

HARKEN NEW ZEALAND YOUNG 88 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

20th – 22nd March, 2026

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron,
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NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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 II Category 4 shall apply. Refer [YNZ Safety Regulations](#)
- 1.3 On Water Judging will be used for this event. The Umpired Fleet Racing Rules will apply and will be attached to the SSI's.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Thursday 6 March 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at Official Notice Board
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 4,16,17,77.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI's.
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF radio (channel 16/77) while racing.
- 3.5 [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. This does not include any communication with the race committee over the designated race channel.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Young 88 class.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by;

4.2.1 Completing the on-line entry form on the Young 88 website, [Online Entry Form](#)

4.2.2 Paying the non-refundable entry fee.

4.3 Entries must be submitted using the online form and payment made by 23:59 hrs on 9th March 2026.

4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.

4.6 All boat owners and helms must be a current member of the Young 88 class owners' association.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$250.00

5.2 An additional late fee of \$50.00 is required for any entries received after the 9th March 2026.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Under RRS 87, rule 16.1 of the Young 88 Class Rules is replaced with the following: "While racing a crew shall consist of either no more than seven crew, or if more than seven persons then a maximum crew weight limit of 616 kilograms applies, weighed with all crew wearing a minimum of sailing shorts and a tee shirt. Boats sailing with more than 7 crew will be required to complete the crew weight compliance declaration form at this link Weight Declaration by 1600hrs Weds 18th March 2026.

6.2 RRS 78.1 is hereby changed to include:
Boats racing with more than seven crew may be required to weigh in at the conclusion of racing each day. No crew will have to weigh twice. Crew weighing will take place at the RNZYS by 1900 each race day, a tolerance of 10kg increase from the declared maximum will be permitted in the total crew weight for that day. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification without a hearing from all races completed on that day of racing.

6.3 [DP]Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee or Race Committee.

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance WS advertising code.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration and Briefing:

	Date	From	To
Registration	Friday, 20 th March 2026	1600	1830
Briefing	Friday, 20 th March 2026	1830	
Prize Giving	Sunday 22 nd March 2026	After Racing	

8.2 Registration consists of picking up race packs and sealing of spare spinnakers as per the class rules. This can be done at Registration on the 20th March 2026 or immediately after the briefing.

8.3 Attending The Briefing at 1830 on the 20th March 2026 at the RNZYS is mandatory for all skippers or their nominated representative.

8.4 Dates of racing:

8.4.1 The event shall consist of a series of up to 10 races – (refer schedule below).

Day	Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Number of Races	Maximum races per day
Day 1	Sat, 21 st March 2026	0955	5	6
Day 2	Sun, 22 nd March 2026	0955	5	6

8.4.2 On Saturday 21st March, 2026 no warning signal will be made after 1800.

8.4.3 On Sunday 22nd March, 2026 no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

9.2 Only measured and approved Class sails may be used.

9.3 All boats will be supplied with four coloured stickers for sail identification at the briefing. Each skipper is required to clearly display these adjacent to the measurer's stamp, one on each of the Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, & Spinnaker (as per Class Sails) chosen by each skipper for use in the event.

9.4 Spare #1 spinnakers may be carried but they must be presented at or before the briefing on Friday 20th March (as per NOR 8.2 for inspection and to have the sail bags sealed by the Class Measurer).

9.5 No boats or sails shall be measured after 1800 Monday 16 March 2026.

9.6 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

10.1 The event will be based out of the RNZYS, Westhaven, Auckland.

10.2 The intended racing area is bounded North Head and Park Point but may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee to suit the conditions. If the intention is to use the Back Paddock (east of Brown's Island) or north of Rangitoto, this will be advised at the Friday briefing or via the WhatsApp group.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 On Water Judging will be used for this event. Umpired Fleet Racing Rules will apply and will be attached to the SSI's.

13 SCORING

13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When from 1 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,

13.3 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 [DP] All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

14.2 [DP] Any support and coach vessels shall be registered with the Race Committee and clearly marked to identify with their team.

14.3 [DP] All support and coach vessels shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) always attached to the driver while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Race Committee.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 [DP] All boats must be in the water 18 hours before the event starts, and remain in the water during the event, unless prior written permission has been provided by the Race Committee. For the sake of clarity, the restriction on haul-out includes any cleaning of the hull under the water line until after the event concludes.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 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.**

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy insurance policy certificate must be provided if at any time requested to do so by the Organising Authority.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

20.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsor(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue for the event, until their final departure, without compensation.

20.2 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.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

21.1.1 The National Championship will be decided online. Places will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd overall online.

21.1.2 A Corinthian prize will be awarded to the first all amateur crew online.

21.1.3 The Tanaka Cup will be awarded for the first placed owner-driver.

21.1.4 The Mason Pepper Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the first yacht online helmed by a person aged 65 years or over.

21.2 Handicap prizes will be awarded except those who qualify for prizes in 21.1.1 and 21.1.2 who will not be eligible.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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