



## New Zealand A Class

### National Championships 2026

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

The Organising Authority is the Maraetai Sailing Club

The Hosting Venue is the Maraetai Sailing Club

188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai 2018

### Notice of Race (NoR)

Version 2.00

Changes Highlighted

‘[NP]’ denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat under RRS 60.1.

The INTERNATIONAL A DIVISION CATAMARAN CLASS is referred to as A Class in this document.

#### 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.

Refer to Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2025 – 2028

1.3 *Auckland Council Navigation Bylaw 2021 applies – available at*

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/bylaws/Documents/navigation-bylaw.pdf>

1.4 RRS 40.1 *Personal Flotation Devices* shall apply at all times

1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

1.6 The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 on the A-Class Web Site: [www.aclass.org.nz](http://www.aclass.org.nz) and [www.mareataisailingclub.org.nz](http://www.mareataisailingclub.org.nz)

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board

located at MSC sheds( for a paper version during the event) and at [www.maretaisailingclub.org.nz](http://www.maretaisailingclub.org.nz)

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1** The Official Notice Board is located at [www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz](http://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz)
- 3.2** Notices will also be posted to the event WhatsApp group 2026 A Class Nationals
- 3.3** DP] All Support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on *Chanel 17 & 77*
- 3.4** [DP] 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** A Class Nationals are open to A Class boats that comply with the A Class Rules and a current financial member of the NZ A Division Class Association.
- 4.2** A Class boats that wish to be eligible for the Classic Division must comply with the International A Class Rules C.2 for the Classic Discipline.
- 4.3** A competitor shall be a current financial member of a club or other organisation affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.
- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee at [www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz](http://www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz)
- 4.5** Late entries will be accepted with a Late Entry Fee up until 2000 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 5** To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member(s) shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant's and crew member(s)' national authority.
- 6** Proof of affiliated club membership to be presented at registration.
- 7** Each competitor, entrant and crew members shall be *members of the relevant class associations*

### **8 FEES**

- 8.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Late Entry Fee
Per Boat	\$200	\$250

Entry Fees are to be paid online at time of entry

**8.2** In the event of cancellation due to any causes outside of the Organising Authority's control, all efforts will be made to reimburse Entry Fees.

**9 ADVERTISING**

**9.1** [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.  
**9.2** The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

**10 SCHEDULE**

**10.1 Registration:**

Date	From	To
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	0830	0930

**10.2 Briefing** for the A Class Fleet will be held at 10.00 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**10.3 Dates of Racing:**

Date	A Class
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Racing
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Racing
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Racing

**10.4 Number of races:**

Class	Total Number Races Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
A Class	12	4	5	40

**10.5** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11.55.  
**10.6** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00.  
**10.7** Up to five (5) races may be sailed per day, but only if forecast weather conditions allow. This decision will only be made with the approval of the race committee and the nominated A Class Association Representative.

**11 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

**11.1** Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.  
**11.2** Boats may be inspected by a Class Official Measurer at any time.  
**11.3** Sails and Hulls must display the correct Sail Number assigned to the boat.  
**11.4** Launching Trolleys and Dumps shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number.

**12 VENUE**

**12.1** Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

- 12.2** [DP] LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING: All boats shall launch & retrieve from the Maraetai Sailing Club unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority
- 12.3** [DP] While a boat is racing, their trolleys and dumps shall be stacked off the beach in a designated area provided by the venue

### **13 COURSES**

- 16.1** The courses to be sailed will be outlined in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions ad will consist of W/L courses with 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.

### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

### **15 SCORING**

- 15.1** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** (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 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### **16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1** Support vessels will be allowed but must register with the Organising Authority at Registration, attend briefing and comply with local bylaws.
- 16.2** Support vessels must stay at least 50 metres outside the racecourse area, except for those responding to a request for assistance by the race committee.
- 16.3** [DP] No privately operated RPAS (drones) are allowed within the course area, or within 100m of any boat or vessel associated with the event.
- 16.4** [DP] Support vessels are required to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee when required
- 16.5** [DP] 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.

## **17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

**17.1** By participating in this event the competitor automatically grants the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any photography and live or recorded audio or video and other reproductions of them during the period of the competition without compensation. All those who participate 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/or your property

**17.2** 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 overflowed by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

## **18 RISK STATEMENT**

**18.1** 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.**

## **19 Disclaimer of Liability**

**19.1** All those taking part do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organising authority and any sponsor associated with this event have no liability for any material damage, loss, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

## **20 INSURANCE**

**20.1** 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

## **21 PRIZES**

**21.1** Prizes will be awarded as follows:

A Class Nationals:

- 1st Open Division Trophy

Open Division medals: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1st Classic Division Trophy

Classics Division medals: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1st Grand Master Division (over 55) Trophy

- Junior (under 25) Medal: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Winner of 1st Race - The Murray Philpott Memorial Trophy

- Ken Urquhart Trophy for “Good Sportsmanship”

Medals will be offered as above if there are more than 4 sailors in each division, and less one medal for each sailor less than 4.

**21.2** Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Classes or Organising Authority.

**22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Maraetai Sailing Club Office phone 09 536 6649 or email [office@maraetaisailingclub.org.nz](mailto:office@maraetaisailingclub.org.nz) . Main Contact: Grant Currie

## Addendum 1



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## APPENDIX B APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA

