



NZ Starling National Championships

17-21 April 2025

The Organising Authority is
Howick Sailing Club, Howick Beach, Auckland

NOTICE OF RACE

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] is defined in the RRS introduction.

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 The Starling Class rules including 18.1 and 18.2 will apply

18.1 RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above. This changes rules 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

18.2 The Starling Class recommends that race committees apply Rule 18.1 in winds of 15 knots and above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark

- 1.4 Appendix P shall apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Howick Sailing Club website, www.howicksailingclub.co.nz, from 1st March 2025.
- 2.2 Sailing Instructions will be displayed at Registration on the Howick Sailing Club Notice Board.



3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the outside wall of the Howick Sailing Club clubhouse. Notice's will also be posted on the Howick Sailing Club website – howicksailingclub.co.nz.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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 Starling Class that comply with the Starling Class constitution and class rules. See <https://www.starling.org.nz/measurement-rules/measurement-certificates-rules>
- 4.2 Boats shall enter the event by registering online at www.howicksailingclub.co.nz
- 4.3 Entries will be accepted until the closing date of 31st March 2025 at 2000hrs. Late entries will be accepted until Thursday 10 April 2025 at 2000hrs.
- 4.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand. Proof of affiliated club membership to be presented at registration.
- 4.5 Each competitor shall be a member of the Starling Association. Join at <https://www.starling.org.nz/membership>
- 4.6 The Development Fleet is to encourage less experienced and less confident Starling sailors to sail and participate at a major Starling regatta. To be eligible to race in the Development Fleet a competitor shall not have previously raced in Open Fleet except where no Development Fleet was offered.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee until 31 st March 2025	Late Entry Fee
Starling	\$200	\$265
Starling Development Fleet	\$150	\$190
\$20 discount for each additional entrant from the same family		

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7 FORMAT OF RACING

Development Fleet

- 7.1 The regatta will be run as a single series and sailed as one fleet. There will be no Qualifying Series or Final Series.

Open Fleet

- 7.2 All boats in the Open Fleet will race and be scored as one fleet unless split under NoR 7.3.
- 7.3 If entries exceed 90 boats in the Open Fleet, the regatta may consist of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.
The Open Fleet may be split into Yellow and Blue flights of equal, or as near equal as possible, size for a Qualifying Series. Thereafter, the Open Fleet may be split into Gold and Silver flights for the Final Series. Full details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration and Measurement

Registration and measurement will take place in front of the Howick Coastguard building on Howick Beach Reserve – see map Addendum A.

Event	Day / Date	Time
Registration Safety Inspection Equipment Inspection	Thursday 17 April	1000-1800hrs

8.2 Welcome

There will be a welcome and opening of the regatta for all sailors, parents and support crews at 0900hrs in front of the Howick Sailing Club clubhouse.

8.3 Race days

Starling Open Fleet:

Event	Day / Date	Time/Warning signal	Race Schedule
Welcome / Sailor Briefing	Friday 18 April	0900	
Support Boat Briefing	Friday 18 April	0930	
Racing	Friday 18 April	1100	3 races
Racing	Saturday 19 April	1030	3 races
Racing	Sunday 20 April	1030	3 races
Racing	Monday 21 April	1000	3 races

Starling Development Fleet:

Event	Day / Date	Time/Warning signal	Race Schedule
Sailor Briefing	Friday 18 April	1000	
Support Boat Briefing	Friday 18 April	1030	
Racing	Friday 18 April	1130	Up to 3 races
Racing	Saturday 19 April	1130	Up to 3 races
Racing	Sunday 20 April	1130	Up to 3 races
Racing	Monday 21 April	1100	Up to 2 races

A daily briefing will occur at 1000hrs for the Starling Development Fleet.

8.4 Competitor briefing will take place in front of the Howick Sailing Club clubhouse. Support boat briefing to follow immediately after.

8.5 Number of races:

Class/Fleet	Total number of races scheduled
Starling Open Fleet	12
Starling Development Fleet	Up to 11

8.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid Starling Class Association measurement certificate.

