



2026 DOYLE SAILS CAVALLI ISLANDS RACE

COURSE 275NM

NOTICE OF RACE

Friday 20th November 2026

Organising Authority

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

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NB: The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions 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 series will be governed by:
 - 1.2.1 The rules as they apply to IRC and PHRF handicapping methods
 - 1.2.2 This Notice of Race (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions)
 - 1.2.3 The Sailing Instructions
 - 1.2.4 The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 2, Category 3.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:
 - 1.3.1 Rules of RRS Part 2 will be replaced during the race between the hours of official sunset and sunrise by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply
 - 1.3.3 RRS 63.1 will be altered to allow a penalty to be applied without a hearing to boats failing to meet reporting procedures.
- 1.4 Each competing boat is required to use the Predict Wind GPS tracking service as per NOR 19.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The race is open to all monohulls 6.5m and over and multihulls 6.5m and over which comply with Clause 1 of the Notice of Race.
- 3.2 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognized by the entrant and crew members' national authority.
- 3.3 Boats shall hold current safety and handicap certificates as applicable.

- 3.4 Spare
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter the race by completing the online registration form by midnight Monday 16th November 2026 available at www.rayc.co.nz/akaranacavalli
- 3.6 For an entry to be valid a copy of the boats current rating certificate(s) must be included with their entry.
- 3.7 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse, without explanation, any entry.
- 3.8 Late entries will be accepted at the Race Committees discretion and will incur a late fee.
- 3.9 Random safety checks may be made.

4. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$200 per boat.
- 4.2 If the boat's owner/charterer is a member of RAYC, they will receive a \$50 discount on entry fee.
- 4.3 Late entry surcharge \$100 per boat.
- 4.4 The following Documents shall be provided with each entry:
 - Crew List
 - Insurance Certification
 - Handicap Certification(s)
 - Cat. 3 Safety Certification
- 4.5 For publicity purposes, each boat is required to provide an image of their boat when entering.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 **Monday 16th November**
 - Entry Deadline
 - Documentation Deadline
- 5.2 **Thursday 19th November**
 - Race & Weather Briefing 1900 hours
 - Royal Akarana Yacht Club
- 5.3 **Friday 20th November**
 - Multihull Race Warning Signal 1825 hours
 - Monohull Race Warning Signal 1830 hours
- 5.4 **Thursday 3rd December**
 - Prize Giving 1900 hours
 - Royal Akarana Yacht Club

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available one week prior to the race starting.

7. SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Pre race start safety inspections including personal floatation devices (PFDs) for all crew members may be carried out.

8. THE COURSE

Start at Orakei, Little Barrier (stbd), Poor Knights (stbd), Motuhakeke Island (stbd), Te Anaputa Island (stbd), Te Anaputaiti (stbd), Poor Knights (port), Little Barrier (port), Channel Island (stbd), Finishing at Orakei

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat which, after the warning signal, crosses the start line and fails to return to the pre-start side of the line will be penalized 20 minutes on elapsed time. This changes rules 29 and A5.1.

10. SCORING

The following handicap systems will apply:

PHRF TCF Passage

Multihull – handicaps assigned by NZMYC

A minimum of three boats are required to constitute a division

Shorthanded entries will be scored with the fleet on their standard PHRF passage handicaps & separately on their SH PHRF handicaps.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radio communication requirements will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

The Akarana Cavalli Islands Race awards will be awarded to the winners using PHRF Passage TCF.

Prizes will be determined by the number of entries received and will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

13. CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

A written request must be provided if crew substitutions are required after entries close.

The request must name the crew being replaced, and the new crew's full details and experience.

14. RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the owner and/or skipper to see that their boat complies with the requirements of the race, in that its safety category requirements and rating certificates are current, and that the crew contains a nucleus of ocean-experienced members who have sailed before on the yacht. The RAYC Sailing Committee reserves the right to decide the eligibility of any entrant on the basis of the experience of the skipper, navigator and crew. All those taking part do so at their own risk and responsibility. RAYC and the sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or its equipment or its crew and have no liability for any damage, loss or penalty suffered by a boat or a person taking part in this event.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

17. 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.

18. 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 overflowed by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

19. PREDICTWIND TRACKER

- 19.1 For safety reasons, increased interest in online viewing of the race and developing race organisation practice, each entrant is required to use the PredictWind GPS tracking service. To use the service, you will need two smartphones (one as a back-up) that use either iOS9 and above or Android 6.0 and above operating system. The PredictWind GPS tracking service is being made available at no cost to each competitor.
- 19.2 Full instructions on how to install and use the app are found at <http://www.predictwind.com/tracker>; Select yacht club: RAYC, Race: 2026 Akarana Cavalli Race, Select your division and manually enter your yacht name. Any technical enquiries or issues, please email PredictWind at support@predictwind.com.
- 19.3 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. [DP]