



2026 New Zealand 29er National Championships

Thursday 28 th May to Monday June 1st 2026

The Organising Authority is Royal Akarana Yacht Club

8-10 Tamaki Drive, Orakei, Auckland 1071

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]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Under rule 86, Changes to the Racing Rules, the following rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 35 and A5 are changed such that the race committee may give a finishing place to any boat on the course by displaying code flag W with one sound signal where boats have not yet finished. Boats shall be awarded a finishing place matching her overall position in that race.
 - RRS 60.1 will be changed to state that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches of some specific parts of this NOR and the Sailing Instructions
- 1.4 The *29er One Design* class rules will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be available online at www.rayc.co.nz at the latest five days before the event. No paper copies will be handed out.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The official notice board is located online at www.rayc.co.nz
- 3.2** [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 boats of the 29er class that comply with the class rules.
- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fees (see 5.1 below), online at www.rayc.co.nz by May 15th 2026.
- 4.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4** Late entries may be accepted until May 25th 2026 at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.5** To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's and crew members' national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership to be presented at registration.
- 4.6** Each competitor, entrant and crew member shall be a current 2026 season financial member of the New Zealand 29er Class Association or another 29er Class Association affiliated to the International 29er Association. Register here: <https://www.29ernzl.org/payments>.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry until 15 th May 2026	Accepted Late Entries ending May 25 th
29er Class	\$325 NZD	Additional \$50 NZD

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration and Measurement.

Registration: In “The Sailing Office” Royal Akarana Yacht Club

Date	From	To
Thursday 28 th May 2026	15:00 hrs	19:00 hrs
Friday 29 th May 2026	08:30 hrs	10:00 hrs

Equipment inspection and boat measurement in “The Shed”

Date	From	To
Thursday 28 th May 2026	15:00 hrs	19:00 hrs
Friday 29 th May 2026	08:30 hrs	10:00 hrs

7.2 Dates of racing:

Welcome and briefing 1000 hrs Friday 29th May 2026

Date	Races per Day Scheduled	Maximum races per day	Time of first warning signal	Target time
Friday 29 th May 2026	4 Races	5 Races	11:55 hrs	30 mins
Saturday 30 th May 2026	4 Races	5 Races	10:55 hrs	30 mins
Sunday 31 st May 2026	4 Races	5 Races	10:55 hrs	30 mins

Monday 1 st June 2026	4 Races	5 Races	10:55 hrs	30 mins
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- 7.3 The series will consist of not more than 16 races.
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall comply with the 29er class rules at all times during the regatta. No equipment that is subject to measurement under the 29er class rules may be changed during the regatta without the approval of the Race Committee.
- 8.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from Thursday 28th May 2026 from 1500-1700 or Friday 29th May 2026 from 0830 to 1000.
- 8.3 The following equipment will be inspected or measured: Forestay length; hull weight; sail authenticity and additional fitting checks; YNZ Safety Regulations Pt 1 requirements.
- 8.4 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.5 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 at all times

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The Regatta will be based from the RAYC, Tamaki Drive, Auckland.
- 9.2 NOR Attachment A - the location of the racing areas.
- 9.3 NOR Attachment B - site plan

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be - Windward/Leeward.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 12.2** A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1** All support vessels are required to register at the registration desk (7.1)
- 13.2** [DP] [NP] It is mandatory that all support vessel skippers are required to wear a kill cord (when the engine is running) and all crew must wear a personal flotation device while on the water.
- 13.3** [DP] [NP] All support/coach vessels are required to have a VHF for communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

14 RISK STATEMENT

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.**

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1** Each participating boat is encouraged to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 15.2** The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of any insurance certificates.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

Attachment B

Site Map

