



2025/2026

DOYLE SAILS AKARANA SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club - 8-10 Tamaki Drive - Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071 VHF: Channel 77 |

Race Management: 09 522 0203| sailing@rayc.co.nz

NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race 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 race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 3, Category C shall apply to trailer boats.
- 1.3. Part 1 shall apply for other off the beach classes.
- 1.4. The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 2 Category 5 shall apply to keelboats.
- 1.5. Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen & supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. To be eligible to compete in four or more race days in this series all skippers shall be a financial member of the Royal Akarana Yacht Club or be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to Flying Fifteens, M-Class, Moths, Skiffs, Access Classes, Starling, Optimist, Cherub, RS Quest, RS Feva, 49er, 29er, ILCA, P Class, Open Skiff and other classes with three or more class entries.
- 3.3. By starting a boat acknowledges that an entry fee is payable. If no entry fee is paid before or on the day of racing no results will be published for that boat – no exceptions.
- 3.4. Entry fee is to be paid online via <https://rayc.co.nz/series/doyle-sails-akarana-series/>

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1. Series Entry (RAYC Members)

Own Boat: \$100

Opti Charter: \$120

ILCA Charter: \$120

RS Feva Charter: \$200

RS Quest Charter: \$200

Half-Season entries will be available after Race Day #4 at half the rate of the series entries in 4.1.

4.2. Single Day Entry

RAYC Members (Singlehander): \$15

RAYC Members (2/3-hander): \$30

Visitor (Singlehander): \$25

Visitor (2/3-hander): \$50

4.3. Single Day Entry (with Charter, RAYC Members)

Opti: \$50

ILCA: \$65

RS Feva: \$50

RS Quest: \$90

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any notices to competitors will be posted on the event page on www.rayc.co.nz no later than 1800 the day before any races affected by the change.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, other than any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 the day before it will take effect.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Up to three races per day can be held.

7.2. Briefing will be held at 1 hour before the advertised start time of each day.

7.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1600.

Date	Event	Warning Signal	High Tide	Tide Height
Sun 19 Oct	RAYC Opening Day & Doyle	1330	1805	3.01

	Akarana Summer Series #1			
Sun 2 Nov	Doyle Akarana Summer Series #2	1330	1709	2.89
Sun 16 Nov	Doyle Akarana Summer Series #3	1330	1730	2.93
Sun 30 Nov	Doyle Akarana Summer Series #4	1330	1533	2.89
Sun 1 Feb	Doyle Akarana Summer Series #5	1330	1958	3.13
Sun 1 Mar	Doyle Akarana Summer Series #6	1330	6:47	3.02
Sun 15 Mar	Doyle Akarana Summer Series #7	1330	5:24	2.56
Sat 28 Mar	Club Champs – Doyle Akarana Summer Series #8	1200	1624	2.89
Sun 29 Mar	Club Champs – Doyle Akarana Summer Series #8	1100	1729	2.92

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. **Okahu Bay Course:** This course will be a mixture of laid marks, this will be described at briefing. The course area will be bound by the row of piles that encloses the Okahu Bay mooring area.
- 8.2. **Harbour Course:** This course for senior classes will be harbour courses as described in Attachment A. The harbour course may also consist of laid marks for junior classes and will be described at briefing. This area shall be bound by Mechanics Bay, Rangitoto Island, St. Heliers & Browns Island.
- 8.3. **Robotic Marks:** Race Management may use robotic marks. These can move autonomously to adjust their position. If you have contact with a robot mark it is to be treated the same as contact with an anchored mark. A penalty turn must be done as soon as possible without interference of other yachts.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 9.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the foreshore outside of the Royal Akarana Yacht Club.
- 9.2. When flag AP is displayed onshore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

10.2. For 18 Foot Skiffs, RRS 31 is changed so it only applies to:

10.2.1. A Race Committee vessel that is also a mark

10.2.2. A boat that attaches to or drags a mark

11. COMMUNICATION

11.1. Official communications will be on the online event pages at www.rayc.co.nz as per 5.0 & 6.0.

11.2. Except in an emergency, a boat racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats [DP].

11.3. The race channel will be VHF 77 unless the Race Officer advises otherwise.

12. THE START

12.1. For all courses, the starting line will be between a staff displayed an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port end starting mark. An alternative starting line may be described at the briefing.

12.2. Races shall be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, this is defined as the area 50m from the starting line/marks in all directions [DP].

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

12.5. Classes may be started in any order, the intended order will be described at briefing but may be changed afloat.

13. THE FINISH

The Finish Line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and the course side of the port-end finishing mark. An alternative finishing line may be described at briefing.

