

SUNBURST NATIONAL REGATTA 2026



2026 New Zealand Sunburst National Championship

Friday 16th January to Sunday 18th January 2026
The Organising Authority is Wakatere Boating Club
Narrow Neck Beach, Auckland, New Zealand

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(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 [Sunburst Class Rules](#) shall apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix S will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 SSI will be available on the event page from 12th Jan 2026 and on the official notice board inside the WBC clubrooms.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be inside the WBC clubrooms.

3.2 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 Sunburst Class whose sailors are current financial members of their National Class Association and will display a current registration sticker on the transom of their boat.

4.2 To be eligible to compete in the event, each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership may be required to be presented at club registration.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.wakatere.org.nz and paying the required fee.

4.4 Entries close 2359 hrs Wednesday 14th January 2026.

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all online registration requirements and pay all fees by the close of entry.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Sunburst Jack Brooke fleet **\$175**

Sunburst Taihoa fleet (no spinnakers) **\$175**

Sunburst Cruising fleet (informal) **\$50**

5.2 Entry fees are payable by direct banking to: Wakatere Boating Club, ASB Takapuna, 12-3026-0843130-00 Ref: Sunburst and helm name.

5.3 Entry fees are due by 2359 hrs Wednesday 14th January 2026.

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration and Briefings

Friday 16th January 1000hrs -1530hrs registration and equipment inspection.

Friday 16th January 1530hrs - short welcome and Invitation Race briefing.

Friday 16th January 1630 - 1830 hrs racing for all fleets.

Saturday 17th January 0830hrs - 0930hrs registration and equipment inspection.

Saturday 17th January 0930hrs nationals event briefing for all fleets.

7.2 Sunburst Class Association Meeting

Saturday 17th January evening, timing tba. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on Class Restriction changes.

7.3 Dates of racing:

Friday 16th January Invitation Race.

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January, national championship racing both days.

Saturday 17th January fun sprint racing at the end of championship racing.

7.3 Number of races:

Friday 16th January 1 race.

Saturday 17th January 4 races (35min target time).

Sunday 18th January 4 races (35min target time).

One extra race may be sailed on either Saturday 17th or Sunday 18th January, provided the change is made in accordance with changes to SSI.

7.4 Scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Friday 16th January 1630hr.

Saturday 17th January 1055hr.

Sunday 18th January 1055hr.

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1700hr.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat entered in the Jack Brooke shall have a valid measurement certificate and shall display a current registration sticker on its transom.

8.2 No measuring of equipment will be conducted at the regatta unless previously arranged with an Official Class Measurer. All sails shall have been previously measured and stamped by a Sunburst Class Measurer.

8.3 Each competitor shall present their hull for weighing in dry condition with the rudder stock removed, and their mast and foils for inspection.

8.4 Only one set of spars, sails and foils is permitted to be used during the series. If due to severe damage, any of the above equipment needs to be substituted, then permission to do so must be obtained in writing from the race committee.

8.5 [DP] A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 throughout the contest and may be checked at any time during the event (to comply with class rules and certificate).

8.6 [DP] All Sunburst trailers/trolleys must be clearly marked with their sail number.

9 VENUE

9.1 The venue is the Wakatere Boating Club, Narrow Neck Beach, Devonport Auckland. Refer **Addendum A**

9.2 Race Areas are in the waters off Narrow Neck beach and the Rangitoto Channel. Refer **Addendum B**.

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed for the national championship will be triangular courses and/or windward-leeward courses.

10.2 There will be destination courses for the Cruising division on Saturday 16th January and Sunday 17th January. The Cruising division will likely sail to either Takapuna or Cheltenham beaches.

10.3 There will be some fun sprint racing at the end of championship racing on Saturday, 16th January. Held close to the beach with the intention of taking younger siblings sailing to give them a taste of competing during the Nationals. Races will start/finish between the tower and a buoy. A reaching triangle course will be set.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For both classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

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

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

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

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 Support vessels are permitted

13.2 Support vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio and shall be available to assist the race committee if requested.

13.3 [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.

14 LAUNCHING

14.1 [DP] Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the ramp and beach at Wakatere Boating Club, Narrow Neck Beach.

14.2 All Sunburst trailers must be removed from the beach and brought up to the concrete at the front of the yacht club, staying clear of the cycle path.

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 INSURANCE

16.1 It is highly recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance of a minimum of \$1,000,000.

17 DISPOSAL OF TRASH IN THE SEA

17.1 [DP] A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat.

17.2 The event will be run as a Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta. We invite competitors, supporters and officials to follow this initiative.

