



# 2023 / 2024 GOLD CUP

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club 8-10 Tamaki Drive Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071  
VHF: Channel 17 | Race Management: 021 023 14559| [sailing@rayc.co.nz](mailto:sailing@rayc.co.nz)

### In conjunction with:

Richmond Yacht Club, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and Bucklands Beach Yacht Club

*NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 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:
- 1.3 The rules as they apply to IRC and PHRF handicapping methods
- 1.4 This Notice of Race (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions)
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 2, Category 4 will apply
- 1.7 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply
- 1.10 Each competing Yacht is required to use the PredictWind GPS tracking service as per SI 20.
- 1.11 For Race 1 only, in the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted after the last scheduled start (this changes RRS 29.2). Details are in Attachment 1.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the microsite [www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup](http://www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup) and on the Gold Cup Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/goldcupseries](http://www.facebook.com/goldcupseries)

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be done at the host club.

### 5. SCHEDULE

There is no scheduled briefing. All details will be available via [www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup](http://www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup) and will be emailed to all entrants.

#### Saturday 23 September

Race 1 – Spring Regatta (Richmond Yacht Club) / Approx. 50nm

Warning Signal

Multihull – 0910

Monohull – 0915

### **Saturday 14 October**

Race 2 – Roy McDell Memorial (Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron) / Approx. 35nm

Warning Signal

Multihull – 0955

Monohull – 1000

### **Saturday 4 November**

Race 3 – Bean Rock Race (Royal Akarana Yacht Club) / Approx. 44nm

Warning Signal

Multihull – 0955

Monohull – 1000

### **Saturday 9 December**

Race 4 – Percy Jones Memorial (Bucklands Beach Yacht Club) / Approx. 48nm

Warning Signal

Multihull – 0955

Monohull – 1000

### **Friday 9 February**

Race 5 – Balokovic Cup (Royal Akarana Yacht Club Yacht Club) / Approx. 89nm

Warning Signal

Multihull – 1825

Monohull – 1830

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

Multihull – Green

Monohull – White

Boats are not required to fly these flags

## **7. RACING AREA**

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

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 Race 1 (Spring Regatta) has a set course as per Attachment 1.

8.2 Race 2 (Roy McDell Memorial), Race 3 (Bean Rock Trophy), Race 4 (Percy Jones Memorial) and Race 5 (Balokovic Cup) shall have two course options. To signal which course, the Race Committee will fly Numeral Pennant 1 for Course 1 or Numeral Pennant 2 for Course 2.

8.3 Each registered skipper will receive notification of which course is to be sailed, 24 hours prior to the start time. This notification will be via WhatsApp and posted on the Gold Cup Series Facebook Page and the Gold Cup website.

8.4 If a Shortened Course is to be used, the start boat will fly Code Flag S with Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 to signal which shortened course is to be sailed, (or in the absence of a committee boat the signals will be flown from the eastern seaward end of the Orakei wharf).

## **9. START/FINISH MARKS**

9.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy. The finish mark will be a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the vicinity of the Orakei Wharf, or in the absence of a committee boat the Royal Akarana Yacht club and the Orakei Yellow Buoy.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 The following are fairway marks, which must be passed on the main navigation side of the channel:

10.1.1 Green Sandspit Beacon Keep south of. Approx 36°50.00S & 174°48.43E

10.1.2 Orakei Sewer Outlet Beacon Keep north of Doris Rock Beacon (if in place) & Bean Rock Light house Keep north of Fl (3) WR. 8s 15m 14/11M Approx 36°50.02S & 174°49.86E

10.1.3 Rangitoto Lighthouse Keep west of Fl. R. 12s 21m 7M Approx. 36°46.939S & 174°49.320E

10.1.4 Illiomana Rock Beacon Keep south of Q.WR.2m5/3M Approx. 36°48.506S & 174°53.185E

- 10.1.5 Devonport Cable Marks Keep south of Browns Island Beacon Keep north of Fl.WR.4s10m6/4M  
Approx. 36°49.45S & 174°53.94E Bastion Buoy Keep north of Emu Rock Marker Keep south of  
36°47.82S & 174°54.93E
- 10.1.6 Red Buoys off east side of Motuihe Channel Keep north of Fl (2) R.5s Approx. 36°47S & 175°55E
- 10.2 All Latitude and Longitudes are approximate only.
- 10.3 Boats while racing shall pass on the main navigation channel side of all mooring buoys and  
moored boats in or adjacent to the designated mooring areas as shown on chart NZ5322. These  
areas shall be treated as an obstruction. Boats while racing shall not sail south of a line being an  
extension of the permanent wave-break at Okahu Bay.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. [DP]
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This  
changes Rule A4.1.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the Orakei Yellow Buoy and the Finish Boat.  
OR The finishing line will be between the Orakei Yellow Buoy and the Royal Akarana Yacht Club. The  
southern extent of the line is marked by the row of piles surrounding the Okahu Bay mooring area.  
Finishing yachts must cross the line in a westerly direction.
- 12.2 It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure it is properly identified. Finishing yachts need to  
contact Gold Cup Race Committee when approaching the line (approximately 10 minutes before  
finishing) on VHF CH 17, volunteers will then confirm a yacht has finished via this channel. This  
requirement is additional to 15.3 (c). [DP]
- 12.3 A finishing team will be on station until the last boat has crossed the finishing line or when the  
official time limit has finished. [DP]

