

Dear Competitors,

Welcome to **Royal Akarana Yacht Club** and the **2026 29er National Championships**. We are looking forward to a busy clubhouse and a fantastic weekend of competitive racing!

Here are a few important points to help you hit the ground running this weekend –

PRE-REGATTA PREP

- **Competitor Registration:** All competitors are required to attend registration at RAYC to confirm entry details on arrival. Dinner tickets must be purchased at registration - please have your burger choice ready (Beef / Chicken / Fish / Vege). Registration will take place in the **Joyce Fisher Room** next to the Akarana Eatery.
 - We will also be taking a crew photo at registration of all the teams for the weekend.
 - **Measurement:** Will be taking place in the RAYC Boatshed at the same times as registration, all competitors are required to measure.
 - Clearly mark all boat trolleys with your **sail number** so they can be easily located when you come ashore.
 - **All visiting support RIBs must register** on the event page online and be available to assist if required. Please note all support RIBs must be registered before sailor registration on Thursday evening or Friday morning.
(<https://rayc.co.nz/event/2026-29er-national-championships/>)
 - **Sailing Instructions & Notice of Race** are also available on the event page.
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ON ARRIVAL

- Proceed to the registration desk in the clubrooms on arrival. Registration & measurement is available from:
 - 3pm to 7pm Thursday
 - 8:30am-10:00am Friday
- All 29ers are to be stored in the **Landing area**, east of the 3 containers situated by the hose points. (See *attached site map*).

- Please keep all access in front of RAYC and roadways around the public boat ramps clear at all times.
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SCHEDULE

- Registration & Measurement
 - 3pm to 7pm Thursday
 - 8:30am to 10am Friday
 - Competitors Briefing 10am Friday
 - First Warning Signal
 - 11:55am Friday
 - 10:55am every other day.
 - Prizegiving will take place as soon as practical after racing on the final day (Monday 1st June) in the Akarana Eatery.
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COMPETITORS DINNER

The Competitors Dinner will take place at the **Akarana Eatery** on Sunday after racing, from roughly 5:00pm. The menu includes starter platters, choice of burger + fries and dessert. Cash bar available.

Cost: **\$40 per person**. Tickets must be purchased at registration to help the Eatery with planning.

RAYC FACILITIES

- **Washdown:** Hoses are available at the container area by the Landing. Please keep usage considerate of other sailors.
 - **Water Stations:** Please bring your own drink bottles to refill on site, there is water refill station on the corner of the deck outside the Eatery.
 - **Akarana Eatery:** Open daily from 7:30, RAYC Members will not have a surcharge for the public holiday on the Monday.
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COMMS

Please stay connected and join the **2026 29er Nats WhatsApp** group for updates throughout the weekend. Join here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GUTEaU13ttYJvA7uxedfP>

If you have any trouble joining, contact sailing@rayc.co.nz or call the club on 09 520 0203.

MEDIA & PHOTOS

If all crews can supply a **photo of both sailors on the water** prior to or during the regatta, it will help with the club's online coverage of the event. Please send photos to sailing@rayc.co.nz.

There will be a photographer on the water for the duration of the regatta.



On behalf of the team at Royal Akarana Yacht Club, we look forward to seeing you on the water!

Jamie Catchpole

RAYC Club Manager