

2026 NZ Farr 3.7 National Championships

26 February - 1 March 2026

The Organising Authority is the New Plymouth Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth, New Zealand

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.

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 Farr 3.7 Class Rules apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available before 6pm on 20th February 2026 at [2026 New Zealand Farr 3.7 National Championship & NPYC Club Regatta](#).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Prior to the regatta, the Official Notice Board will be located at [2026 New Zealand Farr 3.7 National Championship & NPYC Club Regatta](#)
- 3.2 Notices to competitors that are posted during the regatta, will be posted on the physical Official Notice Board at the New Plymouth Yacht Club and the event WhatsApp group 2026 Farr 3.7 Nationals.
- 3.3 [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 Farr 3.7 class.
- 4.2** Eligible Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form on the event website at [2026 New Zealand Farr 3.7 National Championship & NPYC Club Regatta](#) and paying the required fee.
- 4.3** If paying by internet banking, please reference any payments with Farr 3.7, your sail and if space permits, the skippers surname.
- 4.4** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by **1700hrs** on **20/02/2026**.
- 4.5** Late entries will be accepted but will be subjected to an additional charge of \$50.
Cut off for late entries is up until the end of registration (see 6.2).
- 4.6** All competitors must be financial members of a yacht club affiliated to YNZ, or a member of an organisation affiliated to another World Sailing Member National Authority unless dispensation has been given by World Sailing.
Proof of affiliated club membership to be presented at registration.
- 4.7** Each competitor shall be a current financial member of the Farr 3.7 class association.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

| Class | Standard Fee | Late Entry Fee additional to regatta fee |
|----------|---------------|--|
| Farr 3.7 | \$150.00/boat | \$50.00/boat |

Note: Entry fee includes Saturday night dinner. Additional tickets available for \$25 per ticket

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1** Measuring and Inspection:

| Date | From | To |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Thursday 26th February | 1700hrs | 1930hrs |
| Friday 27th February | 0830hrs | 1000hrs |

6.2 Registration and Briefings:

| | Date | From | To |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Registration | Friday 27th February | 0800hrs | 1100hrs |
| Briefing | Friday 27th February | 1100hrs | |

6.3 Dates of racing: Friday 27th February - Sunday 1st March

6.4 Number of races:

| Class | Total Number Scheduled | Races per Day Scheduled | Races per day maximum | Target time Minutes. |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Farr 3.7 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 45 |

6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is below:

| Date | Time of first warning signal |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 27/02/2026 | 1227 hours |
| 28/02/2026 | 1057 hours |
| 01/03/2026 | 0957 hours |

Note: Races shall be started using a three minute sequence, this changes RRS 26. Details of the start sequence to be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

6.6 At the discretion of the Race Officer, up to 5 races may be held on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March to make up for any lost races on previous days. In the event of 5 races being required in one day, the Target time will reduce to 30 minutes.

6.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1457 hours

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

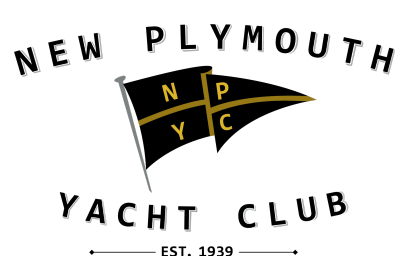
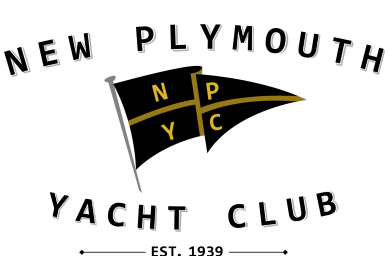
7.1 [DP] All boats must comply with the rules of the Farr 3.7 Class.

7.2 Farr 3.7 Class boats that were measured and passed at the 2025 Farr 3.7 Nationals will not need to be re-measured for the 2026 Farr 3.7 Nationals with the following provisions:

7.2.1 Farr 3.7 skippers shall complete and sign a formal declaration (form provided at registration). This is declaring that no changes have been made to their Farr 3.7 (i.e. hulls/platform) since its previous measurement in 2025.

7.2.2 All hull platforms will be weighed (minimum weight 51.5kgs.

7.3 All Farr 3.7 equipment that requires measuring and was not measured and passed at the 2025 Farr 3.7 Nationals, or prior, must be measured for the 2026 Farr 3.7 Nationals.



7.4 [NP] [DP] All trailers/trolleys must be clearly marked with sail numbers.

8 VENUE

8.1 The venue is New Plymouth Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth. Refer Addendum A.

8.2 Racing shall be held in the Tasman Sea off Port Taranaki. Refer Addendum B.

9 COURSE

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be Triangle Windward/Leewards using laid inflatable marks. The detailed course, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left will be advised in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

10.2 Boats failing to sign on each day shall be penalised 2 points without a hearing. These points shall be applied to the first race of that day. The Scoring Abbreviation shall be FSO (Failed to sign on). This changes RRS rule 63.1 and Appendix A10.

10.3 The intention is to appoint a protest committee as provided in RRS 91(a).

11 SCORING

11.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.3 A boat starting later than three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2

11.4 Boats may be awarded a still racing score. The scoring abbreviation shall be SRS. This changes RRS 28 and A 5.2 and A 10.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

12.1 Support person vessels shall be allowed. They must register with the Organising Authority at Registration, their skippers must attend all briefings and comply with local bylaws.

12.2 [DP] 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 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

14 INSURANCE

14.1 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 is to be presented at registration.

15 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

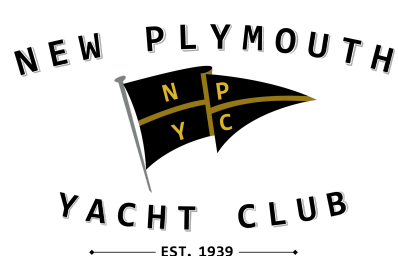
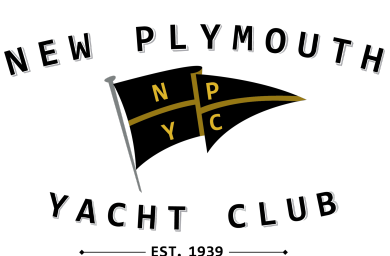
15.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsor(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue for the event, until their final departure, without compensation.

15.2 Drones / RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft System) under the control of the organising authority may be used during the event. Participation in the event will be taken as agreement and consent to be overflown by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

1st Overall, Bruce Farr Cup



2nd Overall,
3rd Overall,
1st U21, Gil Galley Cup
1st Veteran Overall, Cup
1st over 45, Veteran
1st over 55, Grand Veteran
1st over 65, Great Grant Veteran
1st on Handicap Trophy
1st in Silver Fleet, John Kennett Cup
1st Lady, Cup
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Class or the Organising Authority.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact:

NPYC Vice Commodore, npycvc@gmail.com or 021 833 013

Addendum A

New Plymouth Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth.



Addendum B

Races shall be held on the Tasman Sea off Port Taranaki.

