



2026 18' NZL SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE

24 – 25 JANUARY 2026

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

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions shall apply
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply with class exemptions
- 1.4 Boats shall at all times observe the Auckland Council Navigation Safety bylaws in particular Part 8, 55. A Moving Prohibited Zone.
- 1.5 Class Rules shall apply
- 1.6 Appendix T will apply (arbitration)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to 18ft Skiffs complying with current class measurement
- 2.2 All entries are to be received via the online form via <https://rayc.co.nz/event/18-skiff-national-championships/>
- 2.3 Boats intending on racing must enter by no later than Friday 23 January 2026 at midday.
- 2.4 By starting a boat acknowledges that an entry fee is payable. If no entry fee is paid by the entry cut off date, no results will be published for that boat. No exceptions.
- 2.5 Skippers and crews are required to be financial members of a club recognised by the sailor members national authority.
- 2.6 Measurement Checks to check compliance with 2.1 (above), the YNZ Safety Regulations and 18' Skiff Class Exemption conditions from wearing PFD's may be carried out any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 2.7 There will be no restrictions on substituted equipment provided measurement is in accordance with NOR Clause 2.1
- 2.8 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse, without explanation, any entry received

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display event sponsors advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20-Advertising code
- 3.2 A boat may carry advertising on her hull and sails with no restriction

4. ENTRY FEE

18ft Skiffs - \$120

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday 24 January	Sunday 25 January
1000 – Briefing	1000 – Briefing
1100 – First Warning Signal Up to three races	1100 First Warning Signal Up to three races
1500 – BBQ	1500 – BBQ & Prizegiving

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the race briefing and via the website: <https://rayc.co.nz/event/18-skiff-national-championships/>

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The host club is Royal Akarana Yacht Club. The racing area will be the inner Waitemata Harbour, in an area approximately described as stretching from Rough Rock, Bean Rock, St Heliers Beach to Mechanics Bay

8. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be harbour courses outlined in the Sailing Instructions

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Six (6) races are scheduled with no reserve day
- 10.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 10.3 There will be one (1) drop after five (5) races have been completed

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones
- 11.2 The Race Channel will be 77 unless the Race Officer advises otherwise

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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).

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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