



New Zealand National Keelboat Championships

2nd - 4th May 2025

The Organising Authority is the Royal Akarana Yacht Club, 8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay

Notice of Race (NOR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part Category 5 shall apply.
- 1.3 The MRX class rules shall apply. These are available at <https://rayc.co.nz/event/nz-national-keelboat-championships/>
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.5 On Water Judging may be used for this event in which case Addendum UF RAYC edition will be attached to the supplementary sailing instructions and applied.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Monday 28th April 2025.
- 2.2 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 located at <https://rayc.co.nz/event/nz-national-keelboat-championships/>

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://rayc.co.nz/event/nz-national-keelboat-championships/>.

3.2 All boats will be provided with a VHF radio. Any emergency communication will be provided over channel 16.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio 6, 17 or 77. The channel will be stated in the SSIs. Failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all skippers with appropriate sailing experience. Up to 11 skippers will be accepted. If more than 11 skippers apply for entry by 5pm on Monday 17th March 2025, skippers will be ranked by the OA based on previous sailing results. From 5pm on Monday 17th March 2025 until 5pm on Tuesday 22nd April 2025, any remaining available entries will be accepted on a first come first entered basis.

4.2 Eligible teams may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to <https://rayc.co.nz/event/nz-national-keelboat-championships/> from 5pm on Monday 3rd March 2025. If an entry is not accepted, a full refund will be given.

4.3 To be eligible to compete in this event all team members (helm and crew) shall be financial members of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$350 (incl. GST) payable to the Royal Akarana Yacht Club at the time of entry. This includes tickets to the prize giving for the team.

5.2 The boat charter for the practice session and race days is \$900 (incl. GST) which will be invoiced to each skipper by MRX Yachting Limited.

5.3 Extra tickets for the prize giving can be purchased for \$40 per person. Contact <https://rayc.co.nz/event/nz-national-keelboat-championships/>

5.3 Extra training sessions can be arranged with MRX Yachting at the skippers/team's expense. Contact mrxyachting.com

6 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

6.1 Each supplied boat is insured by MRX Yachting for third-party liability insurance with a maximum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident.

6.2 An initial damage deposit of \$3,000 shall be confirmed at or before registration.

6.3 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper may be required to restore the deposit to the original value before the skipper is permitted to continue in the event.

6.4 Any deposit remaining after the event shall be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

7.1 The number of crew (including skipper) shall be up to 7 crew. When sailing with an all-female or all youth (under 21) team which shall be up to 8. All registered crew shall sail in all races.

7.2 A list of confirmed crew members shall be submitted to the OA at or before registration.

7.3 Those teams with 6 sailors (or 7 female or youth sailors) do not need to be weighed (i.e. no weight limit). For teams racing with 7 or 8 sailors the total maximum combined weight shall be less than 575kg including the skipper.

7.4 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

7.5 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

7.6 When an original crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8 ADVERTISING

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

9 EVENT FORMAT

9.1 The event will be sailed in up to 11 Farr MRX Yachts as provided by MRX Yachting Limited. These boats will be rigged and equipped as closely as possible to each other, to the satisfaction of the OA. Competitors shall not make any alterations to the boats and may only add or remove equipment specified in the sailing instructions.

9.2 Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, genoa, jib, spinnaker

9.3 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the OA will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round.

9.4 The sails to be used will be allocated by the OA. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments or other requirements.

9.5 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1)

9.6 The final event format will be outlined in the SSIs with the confirmed number of teams entered.

10 SCHEDULE

10.1 The final schedule of events will be confirmed in the SSIs.

Date	Time	Item	Races
Friday 2nd May	1800	Welcome & Briefing	
Saturday 3rd May	1000	Racing	Up to 5 races
	From 1800	BBQ Dinner	
Sunday 4 th May	1000	Racing	Up to 5 races
	1700	Prizegiving	

10.2 The Target Time for each race is 40 minutes.

10.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1000.

10.4 On Sunday 4th May 2025 no warning signal will be made after 1500

11 VENUE

11.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

11.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

12 COURSES

12.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with a downwind finish.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. On Water Judging may be used for this event. RAYC modified Addendum UF will apply and will be attached to the SSI's.

14 SCORING

14.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1 All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

15.2 [DP] All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

16 BERTHING

16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as instructed by MRX Yachting.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

17.1 [NP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

18 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

18.1 [NP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

18.2 [NP] Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

19 RISK STATEMENT

19.1 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.**

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 All those taking part in RAYC races or any other sailing events controlled by the RAYC, as between the RAYC and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RAYC and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RAYC and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RAYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry

21 INSURANCE

21.1 Each boat is insured with MRX Yachting Limited. The skipper's damage deposit is the limit of liability per incident. Personal liability and medical insurance are responsibility of the skippers and crew.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall for New Zealand National Keelboat Championship.

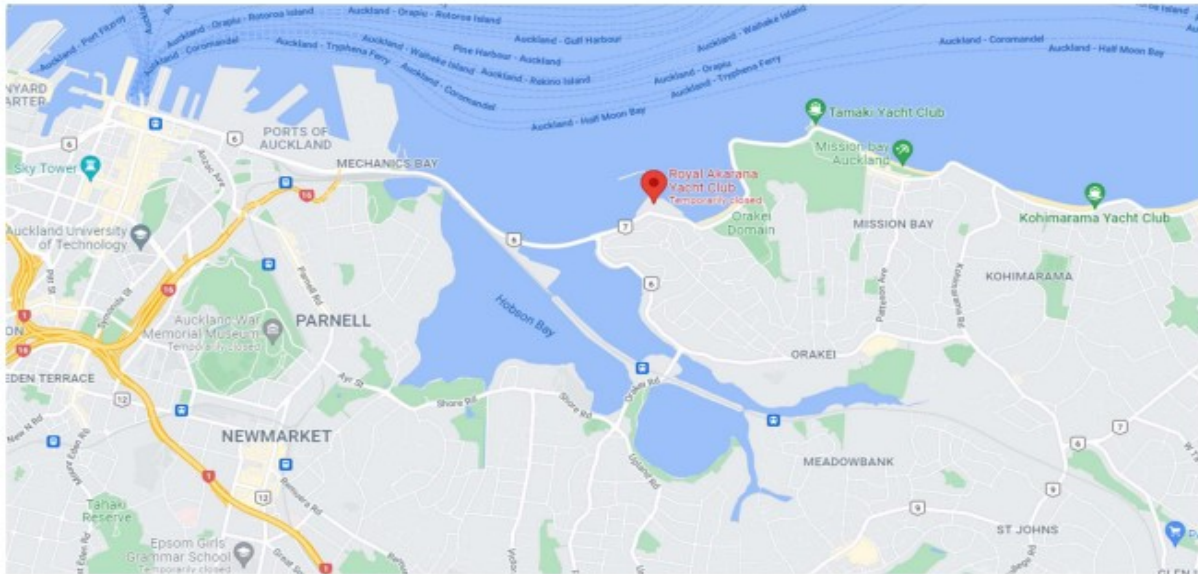
23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information please contact <https://rayc.co.nz/event/nz-national-keelboat-championships/>

APPENDUM A

Venue Location
Royal Akarana Yacht Club

Hyundai Marine Sports Centre
8-10 Tamaki Drive
Okahu Bay, 1071



APPENDUM B Racing Area

Racing Area

The racing area will be the inner Waitemata Harbour, in an area approximately described as stretching from Rough Rock, Bean Rock, St Heliers Beach.

