



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

NEW ZEALAND MULTIHULL YACHT CLUB

### *PIC Harbour Classic*

21 March 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is:  
The NZ Multihull Yacht Club  
[www.harbourclassic.co.nz](http://www.harbourclassic.co.nz)

### *Welcome to the PIC Harbour Classic*

Welcome to the PIC Harbour Classic, Auckland's fast and friendly harbour race.

The event brings together classics, racers, cruisers, sport boats and multihulls for a fun race that is competitive, social and distinctly Auckland.

The PIC Harbour Classic is inspired by great harbour races around the world, particularly the Barcolana in Trieste, Italy, famous for hosting the largest sailing race fleet in history. While Auckland may not yet match the thousands of boats that line up in Trieste each year, the PIC Harbour Classic shares the same spirit:

- *One start line*
- *Boats of every size and type*
- *A spectacular fleet sailing together across a great harbour.*

Our long-term ambition is simple:

*To grow the PIC Harbour Classic into one of the largest fleet races in the world.*

Every boat on the start line helps build that tradition, so thank you for coming on this journey with us!

**Adrian Percival**  
Commodore of New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club

## ***Now for the formal stuff.***

### **1 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.

*In simple terms:*

- *Sail fairly*
- *Sail safely*
- *Avoid hitting anything expensive.*

- 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 V, Category B
- Sportboats - Part VI, Category A
- Sport Multihulls & Foiling Yachts - Part VII

- 1.3** Each yacht shall have at least one handheld waterproof multichannel VHF radio.

- 1.4** If equipped, Yachts may use their motors within the 5 minute warning procedure up until the start time. This is intended to assist with safe manoeuvring and avoiding collisions, not to gain a tactical advantage.

- 1.5** The wearing of lifejackets is strongly recommended.

- 1.6** A boat shall not discharge trash into the water.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

- 2.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the hoisting of Flag L with one sound. Any changes or notices will be given over VHF channel 77.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the website for the event at [harbourclassic.co.nz](http://harbourclassic.co.nz)

- 3.2** The race office is located at the Wynyard Pavilion and Restaurant at 17 Jellicoe Street, North Wharf, Wynyard Quarter.

- 3.3** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.

- 3.4** The following communications will be made by the race committee on VHF channel 77:

- Countdown to the warning signal and start
- Postponement or Abandonment (if needed)
- Amended Course (due to adverse weather)

#### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

| <i>Day/Date</i> | <i>Class</i> | <i>Number of races</i> | <i>Time of First Warning Signal</i> |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 21 March 2026   | All          | 1                      | 11.55                               |

- 4.1 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

#### 5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The Class flag shall be the PIC Harbour Classic flag.

#### 6 COURSES

- 6.1 The diagram(s) [below] [in SI Addendum A] show(s) the course(s), including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

#### 7 MARKS

- 7.1 See SI Addendum A

#### 8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made Five minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be the Z Flag, RRS 30.2 (Z Flag Rule) will apply.

*This means that if a boat is in the triangle formed by the starting line and the first mark during the final minute before the start signal, she will receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing.*

- 8.2 **Boats are permitted to use their motor until the start signal. This is to allow boats to avoid a collision and manoeuvre safely, not to gain an advantage at the start line.**

- 8.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The starting line has an approximate east/west bearing. There may be an inner distance mark off the committee vessel. Boats must not go between the committee vessel and the inner distance mark.

- 8.4 A boat that does not start within fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

- 8.5** All boats shall be at the start line between 1100 hrs and 1145 hrs and shall pass close to the Start Boat for identification as a starter and for safety reasons. LATE ARRIVALS (only) shall advise their intention to start on VHF Channel 77. Please use the words "PIC Harbour Classic" when calling.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end of the line and the finishing mark. The finishing line has an approximate north/south bearing.
- 9.2** It is important you let us know if you withdraw from the race once started. Any boat withdrawing from the race shall notify PIC Harbour Classic race officials by calling on VHF Channel 77 AND texting 021 229 4005.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is 20% added time to the boats elapsed finish time.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1** The time limit is 4 hours.
- 11.2** Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 12.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 12.2** Hearing request forms are available from the race office at race headquarters at the Wynyard Pavilion Bar and Restaurant, 17 Jellicoe Rd, North Wharf.
- 12.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Any protests will be heard the week after the race, competitors will be advised of timing.
- 12.4** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 12.5** Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS61.1(a), inform the race committee on the committee vessel 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 HANDICAPS**

Handicaps will be provided by the organising club based on, but modified from the Race Track System. These will be posted on the website the evening before the event.