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

14.1. The Race Committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28) shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return to shore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit without winning or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

Course Area	Target Time for Leader	Finish Window	Race Time Limit
Okahu Bay Course	30 minutes	10 minutes	45 minutes
Harbour Laid Course	40 minutes	15 minutes	60 minutes
Harbour Yellow Course	60 minutes	15 minutes	90 minutes

There is no prescribed time limit for the leader to round the first mark of the course.

15. PROTESTS & REDRESS REQUESTS

- 15.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS61.1(a), inform the Race Committee 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.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is **60 minutes for Harbour courses** and **30 minutes for Okahu Bay courses** after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee has signalled for no more racing that day, whichever is later.
- 15.3. Protest forms will be available from the RAYC Sailing Office, these must be delivered within the time limit. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings that they are parties or witnesses in. Hearings to be held in the RAYC building.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The low point scoring system will apply.
- 16.2. Five (5) races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.3. There will be one (1) drop for every four (4) races completed.
- 16.4. If your boat forfeits racing to assist with Race Management you will be scored average points, but no more than 45% of a boats scores may be made up of average points.

17. SIGNING ON & OFF

- 17.1. All boats shall sign on individually before going afloat located at the briefing area at the club building.
- 17.2. All boats shall sign off once back ashore by personally signing the sign off sheets located at the club building.

- 17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

18. INSURANCE

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.

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. SAFETY

- 20.1. Boats and Support Vessels shall not impede the passage of a large vessel in a pilotage area and at all times observe the Auckland Council Navigation bylaw in particular Subpart 10, 54 available at:
<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/bylaws/Documents/navigation-bylaw.pdf>
- 20.2. All race management and support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running.

21. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

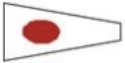

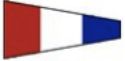



- 21.1. By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other 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



22. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

- 22.1. No drones will operate within the vicinity of 4km from Mechanics Bay helipad (Kohi Beach/Narrow Neck)
- 22.2. All who take part in the race as competitors and support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a
- 22.3. drone during the event, including your person and property (boats).

Attachment A – Harbour Yellow Courses

All harbour courses are relative to the wind direction.

Course Number	Course Description
Course 1 - Southwesterly 	Short Course Start at North Head > Resolution (P) > North Head (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish at North Head. Long Course Start at North Head > Resolution (P) > Rough Rock Yellow (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish at North Head
Course 2 - Northerly 	Short Course Start at Orakei > North Head (P) > Orakei (P) > North Head (P) > Finish at Orakei. Long Course Start at Orakei > Rough Rock Black (P) > Orakei (P) > Rough Rock Black (P) > Finish at Orakei.
Course 3 - Easterly 	Short Course Start at Resolution > Bastion (P) > Resolution (P) > Bastion (P) > Finish at Resolution Long Course Start at Resolution > Kohi West (P) > Resolution (P) > Kohi West (P) > Finish at Resolution.
Course 4 - Westerly 	Short Course Start at Bastion > Resolution (P) > Bastion (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish at Bastion. Long Course Start at Bastion > Resolution (P) > Kohi West (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish at Bastion.
Course 5 - Southeasterly 	Short Course Start at Torpedo > Bastion (P) > Torpedo (P) > Bastion (P) > Finish at Torpedo. Long Course Start at Torpedo > Kohi West (P) > Torpedo (P) > Kohi West (P) > Finish at Torpedo
Course 6 - Northwesterly 	Short Course Start at Bastion > Torpedo (P) > Bastion (P) > Torpedo (P) > Finish at Bastion. Long Course

	Start at Bastion > Torpedo (P) > Kohi West (P) > Torpedo (P) > Finish at Bastion.
Course 7 - Northeasterly 	Short Course Start at Resolution > North Head (P) > Resolution (P) > North Head (P) > Finish at Resolution. Long Course Start at Resolution > Rough Rock Yellow (P) > Resolution (P) > Rough Rock Yellow (P) > Finish at Resolution.
Course 8 - Southerly 	Short Course Start at North Head > Orakei (P) > North Head (P) > Orakei (P) > Finish at North Head. Long Course Start at North Head > Orakei (P) > Rough Rock Black (P) > Orakei (P) > Finish at North Head.

All marks are the Auckland Harbour Yellow racing marks and other navigational markers.

For all courses:

- The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark.
- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and a mark.

Not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal – the course designation shall be displayed. This will be removed 4 minutes after the start signal.

- Short Course: Numeral Pennant over code flag Sierra.
- Long Course: Numeral Pennant over code flag Lima.

The shorten course signal (code flag Sierra) may be displayed at the committee boat or a mark at any time.