9.2 [DP] Each boat shall be presented to the regatta measurer for measurement and inspection on Thursday 17 April. This will include hull weighing, mast and boom measurement, sail check, centreboard and rudder measurement, and lifejacket inspection (must be suitable for the sailor).

9.3 Competitors shall register one set of equipment to be used in the regatta those items being hull, centreboard, rudder blade, rudderstock, mast, boom and sail. Parts can only be changed if they incur damage that's beyond repair at the time of the regatta to be confirmed by the Race Committee.

9.4 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.5 Each boat shall comply with Yachting NZ safety regulations Part 1. Particular attention is drawn to rudder/tiller lock, a towing eye or fairlead, a centreboard lanyard, a suitable bailer tied on and the sail number on the hull in figures 50 mm

high.

9.6 Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

10 VENUE

10.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

10.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the sailing/racing areas.

11 COURSES

11.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be trapezoid or windward/leeward.

11.2 The Development Fleet may sail an “adventure” / “destination” course.

12 SCORING

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

12.2 Open and Development Fleet

(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 10 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP][NP]

13.1 Support Boat Skippers should be familiar with Local Body bylaws regarding the wearing of PFDs. <https://at.govt.nz/media/1986434/navigation-by-law.pdf>

13.2 Support boats shall register with the Organising Authority online at www.howicksailingclub.co.nz by 2000hrs Monday 14 April 2025.

13.3 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

13.4 There will be no launch and retrieval facilities available at Howick Beach for support vessels.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP][NP]

14.1 Unless otherwise directed, competitors boats must launch and be retrieved from Howick Beach Reserve.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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.**

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

- 17.1 All those who take part in this event as competitors, as well as support crew or spectators, agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event for promotion or media purposes. This includes your person and your property (boats).

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance may be requested at registration.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 **Open Fleet - Under 19, unless stipulated otherwise.**

John Peet Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor in the overall open fleet results and they shall be awarded the title *Starling National Champion*.

Kohi Cup shall be awarded to the second highest placed competitor in the Open Fleet.

Murrays Bay Cup shall be awarded to the third highest placed competitor in the Open Fleet.

Alan Sayer Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed female competitor in the Open Fleet.

John Binsley Trophy shall be awarded to the second highest placed female competitor in the Open Fleet.

Chris Timms Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed under 16 year old in the overall Open Fleet.

The Harken Trophy shall be awarded to the youngest skipper in the first 10 places overall in the Open Fleet.

The Cooke Trophy shall be awarded to the leading competitor at the end of the Qualifying Series. If there is no Qualifying Series this trophy shall be awarded to the boat leading the series after the middle race of the series, or if there are two middle races then after the later of these two races.

The Howick Cup shall be awarded to the winner of the Silver division of the Open Fleet. If there is no Qualifying/Final Series, this trophy shall be awarded to the boat finishing nearest to the middle of the fleet. If two boats are the middle boats it shall be awarded to the lower of these boats.

The Queen Charlotte Trophy shall be awarded to the most improved skipper in the Open Fleet throughout the championship.

The Graeme Leonard Hays Shield shall be awarded to any skipper, who in the opinion of the host club, showed exceptional courage and effort during the event.

19.2 **Open Fleet Over 19**

The Des Townson Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor over 19 in the Open Fleet.

19.3 **Development Fleet**

The Development Fleet Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor under 19 in the Development Fleet.

19.4 As stipulated in the Starling Class Rules, the age date for prizes is the 31 January 2025.

20 **SUSTAINABILITY [NP]**

20.1 The 2025 Starling National Championship is a Clean Regatta registered with Sailors for the Sea. We request that competitors, supporters and officials support this initiative.

