



HARBOUR CLASSIC



Saturday 21st March 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is:

The NZ Multihull Yacht Club

Auckland, New Zealand

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www.harbourclassic.co.nz

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the latest edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* along with the Auckland Council Navigation Bylaw 2021.
- 1.2 The following safety regulations apply as per The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2025 - 2028:
 - Keelboats and Multihulls - Part II, Category 5
 - Trailer Yachts and Sport Trailer Yachts– Part III, Category B
 - Sportboats - Part IV, Category A
 - Sport Multihulls - Part V
- 1.3 Each yacht shall at have at least one handheld waterproof multichannel VHF radio.
- 1.4 If equipped, yachts shall be entitled to use their motors within the 5-minute warning procedure up until the start time.
- 1.5 The wearing of life jackets is recommended.
- 1.6 Rule 41. Competitors may communicate with the race publicity team and to pre-agreed media. Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 41.
- 1.7 RRS 52 shall not apply.
- 1.8 Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes RRS 51.
- 1.9 A yacht shall not discharge trash in the water. This includes wool from spinnakers.
- 1.10 Yachts may be required to carry a GPS transponder if requested by the Organising Authority (OA).

- 1.11 All forms of weather and navigational aids are permitted.
- 1.12 If any damage is caused, however minor, to a Ports of Auckland red or green navigational buoy or beacon the skipper shall immediately inform the race officer and/or the Auckland Harbourmaster (phone 09 366 0055) of the occurrence and the extent of the damage to the buoy or beacon.
- 1.13 Competitors shall keep clear of all ships over 500 tonnes. This particularly refers to, but is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channels. This rule is not open to protest by other competitors.
- 1.14 For yachts racing in One Design divisions, the relevant Class Rules will apply.
- 1.15 If there is a conflict between this document and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2.0 ADVERTISING

Advertising material, for examples stickers and/or flags, may be supplied to all competitors and shall be applied in a location stipulated by the OA. Any advertising (other than that supplied by the OA) displayed on competing yachts shall be declared on the entry form and will need to be approved by the OA.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The race is open to all sailing yachts that meet the safety criteria of Section 1.2.
- 3.2 All entries must be made via the Top Yacht link from the PIC Harbour Classic website.
- 3.3 Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry form found on the PIC Harbour Classic website (<https://www.harbourclassic.co.nz/race-documents>) meeting the criteria and paying the entry fee outlined below by to Friday 13 March 2026).

Entry Fees

All Yachts	\$60.00
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- 3.4 All competing yachts are eligible for two nights (March 20th and March 21st) free berthage in Jellico Wharf. Berthage is unallocated and is on a first come, first served basis, however you still MUST reserve a spot during the entry process by ticking the appropriate box. Failure to turn up prevents others from utilising the space. Only boats that enter the race can berth at Jellicoe Wharf.
- 3.5 Late entries may be accepted online at the OA's discretion until 1700 hrs on Thursday 19 March 2026 and shall be accompanied by a late entry fee of \$35 in addition to the standard entry fee set out above.
- 3.6 To be eligible to compete in this event the Skipper of each yacht shall be a Financial Member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand. The Skipper of each yacht expressly permits the OA to contact the designated club to for

the purposes of confirming membership and eligibility to enter the race, if required.

A reminder that membership to the New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club is open to all sailors and is only \$80/year. Membership can be applied here: <https://www.multihull.org.nz/membership/>

4.0 SCHEDULE

4.1 The **compulsory** Skippers Briefing will be held on Friday 20 March at 1900 hrs. Full details to be advised in sailing instructions.

4.2 The race starts on Saturday 21st March at 1200 hrs. All divisions start together.

5.0 FINISH TIME

5.1 Any yacht not reaching the finishing line by 1700 hours will be deemed "Did Not Finish".

6.0 MEASUREMENTS / HANDICAPS

6.1 Handicaps will be provided by the Harbour Classic Organising Committee based on the modified Race Track system.

7.0 DIVISIONS

7.1 Divisions for Monohulls and Multihulls will be defined in the sailing instructions. The OA reserves the right to add, remove or alter the divisions to ensure balanced and evenly sized fleets.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on-line from 13th March 2026

9.0 THE COURSE

Course options are shown in Appendix A and will depend on the weather for the day, with the intention of getting all boats to finish within the time limit.

