

Notice of Race

NEW PLYMOUTH YACHT CLUB

Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth

2025 – 2026 SAILING SEASON EVENTS

4 October 2025 to 25 April 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)*
- 1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations, Part 1 and Part 5, Category C shall apply.
- 1.3** For the club regatta and nominated events in the club program, entries will be made as specified in the Notice of Race for those events.
- 1.4** Class rules regarding class membership shall not apply unless required by the respective class association within the New Plymouth Yacht Club. (NPYC)
- 1.5** Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available after 4 October 2025 on the NPYC website and posted on the Official Notice Board, located at the NPYC.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The event is open to all sailing dinghies and trailer yachts.
- 3.2** The NPYC Handicap System applies to boats. For details, refer to NPYC Racing Program 2025 – 2026 Sailing Season.
- 3.3** Classes are defined as follows:
 - Optimists and Starlings shall race as separate classes.
 - All other classes that consistently race with 3 or more boats may sail as a separate class.
 - All other boats will race in an Open Class or Classes.
- 3.4** Competitors must meet the age requirements of the class rules for the various classes.
- 3.5** To be eligible to race, all competitors shall be either:
 - a) Fully paid-up active members of the NPYC before 31 October 2025, or,
 - b) Have paid a Casual Race Day fee prior to commencement of racing, or,
 - c) Be a Casual Substitute for a regular financial crew member.

3.6 The Casual Race Day Fee is payable for all races from Opening Day to Closing Day inclusive for any competitor who is not currently a financial member of the NPYC, except boats may substitute any regular financial crew member with a casual sailor, in which case the Casual Race Day Fee is waived.

3.7 Casual competitors / sailors cannot sail more than 6 race days during the season.

3.8 Boats and all crew members shall be entered on the Official Entry Form no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the first race for that day. Radio entries will not be accepted.

4 ADVERTISING

4.1 All NPYC races are designated as Category C for the purpose of the RRS Rule 80 (World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 20)

5 SAILING SEASON SERIES

5.1 The 2025 – 2026 Sailing Season Events will consist:

- Opening Day Race
- Club Championship and Handicap Series
- Sprint Racing Series
- Mark Foy Fleet Races
- Coastal Races
- Round the Islands Race
- Match Racing
- Closing Day Race

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Refer to NPYC Sailing Program 2025 – 2026 for details of sailing dates and events.

7 COURSES

7.1 Unless otherwise specified on Race Day, Courses shall be:

- Triangle, Windward-Leeward,
- Windward-Leeward,
- or a Sprints Racing course.

As described in the NPYC Courses as published in the NPYC Racing Program 2025 – 2026.

8 SCORING

8.1 The scoring system is as follows:

For Championship and Handicap series, three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. For all other series, at least one result is required to constitute a series.

For all Championship and Handicap, and Sprint Series, the scoring system for discards and races to count is as follows:

If 3 races are sailed, all races will count towards the series score.

For every set of 4 races sailed beyond the initial 3, 1 race will be discarded.

Examples:

Sail 3 races: Count all 3 races (0 discards).

Sail 4-7 races: 1 discard

Sail 8-11 races: 2 discards

Sail 12-15 races: 3 discards

Sail 16-19 races: 4 discards

8.3 For Sprint Races, the points from a boat's race results in each Day will be accumulated using the Low Points Scoring System to calculate a "Day" winner for each class with no drops for that day. The points for each "Day" shall be included as one race in the Sprint Series results and accumulated using the Low Points Scoring System (including drops in accordance with instruction 8.2). The points for each "Day" will also be included as one race in the Championship Series results.

8.4 A boat's score for the races not sailed because it's crew has undertaken rostered Race Management duties will be awarded one point per race. The scores of other boats will not change. This changes Appendix A4.2 Scoring. This will be scored as RPM.

8.5 A boat may apply to the sailing committee for consideration to receive average points for any Championship or Sprint races they miss.

8.6 Average points will be calculated on the best scoring races of the required number to count for that series.

8.7 New Plymouth Yacht Club Sailing Committee will set all handicap rankings.

8.8 The results of non-NPYC-registered boats shall be excluded from the overall series results for any series.

9 RISK STATEMENT

9.1 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.**

10 INSURANCE

- 10.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** Prizes will be given as listed in the NPYC Racing Program 2025 - 2026