



New Zealand Tornado National Championships 2026

Thursday 26th February – Sunday 1st March 2026

The Organising Authority is the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club

The Hosting Venue is the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club

Keith Alan Drive, Sulphur Point, Tauranga, New Zealand

Notice of Race (NoR)

Version 1.5

The INTERNATIONAL TORNADO CLASS is referred to as Tornado 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 2025 – 2028 - Part 1 shall apply.

<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/sites/default/files/2025-07/Yachting%20New%20Zealand%20Safety%20Regulations%202025-2028%20-%20updated%20July%202025.pdf>

1.3 The International Tornado Class Association Class Rules 2025 shall apply.

1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

1.5 Local By laws - Monitor VHF Ch 12 when using the shipping channel, keep clear of shipping movements

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from **14th February 2026** on the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club notice board or the NZ Tornado website <https://www.nztornadoclass.org>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The Official Notice Board is located at the Tauranga Yacht & Power Boat Club reception
- 3.2** A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats while racing, except in an emergency.
- 3.3** All radio communications will be made by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 77 to all race management and support boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** Tornado Nationals are open to Tornado boats that comply with the Tornado Rules.
- 4.2** To be eligible to compete in this event both crew are current financial members of the NZ Tornado Association.
- 4.3** To be eligible to compete in this event both crew shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.
- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form <https://forms.gle/dZu4hb7gLFbni8vv8> and submitting it, together with the required fee, to the TYPBC by Wednesday 4th February 2026
Entry Fees are to be deposited to:
Tauranga Yacht & Power Boat Club account# **01-0434-0082955-00**
Reference: Tornado
Particulars: Sail Number
Details: Name of Skipper
- 4.5** Late entries will be accepted with a Late Entry Fee up until 2000 Wednesday 25th February 2026

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee until 5 th February 2026	Late Entry Fee
Per Boat	\$250	Extra \$50

Entry Fees are to be deposited to:
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Reference: Tornado

Particulars: Sail Number

Details: Name of Skipper

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
Thursday 26th	1000	1700
Friday 27th	0830	0930

7.2 Briefing 0930 on Friday 27th February

7.3 Dates of Racing:

Date		Time of First Warning
Thursday 26 th	Practice Race (location to be decided)	1500
Friday 27 st	Racing	1200
Saturday 28 nd	Racing	1200
Sunday 1st Mar	Racing	1100

7.4 Number of races:

Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
9	3	5	45

7.6 On Sunday 1 March 2026 no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1** Boats may be inspected by a Class Official Measurer at any time.
- 8.2** Sails and Hulls must display the correct Sail Number assigned to the boat.
- 8.3** Launching Trolleys and Dumps shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number.
- 8.4** Boats are not required to produce a measurement certificate for this event.

9 VENUE

- 9.1** Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2** LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING: All boats shall launch & retrieve from in front of TYPBC unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority



- 9.3** While a boat is racing, their trolleys and dumps shall be stacked off the beach in a designated area provided by the venue

10 COURSES

- 10.1** The course(s) to be sailed will be of type Windward/Leeward
10.2 Course diagrams / descriptions and mark descriptions will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1** 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 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 (c) When 8 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 vessels will be allowed but must register with the Organising Authority at Registration, attend briefing and comply with local bylaws.
- 13.2** 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.
- 13.3** Support vessels are required to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee when required
- 13.4** 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.
- 13.5** Drones may be used by support people, but must comply with CAA rules and regs
- 13.6** Support persons intending to use drones for the 2026 NZ Tornado Nationals, must register with the TYPBC office

14 MEDIA, IMAGES, SOUND

- 14.1** 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 overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and/or your property
- 14.2** "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.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1** 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.**

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1** 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.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1** 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.
- 17.2** Any boat or support vessel wishing to enter the Tauranga Marina MUST have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of Insurance is to be presented at registration.

18 PRIZES

18.1 National Champions will be recognised in accordance with Yachting New Zealand regulation 4.5.4

18.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Tornado Nationals:

- 1st Place – The Moore Trophy

Open Division places: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- The Pro Marine Tornado Trophy - 1 st Mixed crew

18.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Class Assn or Organising Authority.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact the Tauranga Yacht & Power Boat Club Office phone 07 578 5512 or email office@yacht.org.nz