18 PRIZES

18.1 The trophies will be awarded as per the Sunburst Class Associations Guidance:

- Wilson & Horton Cup (Line Honours)
- Brooke Trophy (2nd line)
- Maurice Scott & Life Members' Trophy (3rd Line)
- Wakatere Trophy (1st Handicap)
- Colin & Peter Kettlewell Cup (1st Helm & Crew under 19 years of age at 16th January 2026)
- National Youth Championship Mixed Double Handed Trophy (Helm & Crew under 19 years of age at 16th January 2026)
- NZ Sunburst Association Trophy – Secondary Schools Trophy (1st Helm & Crew both pupils from the same school on 16th January 2026)
- Muritai One Ton Cup (Highest placed crew with a combined age of 100 years or more).
- Tony Bouzaid Memorial Trophy (1st WBC female competitor)
- Invitation Race Trophy – John Brooke painting

18.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Class Association or the Organizing Authority.

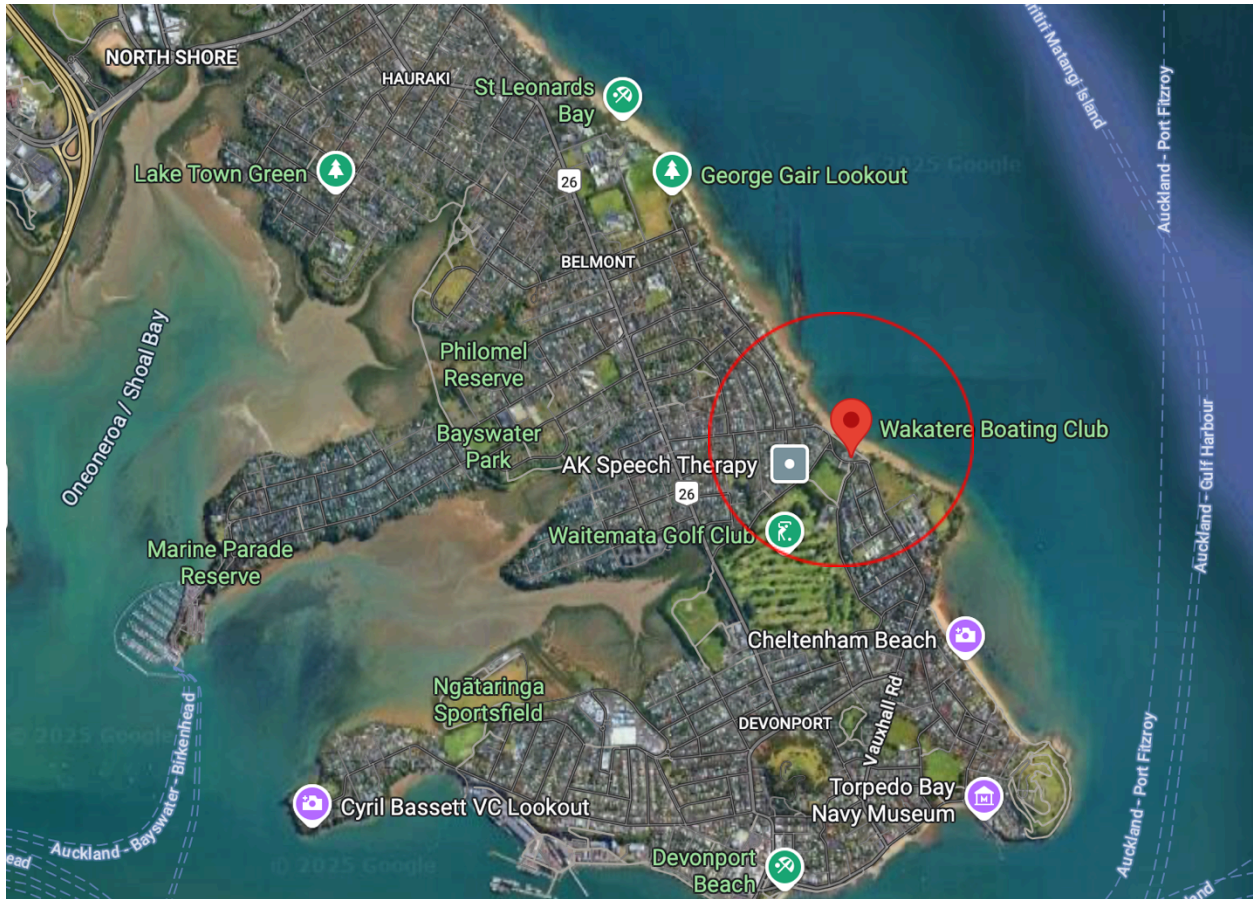
19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information, please contact:

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ADDENDUM A - YACHT CLUB LOCATION



ADDENDUM B - RACE AREA