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Protest forms are available on the RAYC website.
- 13.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be sent to [sailing@rayc.co.nz](mailto:sailing@rayc.co.nz) within the  
appropriate time limit.
- 13.3 The protest time limit is 1700 hours the Sunday immediately after the race start. The same protest  
time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, protest committee and to requests for  
redress (changes of Rules 61.3 and 62.2).
- 13.4 Notices will be posted by 1200 hours on the Monday to inform competitors of hearings in which  
they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will normally be held at RAYC Clubhouse  
beginning at 1830 hours on the Monday following the race
- 13.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats  
under rule 61.1(b).

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her  
race scores.
- 14.3 When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores  
excluding her worst score.
- 14.4 Only Series Entries will be eligible for the overall Series Points Score. This changes A2.2 Scoring.

## **15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 The Race Channel will be VHF 17 unless the Race Officer advises otherwise.
- 15.3 Check-in:
  - a) Pre-start Check-in: All yachts must contact the "Gold Cup Race Committee" up to 30 minutes  
prior to your divisions warning signal, on VHF Channel 17.
  - b) During the race Check-in: Race 5, Balokovic Cup - There will be radio position reports to  
Coastguard Radio for Race 5 as described in Attachment 5.

c) Close to finish Check-in: VHF Channel 17. All yachts to contact “Gold Cup Race Committee” 30 minutes prior to the finish.

15.4 Check-in protocol: All yachts must identify their boat name, sail number and call sign (if applicable), and that they are part of the Gold Cup Series.

15.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the “Gold Cup Race Committee” on VHF channel 17 (or channel specified by Race Organiser or by phone). See attachments 1–6 for telephone numbers.

## **16. PRIZES**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

16.1.1 Gold Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the series on PHRF

16.1.2 Silver Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the series on IRC

16.2 Other prizes may be awarded.

## **17. 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.

## **18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & 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 the 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.

## **19. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA**

All those who take part in the regatta 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).

## **20. PREDICTWIND TRACKER**

20.1 For safety reasons, increased interest in online viewing of the race and developing race organisation practice, each entrant is required to use the PredictWind 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 PredictWind GPS tracking service is being made available at no cost to each competitor.

20.2 Full instructions on how to install and use the app are found at <http://www.predictwind.com/tracker>; Select yacht club: RAYC; Race: GOLD CUP Race 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. 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 PredictWind at [support@predictwind.com](mailto:support@predictwind.com).

20.3 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. [DP]

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

[sailing@rayc.co.nz](mailto:sailing@rayc.co.nz)

[www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup](http://www.rayc.co.nz/gold-cup)

# ATTACHMENT 1 - SPRING REGATTA

Distance: 50 miles (approx.)

Date: Saturday 23 September

Club: Richmond Yacht Club  
021 276 4332

Race Details: Warning Signal  
Multihulls – 0910  
Monohulls – 0915

Time Limit: Saturday 23 September 2359 hours

Start Line: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy. If an inner distance mark is laid, yachts are prohibited from sailing between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.

GENERAL RECALL: In the event of a General Recall the recalled division will be restarted five minutes after the last scheduled start. The “First Substitute” flag will display for four minutes after the start signal for the recalled division(s). If more than one division is recalled these divisions will start at five-minute intervals after the last scheduled start, in the sequence in which they were recalled. In the event that the last scheduled division to start is recalled and no other division has been recalled previously the new Warning signal will be given not less than 5 minutes after the previous starting signal. “First Substitute” will be lowered at the same time as the new Warning signal is flown. (This changes RRS 29.2) In all other cases “First Substitute” will be lowered at the same time as the preparatory signal is lowered 1 minute before the start of the next division.

Course 1: Start Orakei Wharf Area  
Leaving Northern Leading Yellow Mark to Port  
Leaving Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands to Starboard  
Gannet Rock Starboard  
Waiheke Island Starboard  
Finishing Orakei

Finish Line: Between the Race Committee Boat and the yellow Orakei Buoy

## ATTACHMENT 2 - ROY McDELL MEMORIAL RACE

Distance:	35 miles (approx.)
Date:	Saturday 14 October
Club:	Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron 027 645 7788
Race Details:	Warning Signal Multihulls – 0955 Monohulls – 1000
Time Limit:	Saturday 14 October 2359 hours
Start Line:	The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy.
Course 1:	Start Orakei Wharf Area Leaving Eastern Navy Buoy Whangaparaoa to Starboard Orarapa Island (Haystack) to Starboard Rakino Island to Starboard Rangitoto Island to Starboard Finish Orakei
Course 2:	Start Orakei Wharf Area Rangitoto Island to Port Rakino Island to Port Orarapa Island (Haystack) to Port Leaving Eastern Navy Buoy Whangaparaoa to Port Finish Orakei
Finish Line:	Between the Race Committee Boat and the yellow Orakei Buoy

## ATTACHMENT 3 - BEAN ROCK RACE

Distance:	44 miles (approx.)
Date:	Saturday 4 November
Club:	Royal Akarana Yacht Club 021 023 14559
Race Details:	Warning Signal Multihulls – 0955 Monohulls – 1000
Time Limit:	Saturday 4 November 2359 hours
Start Line:	The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy.
Course 1:	Start Orakei Wharf Area Leaving Rangitoto Beacon to Starboard Orarapa Island (Haystack) to Port Saddle Island Maharangi to Port Eastern Navy Buoy Whangaparaoa to Starboard Finish Orakei
Course 2:	Start Orakei Wharf Area Eastern Navy Buoy Whangaparaoa to Port Saddle Island Maharangi to Starboard Orarapa Island (Haystack) to Starboard Leaving Rangitoto Beacon to Port Finish Orakei
Finish Line:	Between the Royal Akarana Yacht Club or a Race Committee Boat and the yellow Orakei Mark

## ATTACHMENT 4 - PERCY JONES MEMORIAL RACE

Distance:	48 miles (approx.)
Date:	Saturday 9 December
Club:	Buckland's Beach Yacht Club 022 638 3429
Race Details:	Warning Signal Multihulls – 0955 Monohulls – 1000
Time Limit:	Saturday 9 December 2359 hours
Start Line:	The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy.
Course 1:	Start Orakei Wharf Area Leaving Browns Island to Starboard Waiheke Island to Port Rakino to Starboard Motutapu to Port Rangitoto Beacon to Port Finish Orakei
Course 2:	Start Orakei Wharf Area Rangitoto Beacon to Starboard Motutapu to Starboard Rakino to Port Waiheke Island to Starboard Leaving Browns Island to Port Finish Orakei
Finish Line:	Between a Race Committee Boat and the yellow Orakei Buoy



## ATTACHMENT 5 - BALOKOVIC CUP

- Distance: 87 miles (approx.)
- Date: Friday 9 February
- Club: Royal Akarana Yacht Club  
021 023 14559
- Race Details: Warning Signal  
Multihulls – 1825  
Monohulls – 1830
- Time Limit: Saturday 10 February 2200 hours
- Start Line: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy.
- Course 1: Start Orakei Wharf  
Leaving Browns Island to Starboard  
Waiheke Island to Port  
Cow and Calf to Port  
Flat Rock to Port  
Rangitoto Beacon to Port  
Finish Orakei
- Course 2: Start Orakei Wharf Area  
Rangitoto Beacon to Starboard  
Flat Rock to Starboard  
Cow and Calf to Starboard  
Waiheke Island to Starboard  
Leaving Browns Island to Port  
Finish Orakei
- Finish Line: Between the Royal Akarana Yacht Club or a Race Committee Boat and the yellow Orakei Buoy
- Communications: Radio Call in will be mandatory for all boats after rounding the following marks: Cow and Calf Island and Flat Rock on Coastguard Channels 60 or 64.  
All yachts to report boat name, Call sign and mention that they are competing in the Balokovic cup race.

## ATTACHMENT 6 - ALTERNATE SHORT COURSES

If one of the shortened courses is to be used, the patrol boat will fly the Code Flag S with Numeral Pennant 1 or 2.

Date: As required

Club: As per Attachments 1-5

Race Details: As per Attachments 1-5

Time Limit: As per Attachments 1-5

Start Line: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat anchored in the area adjacent to Orakei Wharf and an orange laid mark (or in the absence of the orange laid mark, Orakei Yellow Buoy). In the absence of a committee boat, the start line will be between eastern seaward end of the Orakei Wharf and the Orakei Yellow Buoy.

Shortened Course 1: Distance: 26 miles (approx.)  
Numeral Pennant 1 Start Orakei Wharf  
Leaving the Eastern Navy Buoy Whangaparaoa to Starboard  
Finish Orakei

Shortened Course 2: Distance: 30 miles (approx.)  
Numeral Pennant 2 Start Orakei Wharf  
Leaving Browns Island to Starboard  
Passage Rock to Port  
Finish Orakei

Finish Line: Between the Royal Akarana Yacht Club or a Race Committee Boat and the yellow Orakei Buoy