



Foil Bay of Islands 2026

Incorporating the Kitefoil, Windfoil, Moths, Wingfoil and all other fleets

20th Feb through 22nd of February 2026

The Organising Authority is Bay of Islands Yacht Club

NOR and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – Windfoiling will also be governed by the Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. The wingfoilers will be governed by appendix WF and the Racing Rules of sailing except as modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations shall apply. All sailors shall wear buoyancy vests, impact vests, or lifejackets in good repair properly secured about their persons and complying with YNZ minimum standard at all times while afloat.
- 1.3. A suitable protective helmet must be worn at all times while afloat.
- 1.4. Competitors racing on and competing in the International iQFoil Class shall comply with the current International iQFoil Class Association rules.
- 1.5. During races, each sailor may be asked to carry a tracking device and/or application. with the sailor's mobile phone.
- 1.6. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions included in this document will be on the host club's website. Printed copies will NOT be provided by the Organising Authority at the briefing.

3. Eligibility and Fees

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all windfoilers, wingfoilers, kitefoilers and Moths.
- 3.2. Entry fees
 - \$185 for 3 days of racing for the Moth Nationals and any sailors racing in the Friday Adventure Race
 - \$125 for 2-day fleet racing and the social wingfoil fleet (Saturday and Sunday only).



- 3.3. There will be no refund if entered competitors withdraw their entry after the entry deadline.
- 3.4. Eligible craft may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, at <https://events.humanitix.com/foil-bay-of-islands-2026> by Monday the 15th of February 2026
- 3.5. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: If Late Entry is received online after to 2359hrs on Monday the 15th of February 2026 will need to add a further \$50 (Late Fee) to their entry fee.
- 3.6. Late entries can enter by completing at <https://events.humanitix.com/foil-bay-of-islands-2026>
- 3.7. New Zealand competitors shall be fully paid-up members of a YNZ-affiliated Yacht Club, and windfoilers must be fully paid-up members of Windfoil New Zealand Inc. New Zealand. Temporary regatta membership to BOIYC will be available for sailors who are not members of a yacht club.
- 3.8. For Olympic classes each crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 19.
- 3.9. Gold and Silver Fleet windfoil competitors must display a Windsurfing New Zealand registered sail number.
- 3.10. International Competitors shall comply with the New Zealand equivalent or similar.
- 3.11. All competitors must hold valid marine third party insurance for an amount not less than NZ\$1,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident. This cover must be extended to include racing cover.
- 3.12. Third-party insurance can be purchased through the following link on Yachting New Zealand's website.
<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/sailing-dinghy-and-tender-proposal>
- 3.13. The following must be provided upon registration: Proof of Age (if requested) Parental Permission – for those under the age of 18.

4. Advertising

- 4.1. Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 4.2. Regatta lycra, if provided, shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.
- 4.3. Regatta lycra and stickers shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way.

5. Notice to Competitors

- 5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the Foil Bay of Islands App <https://www.boiyc.org/foil-bay-of-islands> and the physical notice board will be located inside the clubhouse.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than 2000hrs on the day before.

7. Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located out the front of the clubhouse.
- 7.2. Signals made over a class flag apply to that class only.
- 7.3. A boat shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.



8. Schedule of Regatta

- Registration Inside the clubhouse

Date From To	Competitors
Thursday 19/2/2026 16:00 18:00	All Competitors
Friday 20/2/2026 08:00 10:00	All Competitors
Saturday 21/2/2026 08:00 09:30	Two Day Sailors: Racing and Wingfoil Social Fleet Competitors

- Equipment Inspection may take place at any time during the event

Competitors Briefing Bay of Islands Yacht Club

Date	Fleet
Friday 20/2/2026	10:00 All Competitors for The About Being Seen Adventure Race
Saturday 21/2/2026	10:00 All fleets followed by Wingfoil Social Fleet briefing.

- Racing Window/Schedule

Date:	Time of the First Warning Signal :	Divisions:
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Friday 20/2/2026 About Being Seen Adventure Race	11:00	All Competitors
Saturday 21/2/2026	11:00	All Competitors



Sunday 22/2/2026	11.00 1530 – Latest warning signal	All competitors
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9. A 'daily intended race schedule and format', and the scheduled time of different types of races may be published on the Official Notice Board.

