



Floating Dock Services



UPPER HARBOUR REGATTA

PCC - 125 Years Racing from St Mary's Bay

Saturday 8 November, 2025

Organising Authority: Ponsonby Cruising Club Inc.

In association with The Classic Yacht Association.

MULLET BOATS – Lidgard Memorial Series – Races 1&2.

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

1. The Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS)
2. The Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall apply except that the Mullet Boat Safety Requirements as published on the PCC website shall apply.
3. Attention is drawn to the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations regulation 23 relating to classic yachts.
4. Boats shall at all times observe the Auckland Council Navigation Safety bylaws in particular PART 2: Subpart 10: 54. Vessels must not impede a large vessel of 500 gross tonnage or more in a pilotage area.
5. **Prohibited Racing Areas:** Boats racing shall not sail in the prohibited racing areas
6. PFD's shall be worn at all times when Code flag Y is flown from the Tower.
7. Should there be any conflict between the Preliminary Notice of Race (NOR) and these Instructions these Instructions shall prevail.

2. Eligibility and Entry

1. The regatta is open to all boats that meet the following criteria:
 - (i) For Classic Yachts, Classic Yacht Association class rules.
 - (ii) For Mullet boats, this event is open to all Mullet boats.
 - (iii) For Modern Classics, Class & Safety Rules apply.
2. The closing date for entries is 12pm (noon) Friday 7 November 2025.
3. **Entry Fees: Members \$20,**
4. **Entries for classic yachts are to be made by completing the online entry form on the CYA website.**
5. Mullet boats & Modern Classics shall enter directly with PCC.
6. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.
7. **Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions** - Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the CYA website and on the PCC noticeboard, website and App. before 1000hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. Schedule of Races

1. The event shall consist of a series of up to 2 races – (refer schedule below)

Race	Div. Flag	Division	Warning Signal
1	Black +White	Division A + Modern Classics	1025 hrs
1	Green	Division B + Mullet Boats	1030 hrs
2	Black +White	Division A + Modern Classics	Approximately 10 min after completion of Race 1
2	Green	Division B + Mullet Boats	5 minutes following Division A start signal

2. The warning signal for Race 2 will be given approximately 10 mins after completion of the first race.
3. The Race Officer may announce the scheduled time of the start of the second race for each division on VHF channel 77.
4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
5. No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours.

4. Start and finish lines

1. The starting line and finishing line will be a line between the Ponsonby start tower at Westhaven, and the Westhaven Yellow Buoy.
2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

5. Courses: These will be set on the harbour west of Stanley Point. Courses to be confirmed.

6. Shortened Course:

1. The race committee may shorten the course at any mark by displaying the code flag S with the Division Flag. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat displaying the S flag and the mark or buoy.

7. Obstructions

1. Be aware the Harbour shoals south of the line between Chelsea Buoy 19 and Meola Buoy A - Refer Course sheet.
2. Yachts shall only pass through the main navigation span of the Harbour Bridge when racing. Extreme care shall be taken by all yachts navigating beneath the Harbour Bridge. Skippers are advised to be familiar with the Precautionary Area note on chart NZ5323.

8. Scoring

1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st on line, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on handicap in each division on aggregate points.
2. Prize giving will be held in the PCC clubhouse approx. 1 hour after completion of Race 2. All skippers, crews, and family members are encouraged to attend.
3. **MULLET BOATS:** These 2 races will also score as Races 1 & 2 for the Lidgard Memorial Series. The winner will be on aggregate of line & handicap points.

9. Time Limit:

1. A time limit of 120 minutes shall apply for the first boat in each race.
2. Rules 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to state that boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

10. Penalty System

1. Rule 44.1 is amended - The Two Turn Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty.

11. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protests or an intent to protest shall be lodged with a CYA committee member within two hours of completing the race, and notified to the CYA Secretary at admin@classicyacht.org.nz and by completing a Protest Form available on www.yachtingnz.org.nz. For protests where only a Rule of Part 2, or Rule 31 is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

12. Radio Communication:

1. Yachts (and support boats) shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 77. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
2. Yachts must communicate with the Race Committee if withdrawing from the race either via VHF Channel 77, telephone or in person.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

All those taking part in PCC or CYA races or any other sailing or launch events controlled by the PCC or CYA, do so at their own risk and responsibility and PCC or CYA has no liability for any damage, loss or penalty suffered by any boat, crew or any other person taking part in such races or events. PCC or CYA is not 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 PCC or CYA reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

The decision for a boat to start or continue to race shall be the sole responsibility of the Person in Charge of that boat.

All Boats shall report their withdrawal from the race on VHF Ch 77.

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