20.2 To do your part please:

- Bring your own reusable: water bottle; coffee cup; lunch box/bag for yourself and your support team and avoid single-use plastics.
- Carefully choose the correct waste stream at the regatta venue – Separate bins will be provided for landfill, compost, and recycling.
- Choose electronic viewing over printing out NoR or Sailing instructions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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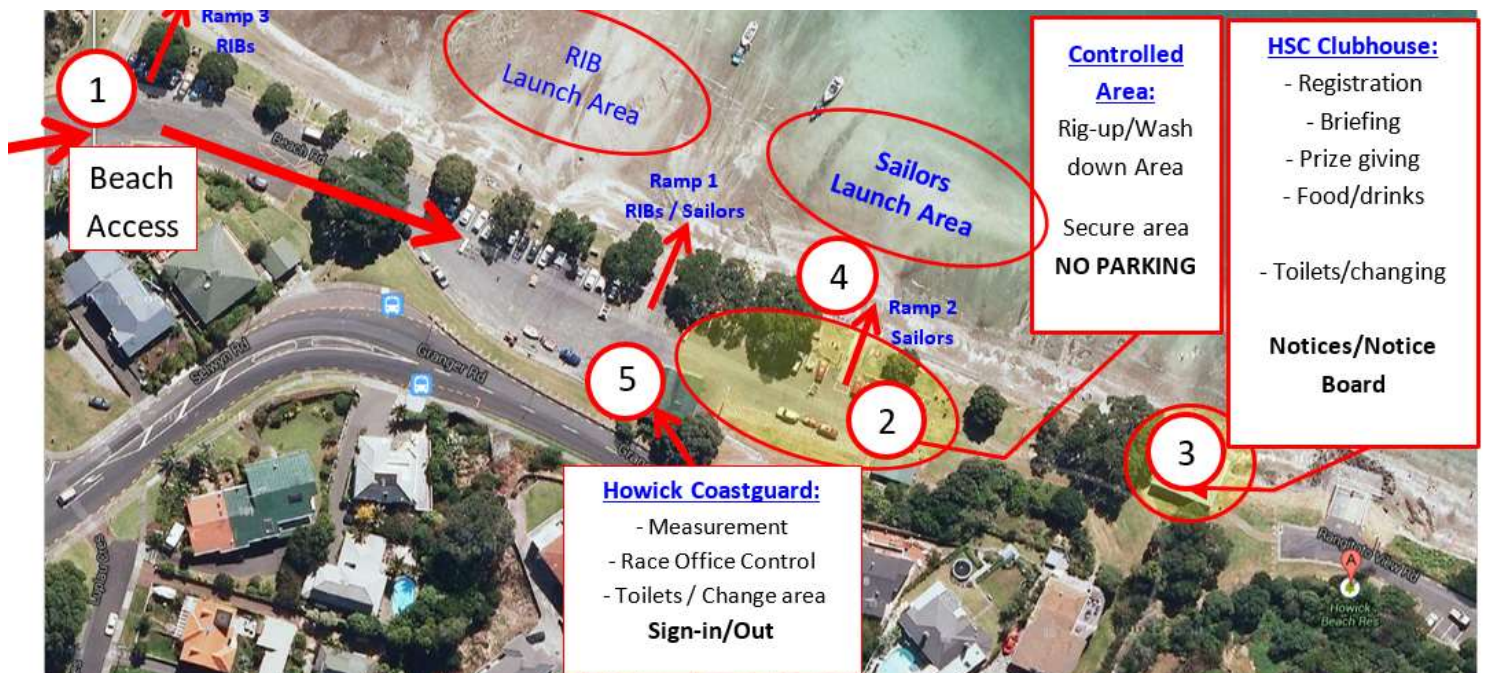