9.1. There may be a daily class representative meeting at 9:30 hours.

9.2. There shall be a maximum of 7 Classic Course Races on any day. Races in other formats may be held in addition to the Classic Course Racing.

9.3. There may be up to 7 races sailed on any day.

9.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made. No sound will be made when the flag is lowered.

9.5. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30hrs.

9.6. The prize giving will be held as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of racing.

10. Format of Racing

10.1. Racing (excluding Social Fleet) will be a mix of windward/leeward, and Slalom courses. Refer to **Addendum A**

11. Equipment and Measurement [DP][NP]

11.1. Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with these Sailing Instructions at any time.

11.2. A competitor may replace damaged equipment and beyond immediate repair, and after that get permission from the Measurer as soon as reasonably possible. The item will be sighted.

11.3. Divisions and Class Flags

11.4. The class flag will be described below and/or at the briefing.

11.5: Men, Women, Youth, and Masters and Grand masters in each Division will all race together in one start.




11.6. All divisions will sail the same course with Silver Fleets sailing fewer laps than Gold/Open fleets. (excluding wingfoil social fleet on inner course)


11.7. Kitefoil: There must be a total number of 6 to constitute a division.

11.8. Wingfoil: There will be 3 scoring divisions, Gold, Silver and Social. There must be a total number of 6 to constitute a division.



11.9 Moth: There will be one division.



Fleet and Class Flags	Division Equipment
	<p>iQFOil Male ≥19y @ 31 Dec 2026</p> <p>IQ Class Regulation</p>
	<p>Open Board:</p> <p>Max Width 100.5</p> <p>Foil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 mast any size 2 fuselage any size 2 front wings any size 2 back wings any size. <p>Sails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any three sails Men max 10m Women max 9m
	<p>iQFOil Women (≥19y @ 31 Dec 2026)</p> <p>IQ Class Regulation</p>

	iQFOil Junior (<17 as of December 31 st , 2026) iQFOil Youth (< 19 as of December 31 st , 2026)
	IQ Class Regulation



Fleet and Class Flags Open 8M 	Division Equipment Board: Max Width 100.5 Foil: 1 mast any size 2 fuselage any size 2 front wings any size 2 back wings any size. Sails: Any three sails Men max 8M Women max 8M
Silver 	IQ Class Regulation Board: Board: Max Width 100.5 Foil: 1 mast any size 2 fuselage any size 2 front wings any size 2 back wings any size. Sails: Any three sails Men max 8m Women max 8m

Kitefoil

Flag to be shown at briefing	Open
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Wingfoil

Armstrong Gold/Silver /Racing Fleet and Social Fleet Flags to be shown at Briefing	
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12. Racing Area

- 12.1. The Course Racing Area will be on the waters off Bay of Islands Yacht Club the Race Area will be indicated at the daily briefing.
- 12.2. The Armstrong Wingfoil Social Fleet Racing area will be on a separate inner course indicated at the daily briefing.

13. Courses

- 13.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the racing fleet courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 13.2. The Race Committee will determine the race format and the courses at their discretion. Social fleet race format and course will be tailored to the intermediate wingfoiler and the conditions.
- 13.3. If more than one race format and/or if more than one course option is prescribed for the day's racing, no later than **one minute** before the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a whiteboard or flag.
- 13.4. Any races started from the beach will be described at the daily briefing.

14. Marks

- 14.1. The starting marks, finishing marks, and marks on the course will be described at the briefing.

15. The Start

- 15.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 15.2. The following start sequence will be used:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
	Orange Flag	one long	Racing about to start
3	Class Flag displayed	one	Warning
2	P, U or Black flag displayed	one	Preparatory
1	P, U, or Black flag removed	one long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	one	Start
2	Orange flag removed	none	Start closed

15.3. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

16. Change, of Course,

16.1. Any changes to the courses will be described in the class representative briefing and on official notice boards.

17. The Finish

17.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at one end and the orange buoy at the other end.

