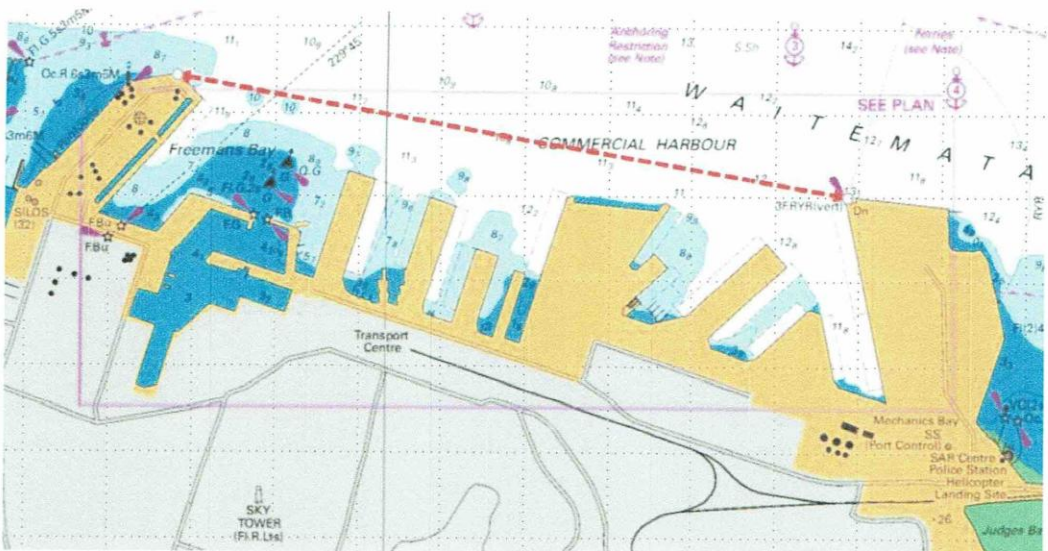


Diagram B