10.0 THE START

All signals will be made from the start boat positioned between North Head Racing Buoy and Northern Leading Racing Buoy.

The start line is between North Head Racing Buoy and the start boat.

12.0 PRIZEGIVING/AWARDS

12.1 Details of the race prize giving will be published on www.harbourclassic.co.nz.

12.2 Awards will be as follows:

First Yacht on Handicap

First Yacht Club (Lowest total score of top 5 finishers from each club)

First Multihull On-Line

First Monohull On-Line

All Divisions: - Line Honours and Handicap

Classes – Line Honours

13.0 SAFETY

13.1 Safety Inspections

Every entry has the responsibility to ensure it is fully compliant with prescribed safety category in section 1.2. Any yacht found to be in contravention of required YNZ Safety Regulations shall be subject to protest from the Race Committee or Yachting New Zealand.

13.2 Responsibility of Person in Charge

The safety of a yacht and their crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy. The Person in Charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Decision to race – The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone – RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

All those taking part in the races do so entirely at their own risk and their own responsibility.

14.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 The OA and sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or crew, or for any other matter, however arising from this race.

14.2 The OA and its officers, members and servants, sponsors or other persons assisting with the conduct of the event will not be responsible or liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.

14.3 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

15.0 POSTPONEMENT

The organisers reserve the right to postpone the start due to adverse conditions. In the event they do so, notice will be posted online at

<https://www.harbourclassic.co.nz/> anytime from 1700 hrs on 20 March 2026, together with the expected time to restart.

16.0 RACE HEADQUARTERS:

Race headquarters will be located at Wynard Pavilion, 17 Jellicoe Street. All information can be found at race headquarters.

17.0 EVENTS

Fri 20th March:

1900 hours Event briefing - full details to be notified in Sailing Instructions

1930 hours Welcome Party

Sat 21st March:

1000 hours Boats depart for start line

1200 hours Race starts

1700 hours Race finishes

1730 hours Prizegiving

RACE & EVENT MANAGEMENT

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APPENDIX A - PROPOSED COURSES

Course 1 – Approx 13.0nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Mairangi Bay Laid White Inflatable Buoy at approx.: 36°44.100S 174°47.000E	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of North Head Buoy	

Course 2 – Approx 16.0nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Mairangi Bay Laid White Inflatable Buoy at approx.: 36°44.100S 174°47.000E	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy anchored off the Viaduct Harbour	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy of Viaduct	

Course 3 – Approx 10.5nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Milford Laid White Inflatable Buoy at approx.: 36°45.600S 174°46.700E	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of North Head Buoy	

Course 4 – Approx 13.5nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Milford Laid White Inflatable Buoy at approx.: 36°45.600S 174°46.700E	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy anchored off the Viaduct Harbour	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy of Viaduct	

Course 5 – Approx 8.0nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Takapuna Yellow Racing Buoy	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of North Head Buoy	

Course 6 – Approx 11.0nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Takapuna Yellow Racing Buoy	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy anchored off the Viaduct Harbour	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy of Viaduct	

Course 7 – Approx 5.0nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Narrow Neck Yellow Racing Buoy	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of North Head Buoy	

Course 8 – Approx 8.0nm

Mark	Description	Diagram
Start – Starboard End	Committee Boat	
Start – Port End	North Head Yellow Racing Buoy	
1	Narrow Neck Yellow Racing Buoy	
2	Northern Leading Yellow Racing Buoy (Stb)	
Finish – Starboard End	Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy anchored off the Viaduct Harbour	
Finish – Port End	Committee Boat anchored approx. 100m south of Laid Orange Inflatable Buoy of Viaduct	