



New Zealand Noelex 25 National Championship

5th – 8th of March 2026

The Organising Authority is the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club
(TYPBC)

90 Keith Allen Dr

Tauranga

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
- 1.2** The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part III Category C shall apply.
- 1.3** All boats must have an operational engine of not less than 8HP.
- 1.4** Bay of Plenty Regional Navigation Safety Bylaw 2017 shall apply.

<https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A4129530/content>

Boats must keep clear of working vessels in the main navigational channel. Boats that infringe this by-law shall be liable to disqualification after protest by the race committee. In accordance with RRS 42.3 (i) boats are permitted to motor, sail or paddle directly out of the main navigation channel, as marked in Tauranga Harbour, to comply with the Bay of Plenty Regional Navigation Safety Bylaw.

- 1.5** RRS 35, and A5 will be changed as follows:

- 1.5.1** RRS 35 and A5 will be changed to state that boats still racing but failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "did not finish" DNF.
- 1.5.2** RRS A5 will further be changed to state that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, DNS



1.5.3 Flotation Devices. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

1.5.4 The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 1 March 2026 at

<https://www.yacht.org.nz/regattas/2026-nz-noelex-25-national-champs>

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices before the event and official notice board will be posted online at

<https://www.yacht.org.nz/regattas/2026-nz-noelex-25-national-champs>

3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 77.

3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be 77.

3.4 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

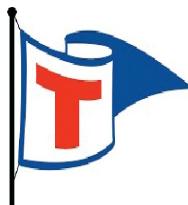
4.1 The event is open to boats of the Noelex 25 class.

4.2 Eligible Boats may enter the event online at

<https://www.yacht.org.nz/regattas/2026-nz-noelex-25-national-champs>

4.3 To be considered a valid entry a boat must complete all entry requirement by 28th Feb 2026.

4.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Late entries accompanied by the late entry fee may be accepted at the Race Committees



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discretion until 1000 hours on Wednesday 4th March 2026. No entries will be accepted beyond this date.

- 4.6** To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant shall be a member of Noelex 25 Association.
- 4.7** To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by Yachting New Zealand. Proof of affiliated club membership to be presented at registration.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee until 5pm Friday 28 th February	Late Entry
Noelex 25	\$200.00	\$250.00

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

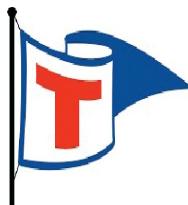
- 7.1** Registration - TYPBC Tauranga:

Date	From	To
5 th March 2026	12 noon	5:00 pm
Friday 6 th March 2026	8:00 am	9:00 am

- 7.2** Equipment inspection and event measurement at TYPBC Tauranga on Thursday 5th March 2026

- 7.2.1** Weighing services, if a weight certificate is not supplied, are not available at TYPBC and must be arranged prior with Noelex 25 Association

- 7.2.2** Sail measurement from 3:00pm to 5:00pm



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7.3 Dates of racing:

Briefings will be held downstairs in the Sailing Hall at TYPBC

Date	Races	First Warning	Briefing
Friday 6 th March 2026	Up to 4 races	11:25 am	09:00 am
Saturday 7 th March 2026	Up to 4 races	10:25 am	08:30 am
Sunday 8 th March 2026	Up to 4 races	10:25 am	08:30 am

7.4 Number of races:

Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day - Scheduled	Races per Day - Maximum	Target time (minutes)
9	3	4	50

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall comply with the rules of the Noelex 25 Association and shall produce a Noelex 25 Association approved weight certificate.
- 8.2 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection on Thursday, 5th March 2026 as in 7.2 of the schedule above.
- 8.3 Except during racing boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 NoR Addendum A shows a map of the TYPBC Tauranga location.
- 9.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

10 COURSE



10.1 The course to be sailed will be a Windward - Leeward course with a windward offset and a leeward finish.

10.2 The marks that will be used will be described in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12 SCORING

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

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

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

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

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

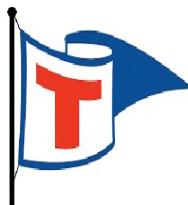
13.1 Support person vessels are not allowed.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 All competing yachts shall launch and retrieve at the Sulphur Point Marine Society ramp during the event *except* with prior permission of the race committee.

