

2025 WBC AUTUMN YOUTH REGATTA 29er & 420



420 Autumn Championship 29er North Island Championship

Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th May 2025

The Organising Authority is the Wakatere Boating Club Inc (WBC)

Narrow Neck Beach, Devonport, Auckland

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.
- 1.3 Under RRS 86, Changes to The Racing Rules, the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the “two turns” penalty is replaced by the “one turn” penalty.
 - RRS A4 and A5 are changed to state that a boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the 29er Class, and 420 Class that comply with the International 29er Class and 420 Class rules.
- 2.2 To be eligible to compete in this event, sailors shall be financial members of their respective class associations - NZ 29er Class Association, or NZ 420 Class Association.
- 2.3 To be eligible to compete in this event, sailors shall be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated with YNZ.
- 2.4 Eligible skippers may enter by going to www.wakatere.org.nz and completing the online entry form and paying the correct entry fee by 1200 hours on Friday 9th May 2025.

3 ADVERTISING

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

4 FEES

- 4.1 Double-handed entry fee (incl. GST) is \$150

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, Saturday 10th May, 0900 hours – 1000 hours
- 5.2 Welcome and sailors' briefing Saturday 1000. Support boat briefing to follow sailors' briefing.
- 5.3 No refunds available for sailor cancellations after the entry closing date 2100 on Thursday 8th May 2025
- 5.4 Schedule of racing:

Date	Number of Races	Time of first warning signal
Saturday, May 10th	Up to Five (5)	1130
Sunday, May 11th	Up to Five (5)	1030

- 5.5 No more than 5 races will be sailed on any day.
- 5.6 The target time for races will be 30 minutes.
- 5.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.8 Prize giving will follow as soon as possible after racing is complete.

6 SCORING

- 6.1 Ten (10) races scheduled
- 6.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.3 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 6.4. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the race total score, excluding her worst score.
- 6.5 When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the race total scores, excluding her worst two (2) scores.

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat must comply with the International 420 and International 29er class rules at all times during the event.
- 7.2 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time throughout the event.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix S, Standards Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the WBC noticeboard and website.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The regatta venue will be Wakatere Boating Club, Narrow Neck Beach, Devonport, Auckland.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The racing area will be the waters off Narrow Neck Beach and the Hauraki Gulf.
- 10.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward.

11 PUMPING

- 11.1 For 420 Class only, when the race committee displays O and R flags at a specified limit of 13 knots, Rule P5 applies.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All support boats are required to register via the online form on the website <https://www.wakatere.org.nz>
- 12.2 All support and coach boats are asked to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required. The VHF channel to be used will be communicated at the support boat briefing.
- 12.3 All outboard-powered support 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 LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

- 13.1 All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from Narrow Neck Beach in the vicinity of the WBC, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority.
- 13.2 Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number and class.
- 13.3 Beach trolleys must be stored on the old road on the beach side of the clubhouse and off the public cycleway and walkway.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Yachting New Zealand recommends that each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Rule 3, Decision to Race, states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
 - d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f. The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 17.2 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.

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 18.1 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.

19 NO DISPOSAL OF TRASH IN THE SEA

- 19.1 A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.
- 19.2 The event will be run as a SAILORS FOR THE SEA Clean Regatta. We request that competitors, supporters, and officials support this initiative. Please use reusable bottles, coffee cups, and containers and avoid single-use plastics.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information, email wakatere@gmail.com or visit www.wakatere.org.nz