Addendum A: EVENT VENUE

Howick Sailing Club
Howick Beach Reserve, Howick, Auckland

Howick Beach Layout – Regatta site plan

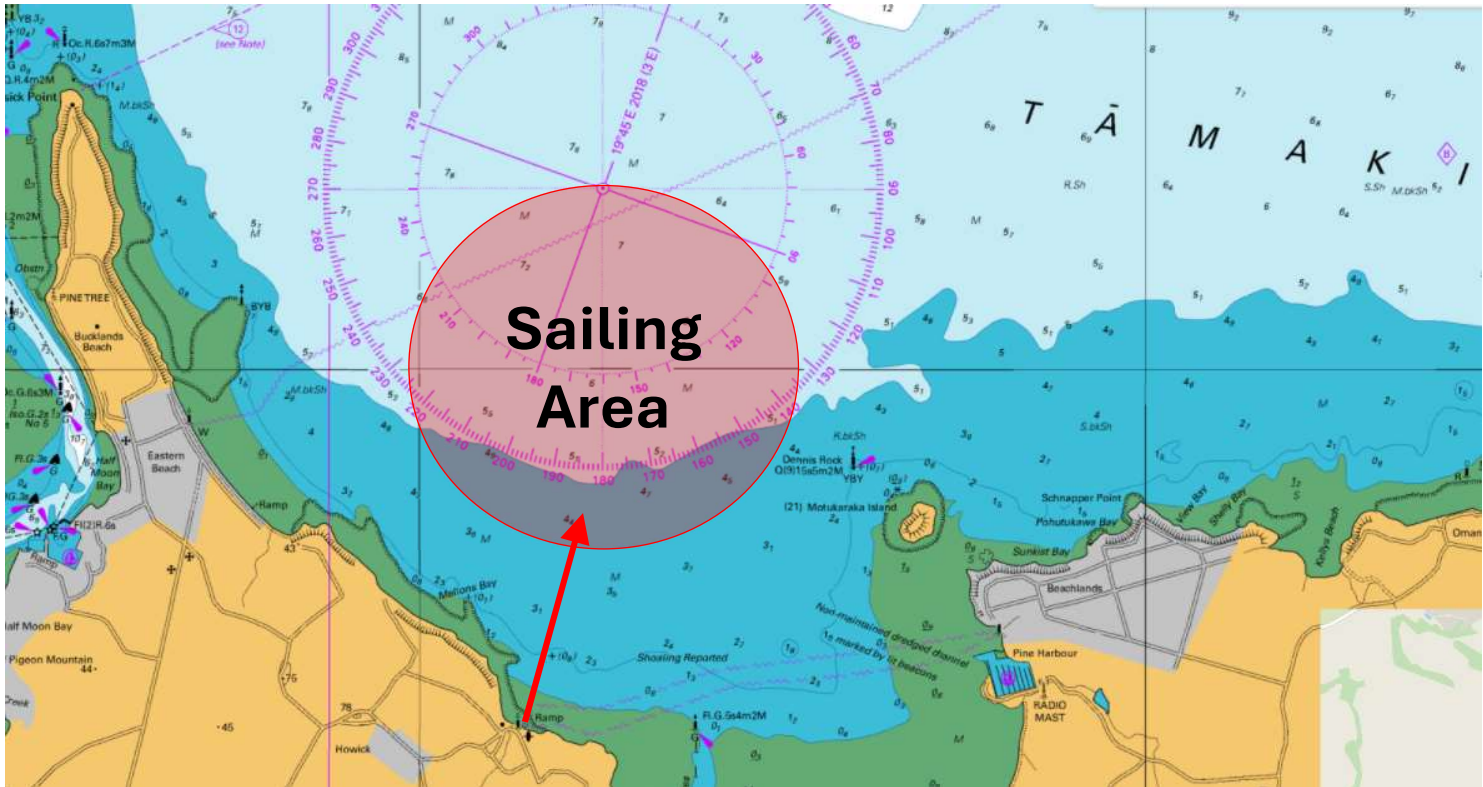
1. Beach access point – off **Beach Road, Howick**
2. Closed rigging area
3. Howick Sailing Club Clubhouse – Notice board, food, drinks
4. Launch area
5. Race Office Control - Coastguard buildings
Measurement area



Addendum B: LOCATION OF SAILING/RACING AREA

The location of the sailing/racing area will be:

Tamaki Strait directly off Howick Beach, east of Musick Point and west of Beachlands – see diagram below.



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