



2025 AKARANA CAVALLI RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Friday 28th November 2025

Organising Authority

Royal Akarana Yacht Club - 8-10 Tamaki Drive - Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071
Race Management: phone 021 02314559 | VHF Channel 77 | sailing@rayc.co.nz

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. and the current Regional Authority Bylaws.
- 1.2 The race 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 these Sailing Instructions). If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows
 - 1.3.1 [DP] RRS 63.1 will be altered to allow a penalty to be applied without a hearing to boats failing to meet reporting procedures.
 - 1.3.2 Between the hours of official sunset and sunrise, the rules of RRS Part 2 will be replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 1.4 [DP] Each entrant shall use the Predictwind GPS tracking service as per SI 18.
- 1.5 Outside Assistance (Changes RRS 41(c))
 - 1.5.1 Prior to the preparatory signal, boats may utilize weather information from any source
 - 1.5.2 Whist racing, no boat shall receive any private communication from paid weather routers or meteorologist or other individuals to provide them with advice, custom data or compilations of public data during the race, not available to all competitors.
 - 1.5.3 Boats may receive regularly scheduled weather broadcasts, GRIB data, weather fax transmissions or other internet based forecast information including weather routing functions within an application, whether subscription based or free of charge (e.g. Metservice, PredictWind)

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Akarana Cavalli Is Race page of the website www.rayc.co.nz/akaranacavalli and on the RAYC Facebook Page.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to 2000 hours on the day before the start.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club and repeated on the website – www.rayc.co.nz/akaranacavalli

5 SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Schedule:

Day/Date:	Event:	Time or Warning Signal:
Thurs 27th Nov	[DP] Race and Weather Briefing (RAYC Lounge) 2 crew from each boat shall attend	1900 hours
Fri 28th Nov	Multihull race warning signal Long Course race warning signal Short Course race warning signal	0950 hours 0955 hours 1000 hours
Thurs 4th Dec	Prizegiving - RAYC Club House – Joyce Fisher Room	1900 hours

5.2 Class Flags:

Multihull Long Course only - Green
Keelboat Long Course - White
Keelboat Short Course - Pink

6 THE COURSE

LONG COURSE: 275nm Start at Orakei, Little Barrier (starboard), Poor Knights (starboard), Motuhakeke Island (starboard), Te Anaputa Island (starboard), Te Anaputaiti Island (starboard) Poor Knights (port), Little Barrier (port), Channel Island (starboard), Finishing at Orakei.

SHORT COURSE: 90nm Start at Orakei, Flat Rock (starboard), D'Urville Rock (port), Cow & Calf (starboard), Waiheke Island (starboard), Finishing at Orakei

7 MARKS

The start and finish mark will be the yellow Orakei buoy (Mark 17 – 36° 50.54S 174° 48.70E)

8 THE START

8.1 The Start Line

The start line will be between the yellow Orakei buoy (mark 17) and a mast flying an Orange flag on the race committee signal boat. The race committee signal boat shall fly an RAYC burgee.

8.2 Alternate Start Line

Should conditions be such that the committee boat cannot be on station, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the eastern end of the Orakei Wharf and the port end yellow Orakei buoy (mark 17)

8.3 A Boat that is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and does not return to the pre-start side of the line and start will be scored as a finisher subject to a 20 minute elapsed time penalty without a hearing in lieu of being scored OCS. This changes RRS 29 and A5.1.

8.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the official start time is to contact RAYC on 021 023 14559 and advise their intention to start.

8.5 A boat starting later than 45 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

8.6 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other class.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1** Recalls may be notified by radio on VHF channel 77.
- 9.2** Competitors are reminded that radio recall information is provided as an aid and the provision or failure of the aid will not form the basis of any request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10 TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE FROM RACING (Amends RRS 41 and 45)

