



2026 NZ RS Feva SailGP Inspire Championships

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th February, 2026

Royal Akarana Yacht Club, Auckland, New Zealand

The Organising authority is the NZ RS Feva Association in conjunction with Royal Akarana Yacht Club, supported by Sail GP

NOTICE OF RACE

For the purposes of this document Royal Akarana Yacht Club will be known as “RAYC” and the NZ Feva Class Association will be known as “NZFCA”

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be 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 - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 Under RRS 86, Changes to The Racing Rules the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 35 and A5 will be changed to state that boats still racing but failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes may be given a finishing position based on the last mark they rounded and/or their position on the course. Their score will be greater than any boat who rounded further marks or who finished,
 - RRS 60.1(a) will be changed to state that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches of some specific parts of the Sailing Instructions or Supplementary Sailing Instructions,
 - RRS A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration 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, that will be on the official notice board in the Joyce Fisher Room, Ground Level, of the RAYC Clubhouse.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] Notices to Competitors may also be posted on the skippers WhatsApp group.
- 3.3 [DP] 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 RS Feva XL class that comply with the class rules.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by;
- (a) Registering on the Royal Akarana Yacht Club Website.
- Link -
- 4.3 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 17:00 on Friday 30th January 2026.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, with an additional late entry fee of \$100 per boat.
- 4.5 All competitors are required to complete the Parent/Guardian Consent details as part of the online entry process.
- 4.6 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.
- 4.7 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of the national NZFCA.
- 4.8 Proof of affiliated club and class association memberships to be presented at registration.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry is NZD \$300.00 per boat.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 All crew shall be aged 17 years or under on the 15th February 2026 (Last Day of regatta)

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

8 FORMAT

8.1 The event will be run as a single series for a single fleet.
10 Races are scheduled for the event

9 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Item	Races
Thursday 12 th Feb	16:00	Registration	
	18:00	TBC GP Event	
Friday 13 th Feb	09:30	Briefing	
	10:30	Launching	
	11:30	Racing	Up to 5 Races
	15:30	Recover	
	16:30	Late Afternoon BBQ, RAYC Hosted	
	17:00	TBC Sail GP Event	
	18:00	TBC Sail GP Event	
Saturday 14 th Feb	08:30	Briefing	
	09:00	Launching	
	10:00	Racing	Up to 4 Races
	13:30	Recover	
	15:00	Watch F50 Racing	

Sunday 15 th Feb	08:30	Briefing	
	09:00	Launching	
	10:00	Racing	Up to 3 Races
	13:30	Recover	
	14:30	Prizegiving on Sail GP Stage	
	15:00	Watch F50 Racing	

10 MEASUREMENT

- 10.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat must comply with the class rules at all times during the regatta.
- 10.2 In addition, spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time throughout the regatta.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 NoR Attachment A shows the location of the regatta venue.
- 11.2 NoR Attachment B shows the approximate location of the racing areas.
- 11.3 NoR Attachment C shows location of boat storage and support boat trailer Storage.

12 THE COURSES

- 12.1 The courses to be sailed shall be either;
- Windward/Leeward courses with a downwind finish using laid marks,
 - SailGP style course with a reaching start/finish.
- A gate may be used at both the windward and leeward marks.
- 12.2 The marks will be GPS self-positioning MarkSetBots and/or inflatable marks.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P may apply.
- 13.2 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with a One-Turn penalty.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 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.

15 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 All support boats must register with the Organising Authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support.
- 15.2 All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
- 15.3 All support and coach boats shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

16 [DP] LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

- 16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the dinghy park /rigging area.
- 16.2 All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the RAYC ramp, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority.
- 16.3 While a boat is racing, their beach trolleys must be stacked neatly in the concrete rigging area to the east of the public launching ramp.
- 16.4 Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number.
- 16.5 Refer NoR Attachment C for storage and launching map

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

- 18.1 All those who take part in this event as competitors 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 your property (boats).

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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.**

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine 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.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- 1st 2nd and 3rd Overall
 - 1 st All Female crew
- 21.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the NZ RS Feva Assn, RAYC, Sail GP and RS Sailing.
- 21.3 To be eligible for the above noted in 21.1 you must have competed in the RS Feva in either the Sir Peter Blake Regatta, Bucklands Beach Yacht Club Traveller Series, or any South Island event hosted with Fevas.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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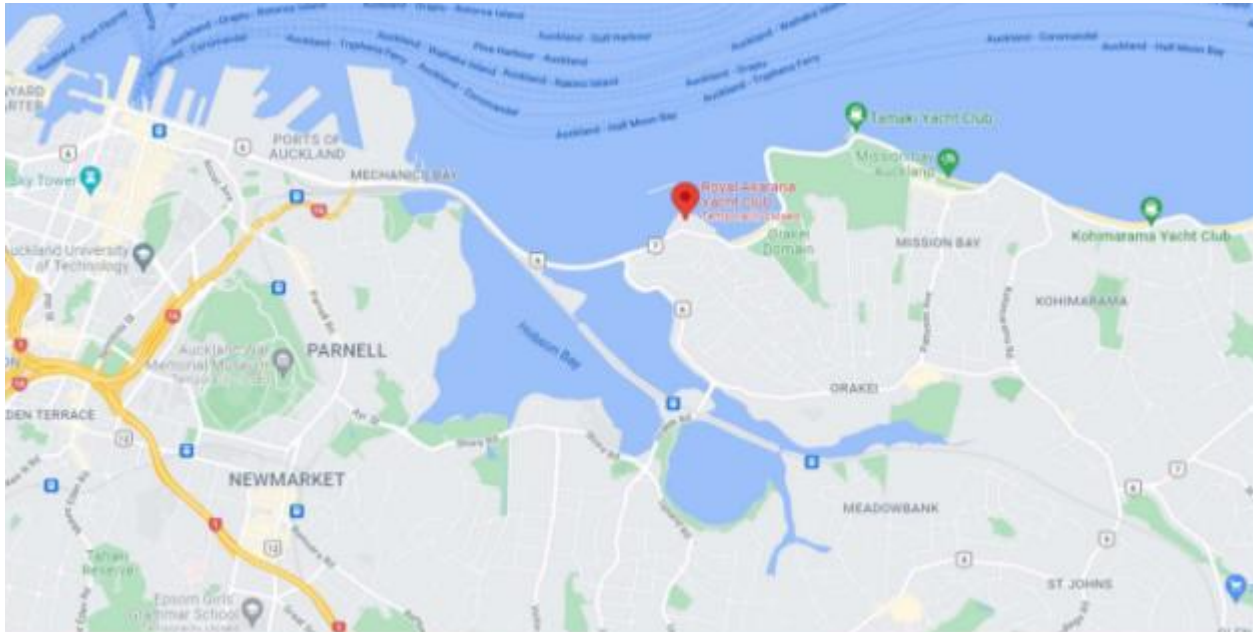
For venue information contact sailing@rayc.co.nz (Royal Akarana Yacht Club)

ATTACHMENT A

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE REGATTA VENUE

Venue Location:

Royal Akarana Yacht Club



ATTACHMENT B

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT C

LOCATION OF BOAT STORAGE AND SUPPORT BOAT TRAILERS

