



DOYLE SAILS GOLD CUP

2026/2027



NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club - 8-10 Tamaki Drive - Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071

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In conjunction with Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Bucklands Beach Yacht Club and Richmond Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The series will be governed by:
 - 1.2.1 The rules as they apply to IRC and PHRF handicapping methods
 - 1.2.2 The Notice of Race (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions)
 - 1.2.3 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions
- 1.3 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 2, Category 4 will apply
- 1.4 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Rules of RRS Part 2 will be altered during the race between the hours of official sunset and sunrise to give precedence to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
 - 1.4.2 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply
- 1.5 Each competing Yacht is required to use the Predict Wind GPS tracking service as per NoR 19.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to all monohulls and multihulls which comply with Clause 1 of this Notice of Race.

- 3.2 To be eligible to compete in this event, each entrant and crew member shall be a member of a yacht or sailing club or other organization affiliated to a National Authority.
- 3.3 Boats shall hold current safety, radio and handicap certificates as applicable.
- 3.4 To be eligible in the Short- Handed Division, a boat shall have two (2) people on board.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter the **series** or **individual races** by completing the online registration form on the website www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup by 1600 hours Thursday 17th September 2026 for season entries, or by 1600 hours on the Thursday proceeding a race for individual entries.
- 3.6 The final date a boat can enter the series is Thursday 17th September. Once the series has commenced, boats are unable to convert a day entry to a series entry (this changes RRS A2.2).
- 3.7 For an entry to be valid, a copy of the boat's **current** rating certificate(s) must be included with their entry. If a boat's rating changes during the series, a copy of the new certificate must be in the hands of the RAYC Sailing Office by 1400 hours on the day prior to the race day.
- 3.8 Late entries will be accepted at the Race Committees discretion and will incur a late fee.
- 3.9 Entry fees will not be refunded.
- 3.10 Random safety checks may be made.

4. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee	Entry Fee (Member of RAYC/RNZYS/BBYC/RYC)
Series Entry	\$300	\$250
Individual Race Entry	\$65	\$55

- 4.2 A representative at Royal Akarana Yacht Club must sight (and may take copies of) all required documentation by Thursday 17th September unless specified otherwise below.
- 4.3 Competitors may be required to produce additional documentation following receipt of their entry and will be given a reasonable amount of time to produce this.
- 4.4 For publicity purposes, each boat is requested to provide an image of their boat when entering.

5. SCHEDULE

- There is no scheduled briefing. All details will be available via www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup and will be emailed to all entrants.
- 5.1 **Saturday 19th September 2026**
 Race 1 – Spring Regatta (Richmond Yacht Club)
 Refer Richmond Yacht Club Spring Regatta NOR and Standard Sailing Instructions
 Contact racing@richmondyc.org.nz
- 5.2 **Saturday 3rd October 2026**
 Race 2 – Roy McDell Memorial (Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron) / Approx. 35nm
 Warning Signal
 Multihull – 0955
 Monohull – 1000
- 5.3 **Saturday 7th November 2026**
 Race 3 – Bean Rock Race (Royal Akarana Yacht Club) / Approx. 44nm

Warning Signal
Multihull – 0955
Monohull – 1000

5.4 **Saturday 5th December 2026**

Race 4 – Percy Jones Memorial (Bucklands Beach Yacht Club) / Approx. 48nm
Warning Signal
Multihull – 0955
Monohull – 1000

5.5 **Friday 5th February 2027**

Race 5 – Balokovic Cup (Royal Akarana Yacht Club Yacht Club) / Approx. 89nm
Warning Signal
Multihull – 1825
Monohull – 1830

5.6 **Prizegiving**

1900 Thursday 11th March 2027 @ Royal Akarana Yacht Club

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available one week prior to the race starting via www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup

6.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board via www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup

7. RACING AREA

The races will be held on the Hauraki Gulf. Races 2 to 5 will start and finish off or near Orakei Wharf.

8. THE COURSES

All courses will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat which, after the warning signal, crosses the start line and fails to return to the pre-start side of the line will be penalized 20 minutes on elapsed time. This changes rules 29 and A4.2.

10. SCORING

10.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 Only Series Entries will be eligible for the overall Series Points Score. This changes A2.2 scoring.

10.5 When a yacht fails to finish a race, either with a DNF or a RET scoring code, she shall be awarded a score of the number of entries for that race plus one (1), not the number of entries for the series plus one (1).

10.6 Shorthanded yachts will also be scored on her shorthanded PHRF handicap and those results scored separately, as well as being eligible for overall prizes, raced on their regular PHRF handicap.

11. HANDICAPPING

11.1 PHRF TCF Inshore and Short Handed PHRF

11.2 Multihulls will be assigned handicaps prior to the racing

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones
- 12.2 Other radio communication requirements will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Gold Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the series on PHRF
- 13.2 Other prizes may be awarded

14. RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the owner and/or skipper to see that their boat complied with the requirements of the race, in that its safety category requirements and rating certificates are current, and that the crew contains a nucleus of ocean-experienced members who have sailed before on the yacht. The RAYC Sailing Committee reserves the right to decide the eligibility of any entrant on the basis of the experience of the skipper, navigator and crew.

All those taking part do so at their own risk and responsibility. RAYC and the sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or its equipment or its crew and have no liability for any damage, loss or penalty suffered by a boat or a person taking part in this event.

15. INSURANCE

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.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

18. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

All those who take part in the race as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

19. [DP] PREDICTWIND TRACKER

- 19.1 For safety reasons, increased interest in online viewing of the race and developing race organisation practice, each entrant is required to use the Predict Wind GPS tracking service. To use the service, you will need two smartphones (one as a backup) that use either iOS9 and above or Android 6.0 and above operating system. The Predict Wind GPS tracking service is being made available at no cost to each competitor.
- 19.2 Full instructions on how to install and use the app are found at <http://www.predictwind.com/tracker>; Select yacht club: RAYC; Select the race. Select your division and manually enter your yacht name. It is recommended that all competitors test the tracking functionality at least one month before the event and view the data at <http://forecast.predictwind.com/tracking/race/rayc> to ensure that the service

is working on their phone. Any technical enquiries or issues, please email Predict Wind at support@predictwind.com.

- 19.3 It is the crews' responsibility to test that the system works on their phones prior to the race. Each competitor is expected to check their tracker is turned on and check battery levels are satisfactory at the start and each radio schedule. Only one phone should be used to send tracking data at any time. Failure to use the tracker for the entire race may result in a 1-hour time penalty for the yacht not sending the tracking data.