- 10.1** A boat after starting may use its motor to assist with anchoring or berthing when: (a) taking shelter from extreme weather; or (b) disembarking sick or injured crew who will take no further part in the race (such crew shall not be replaced); or (c) attempting repairs wholly on board.
- 10.2** For the purpose of Sailing Instruction 10.1, mechanical propulsion may be used only to assist with berthing or anchoring. Crew intending to continue to race may go ashore solely for the purpose of making fast and thereafter shall immediately re-embark. No outside assistance shall be accepted by the boat or the crew other than as provided in RRS 41.
- 10.3** A boat complying with RRS 1.1 (except as to its own crew), which sustains damage or depletes its stores, may accept outside assistance to make good the damage, equipment or stores provided that such assistance shall not be provided over a cumulative period exceeding 24 hours in total.
- 10.4** For the purpose of this Sailing Instruction a boat's elapsed time shall continue to accrue, except that the time taken under Sailing Instruction 10.3 may be included for the purposes of RRS 62.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between the Orakei Yellow Buoy (17), and the Royal Akarana Yacht Club. The bearing from RAYC to the Orakei Yellow Buoy is approximately 350 degrees magnetic. The southern extent of the line is marked by the row of piles surrounding the Okahu Bay mooring area. Finishing yachts must pass to the north of these piles in an East to West direction. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure it is properly identified. Finishing yachts need to contact Akarana Race Control Committee as approaching line (approximately 10 minutes before finishing) on VHF channel 77, volunteers will then confirm a yacht finish via this channel.
- 11.2** Approximately 1 hour prior to finishing boats are required to contact "Akarana Race Control" on VHF 77 and advise their ETA. If VHF 77 is unresponsive, then contact the on duty volunteer on 021 023 14559.
- 11.3** [DP] All boats are to complete a finishing declaration and submit it to the RAYC office by no later than four hours after their finish time. All finishing declarations are to be sent to sailing@rayc.co.nz with the following information.
Boat Name, Skipper Name, Finish Time (corrected to GPS time)

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1** Protest forms are available on the RAYC website under Yachting - General. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2** The protest time limit is 1400 hours on Sunday 30th November 2025 or 4 hours after the last boat has finished the race, whichever is the later.
- 12.3** Notices will be posted no later than one (1) hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RAYC club house beginning at the time posted.
- 12.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2) and 60.2 (d).
- 12.5** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

- 12.6** Breaches of SIs 8.6, 9.1 and 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 12.7** A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.
- 13 SCORING**
Boats handicap placings will be calculated in the following groupings, using the numbers provided by the handicap systems,
IRC
PHRF TCF Passage
Multihull – Handicaps assigned by NZMYC
A minimum of three boats are required to constitute a division.
- 14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 14.1** The Race Committee may protest a boat for a breach of the safety regulations.
- 14.2** [DP] A boat retiring from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 15 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee
- 16 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designed area for inspection.
- 17 [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION AND POSITION REPORTING PROCEDURE**
- 17.1** Except in an emergency or for media purposes or as allowed by these Sailing Instructions, 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.
- 17.2** Between 60 and 15 minutes prior to the warning signal boats are required to contact “Akarana Race Control” on VHF 77 and confirm their intent to race, boat name, sail number and number of people on board.
- 17.3** All boats are required to provide safety position reports.
- 17.4 LONG COURSE** Boats shall provide a position report by SMS to telephone number 021 855 612 to Akarana Race Control following rounding Te Anaputaiti Is, Cavallis and Channel Is. Boats shall ensure an acknowledgement is received by SMS in reply.
- 17.5 SHORT COURSE** Boats shall provide a position report by SMS to telephone number 02102314559 to Akarana Race Control following rounding Flat Rock and Cow & Calf Is. Boats shall ensure an acknowledgement is received by SMS in reply.
- 18 PREDICTWIND TRACKER**
- 18.1** Each entrant is required to use the PredictWind GPS tracking service. To use the service, two smartphones are needed (one as a back-up) that use either iOS9 and above or Android 6.0 and above operating system.
- 18.2** Full instructions on how to install and use the app are found at <http://www.predictwind.com/tracker>; Select yacht club: RAYC; Race: 2025 Akaranacavalli. 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.

- 18.3** [DP] 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.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded using PHRF Passage TCF as follows:

Multihull Line & Handicap
Short Course Line & Handicap
Long Course Line & Handicap
PHRF Shorthanded

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22. 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).

23. 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.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

25. RACE MANAGEMENT CONTACTS

RAYC race management office:	09 5249945
RAYC race management on water:	021 023 14559
RAYC race management VHF:	Channel 77
RAYC Safety Officer phone:	021 855 612
RAYC Media	sailing@rayc.co.nz
Maritime Radio phone:	64 4 550 5280