17.2. Target Times and Time Limits & Rest Periods [NP]

Course	TARGET TIME	FINISH WINDOW	TIME LIMIT
Windfoil Slalom	6 min	4 min	8 min
Windfoil Course	15 min	5 min	25 min
Kitefoil	15 min	5 min	25 min
Moth	15min	5 min	25min
Wingfoil Gold/Silver Racing	15 min	5 min	25 min
Wingfoil Social	Variable	Variable	Variable

18. Penalty System

- 18.1.** Racing rule 44.1 and App P 2.1 will be changed to a penalty consisting of, upwind, two tacks and downwind two gybes to be done continuously and as soon as possible after the infraction or
- 18.2.** Alternatively, a competitor may elect a Scoring Penalty in lieu of completing a One-Turn penalty (B44.4 WCR). The penalty will be 2 points.

19. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 19.1.** Please note clauses 1.6, 17.2, and the 'Scoring Penalty' system being offered.
- 19.2.** Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located in the BOIYC Clubhouse.
- 19.3.** Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.4.** Sailors retiring from racing after finishing shall notify the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.
- 19.5.** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 19.6.** Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 19.7:** Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the clubhouse. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

20. Scoring at Regatta

- 20.1.** 4 races are required to constitute a series.
- 20.2.** When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 20.3.** When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.4.** When 8 or more races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 20.5.** Any race format will be scored as a single race.
- 20.6** The Friday Adventure race will be scored separately except for the Moths who will include the result in the National's scoring.

21. Safety

- 21.1.** Competitors shall, within 30 minutes of departing or coming ashore, sign on each time they leave the shore to enter the course and shall sign off each time they come ashore from the course.
- 21.2.** Boats not leaving shore for the day's races shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 21.3.** Report to start the boat once enters the racing area after leaving the shore and call out sail or bib number.
- 21.4.** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee or any safety boat as soon as possible.
- 21.5.** All competitors shall always wear a helmet.
- 21.6.** All competitors shall wear the organising authorities' selected bibs.
- 21.7.** All competitors shall wear buoyancy aids.

22. Official Boats including Support and spectator.

- 22.1.** Official boats will be as described at the briefing.
- 22.2.** All support vessels shall keep at least 100m from the racing area whilst boats are racing.
- 22.3.** Sufficient personal flotation devices for each crew member must be carried or worn in all support vessels at all times in accordance with New Zealand Maritime Law.
- 22.4.** All support vessel drivers with outboards must attach the kill cord at all times that the engine is running.

23. Radio Communications

- 23.1.** Except in an emergency, a competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all sailors. This restriction also

applies to mobile telephones.

24. Drug Testing

Competitors are reminded of the World Sailing rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances, which are contained in the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code. Drug testing may take place during this event.

25. Prizes

25.1. The following prizes for the regatta may be given at the discretion of the Organising Authority for all fleets/categories of over 6 competitors:

- First 3 positions in the Kitefoil Fleet
- First 3 positions in the Windfoil Open Fleet
- First 3 positions in the Windfoil Silver Fleet
- First 3 positions in the Windfoil Female Fleet
- First 3 positions in the Wingfoil Social Fleet
- First 3 positions in the Wingfoil Racing Fleets
- First 3 positions in the Moth Fleet

25.2. For each fleet prizes will be awarded where applicable for:

- First Youth Male: Aged > 19 as of December 31st on the year of comp
- First Youth Female: Aged > 19 as of December 31st on the year of comp
- First Junior: Aged > 17 as of December 31st on the year of comp
- First Kitefoil Master: Aged over 35 as of December 31st on the year of comp
- First Master: Aged 40 to 54 years as of 31st Dec on the year of comp.
- First Grand Master: Aged 55 years or more on the year of comp
- First Legend: Aged 65 or more on the year of comp.

26. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27. Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

By entering the regatta, competitors automatically grant Insight Media, formerly Jacob Fewtrell Media, Yachting New Zealand, and the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them or their equipment, taken during the period of the regatta, for the said regatta as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation. (This may include the use of a UAV/drone)

26.13. For further information please contact:

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Addendum A Racing course

