

# Perpetual Guardian Classic Yacht Regatta

**5 – 8 March 2026**  
**Auckland, New Zealand**  
[www.classicyacht.org.nz](http://www.classicyacht.org.nz)

The Organising Authority is the  
Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand (CYANZ) in conjunction with the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron  
181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1101

## NOTICE OF RACE

Open to members of any yacht club

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 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 at all times 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. The YNZ Safety Regulations Part II, Category 5 will apply. It is recommended that an inflatable life jacket complete with harness be available for all crew.
- 1.4. Attention is drawn to regulation 23 relating to classic yachts.
- 1.5. The organising authority reserves the right to make spot safety checks and to disqualify any boat found to be noncomplying.
- 1.6. As a safety requirement, all boats must maintain a listening watch via VHF Radio on deck on CH 77 at all times while racing.
- 1.7. Should there be any conflict between the Sailing Instructions issued by the organising authority and this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This amends RRS 63.7.
- 1.8. The sailing instructions may also change other RRS.
- 1.9. Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The event is open to all boats as follows -
  - 2.1.1 Classic Yacht: Designed or built prior to 31 December 1949, includes the 'K' Class.
  - 2.1.2 Modern Classic Yacht: Designed and built between 1950 - 1970 of traditional materials. Yachts launched after December 1970 may be eligible to enter if they are approved by the CYANZ committee as of the style and spirit of this era as outlined in the Classic Yacht Policy. Refer the CYANZ website for more details.
  - 2.1.3 Yachts built of non-traditional materials, but accepted by Class Associations as eligible to race amongst other qualifying yachts will be eligible to enter (e.g. Stewart 34, H28, Townson 32)
- 2.2. The Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand reserves the right to allocate any yacht into any division given the design and/or performance of the vessel.
- 2.3. To be eligible to compete in this event a competitor shall be a member of a yacht club or other organisation affiliated to a National Authority.
- 2.4. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the official entry form online at [www.classicyacht.org.nz](http://www.classicyacht.org.nz) submitting it together with the required fee.
- 2.5. Entries close on Thursday 26 February 2026 at 1800hrs. Late entries accepted at the Race Committee's discretion.

### 3. DIVISIONS

The following divisions will apply to each race individually and the series results and other divisions may be added at the Race Committee's discretion:

- 3.1.1 Division 1 – Classic A Bermudan
- 3.1.2 Division 2 – Classic A Gaff
- 3.1.3 Division 3 – Classic B Bermudan
- 3.1.4 Division 4 – Classic B Gaff
- 3.1.5 Division 5 – Modern

### 4. ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 Entry Fee \$175.00

### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. The Classic Regatta will be held from Thursday 5 March to Sunday 8 March 2026.
- 5.2. **Registration & Skippers Briefing:** Registration and briefing will be held at 1830hrs on Thursday 5 March in Race HQ at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Registration and attendance is mandatory for all skippers or a designated crew member from each yacht.
- 5.3. **Racing Schedule:**
  - Friday 6 March 2026: 1 Race – First warning signal 1545hrs
  - Saturday 7 March 2026: 2 races back to back – First warning signal 1055hrs
  - Sunday 8 March 2026: 2 races back to back or 1 long race – First warning signal 1055hrs
- 5.4 **Social Events:** Race HQ will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings for post-race drinks and informal race day prizegivings.
- 5.4. The official Event Prizegiving will be held in the Quarterdeck Restaurant, RNZYS on Sunday evening.

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by Thursday 26 February 2026, [www.classicyacht.org.nz](http://www.classicyacht.org.nz) and will also be available at the skippers briefing.

### 7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1. The races will be held within the Waitemata Harbour, and Hauraki Gulf.
- 7.2. The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### 8. SCORING

- 8.1. A total of 5 races are scheduled, 1 race will constitute a series. Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. Rule 44.1 (Two Turn Penalty) shall apply to all boats.

## 10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Trophies will be awarded in all divisions at the Prizegiving to be held on Sunday 8 March 2026 at the RNZYS at approximately 1900hrs.
- 10.2. Trophies will be awarded in all divisions and classes as follows:
- 10.2.1. Minimum of 4 entries: Winners on Line and 1st on Handicap
  - 10.2.2. 5-6 entries: Winners on Line and 1st & 2nd on Handicap
  - 10.2.3. 7+ entries: Winners on Line and 1st, 2nd & 3rd on Handicap
  - 10.2.4. The number of entries as above will be determined on Thursday 26 February 2026, but not before the Race Committee has considered late entries, if any.

## 11. HANDICAPPING

- 11.1. Class Association handicaps will be used for all class yachts competing e.g. Stewart 34, Townson 32, H28
- 11.2. CYANZ handicaps will be used for Classic and Modern Classic divisions
- 11.3. The Handicapper, as appointed by the Organising Authority, shall reserve the right to review or adjust any boat's rating or handicap during the course of the event. This shall be carried out in consultation with the Race Committee and any decision to alter a boat's rating shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## 12. BERTHAGE

- 12.1. Berthage for competing yachts may be arranged subject to availability. Berthage requests: [raceoffice@classicyacht.org.nz](mailto:raceoffice@classicyacht.org.nz)

## 13. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 13.1. By entering the Series competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race series and/or using the Series facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the storage, use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name(s) or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof for purposes of CYANZ publicity.

## 14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance a minimum cover to \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy of the insurance policy certificate must be provided if at any time requested to do so by the Organising Authority. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of such certificates.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

Colin Lucas  
Race Officer

Dated: 1 December 2025