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 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Daily results and prizegiving will be held in the TYPBC clubrooms at the conclusion of racing each day, with the overall event prize giving to be held in the clubrooms at the conclusion of racing.

17.2 Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Noelex 25 Association.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information, please contact:

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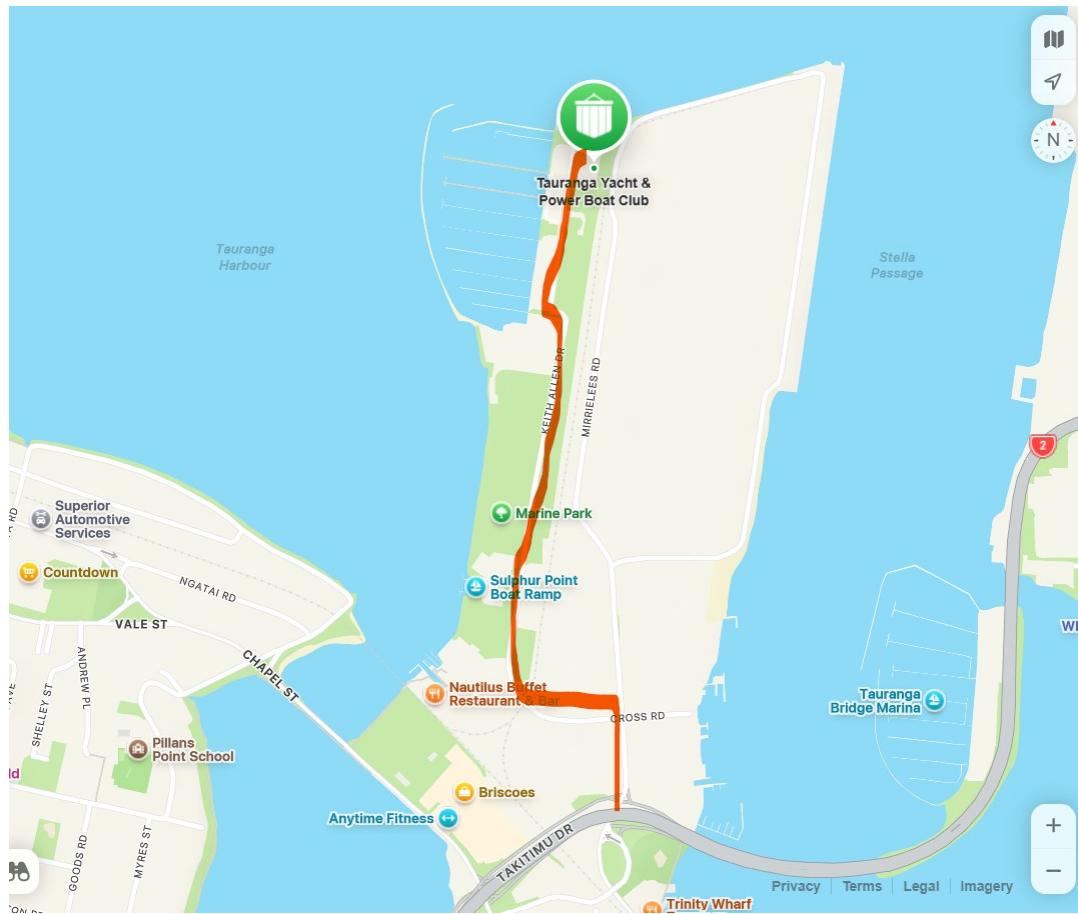
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Addendum A. Location of TYPBC

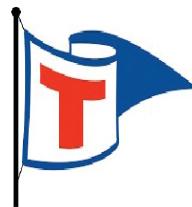


Directions:

Take the off-ramp from Takitimu Drive onto Merrilees Rd

Turn left onto Cross Rd

Proceed down Keith Allen Drive past the marina hardstand, Fishing Club and Coast Guard to the end.



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Addendum B. Location of Racing Area.

- A : Approx. 2.5 NM NW off Tauranga Harbour Entrance
- B : Approx 2.5 NM NE off Tauranga Harbour Entrance
- C : Approx 1.5NM W from TYPBC

Harbour Conditions can be seen here

<https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/operations/harbour-conditions/?app=desktop>