### **14 DIVISIONS**

The number and composition of divisions will be defined by the Organising Authority once entries close. These will be posted on the website the evening before the event.

### **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**15.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity on VHF Channel 77.

### **16 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

**16.1** See Addendum B.

### **17 PRIZEGIVING**

**17.1** The prizegiving will be held at Wynyard Pavilion garden bar at 5.30pm on Saturday 21 March 2026. Trophies and medals will be awarded for -

- First on handicap
- First multihull line honours
- First monohull line honours
- First, second and third on handicap for each division
- First in Class
- First Yacht Club (Lowest total score of top 4 finishers from each club or combined clubs)

### **18 RISK STATEMENT**

**18.1** 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.

### **19 INSURANCE**

**19.1** 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.

## 20 EVENTS

Please visit <https://www.harbourclassic.co.nz/raceweekend> to get a full overview of the weekend itinerary.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- BERTHING ZONE - Boats will be able to berth at Jellicoe/North Wharf from midday Friday. Please refer to the diagram on the website under berthing zones as to where you can tie up. <https://www.harbourclassic.co.nz/berthingzones>. PLEASE NOTE - You need a **code** for the **access** gate/glass door to enable you to get from your boat to Wynyard Pavilion/public areas etc. This code will be emailed to you separately.
- REGISTRATION, BRIEFING AND WELCOME PARTY will take place at 7pm at the Wynyard Pavilion Bar and Restaurant, 17 Jellicoe Road, Wynyard Quarter, North Wharf

### Saturday 21 March 2026

- BREAKFAST – Breakfast is available at numerous Cafes in the area - Rushworth Café and The Pantry to name a few. This is for you to choose at your leisure.
- RACE – Race starts 12 noon
- PRIZEGIVING – 5.30pm, Wynyard Pavilion Garden Bar
- AFTERTARTY – the afterparty is back on your own vessel or join us on *M.V. Osprey* which will have:
  - DJ
  - 4000w sound system
  - Dedicated dance floor
  - Bar

Space for only 140 happy sailors, so get in early!

### Sunday 22 March 2026

- 12 noon – all boats to have departed Jellicoe/North Wharf

### **RACE & EVENT MANAGEMENT:**

|                        |                        |  |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>Race Director:</b>  | <b>Adrian Percival</b> | 021 229 4005   |
| <b>Finish Boat</b>     | <b>Greg Roake</b>      | 021 0242 1830  |
| <b>Event Director:</b> | <b>Fran Holland</b>    | <a href="mailto:fran@multihull.org.nz">fran@multihull.org.nz</a><br>029 239 5449 |
| <b>Media:</b>          | <b>Fran Holland</b>    | <a href="mailto:fran@multihull.org.nz">fran@multihull.org.nz</a><br>029 239 5449 |

# Addendum A - Racing Courses

## Course 1 – Approx 13.0nm

| Mark                   | Description   | Diagram |
|------------------------|---|---------|
| Start – Starboard End  | Committee Boat  |         |
| Start – Port End       | North Head Yellow Racing Buoy   |         |
| 1                      | Yellow Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy at approx.:<br>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                      | Yellow Inflatable Duck or 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 Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy off the Viaduct. |         |

## Course 3 – Approx 10.5nm

| Mark                   | Description   | Diagram |
|------------------------|---|---------|
| Start – Starboard End  | Committee Boat  |         |
| Start – Port End       | North Head Yellow Racing Buoy   |         |
| 1                      | Yellow Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy at approx.:<br>36*45.900S 174*46.650E |         |
| 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                      | Yellow Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy at approx.: 36°45.900S 174°46.650E                      |         |
| 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 Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy off the 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 Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy off the 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 Inflatable Duck or Inflatable Buoy off the Viaduct. |         |

## Addendum B – Committee (Start) Boat

- *The Committee Boat will be the 13.5m sailing catamaran LADY NADA.*
- *She is equipped with AIS and her MMSI number is 51200048*



## Addendum C – Committee (Finish) Boat

- *The Committee Boat will be the 13m sailing monohull ketch KOHI NOOR.*
- *She is equipped with AIS and her MMSI number is 512208510*

