2027 New Zealand R Class National Championship – Leander Trophy

18th February to 21st February 2027

The Organising Authority is the Naval Point Club Lyttelton

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta 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.

1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available before 1700 on Wednesday 17 February 2027 at https://www.navalpoint.co.nz/major-events/2027-new-zealand-leander-r-class-trophy.

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions on the official notice board at https://www.navalpoint.co.nz/racing/official-noticeboard-1

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://www.navalpoint.co.nz/racing/official-noticeboard-1.

3.2 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 R Class that comply with R Class rules and all competitors must be a current financial member of a regional squadron of the New Zealand R Class Skiff Squadron.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at https://www.navalpoint.co.nz/viewform/517882 and paying the required fee.

4.3 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1700 on Friday 12 February 2027.

4.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by entrant and crew member's national authority.
Proof of affiliated club membership is to be presented at registration.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

CLASS	FEE
R	Nil

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 [DP]Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:
0800-0930 Thursday 18th February 2027 at Naval Point Club

7.2 Briefing
0930-1000 Thursday 18th February 2027 at Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

7.3 Dates of racing

Date	***R Class***
February 18	*racing*
February 19	*racing*
February 20	*racing*
February 21	*reserve day*

7.4 Number of races

Total Number scheduled	***Races per day – Scheduled (Thu – Sat)***	***Races per Day – Maximum***	***Target time (minutes)***
9	*3*	*4*	*30*

7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 11.00 hrs.

7.6 If required to complete a contest, a reserve day race will be scheduled at 11.00 hrs on Sunday 21 February 2027. No warning signal will be made after 1230.

7.7 Up to four races can be scheduled per day. Race Target time is 30 minutes. It is intended that 3 races per day will be held in normal circumstances, however the option to extend (or reduce) this is included. In such cases adequate advanced notice shall be given on the official notice board (NoR 3.1).

7.8 A separate Super-Cup Sprint Series will be run on Sunday 21st February 2027 after National Championship racing is finished for the day. Scoring is on a low points basis, a minimum of 5 races are to be held (all races count), an extra race shall be held in the event of a tie.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each R Class boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

8.3 Equipment inspection: 18 February 2027 from 0800 to 0900

9 VENUE

9.1 Addendum A shows the location of the regatta venue.

9.2 Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

10 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward; two laps.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all boats RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

12.1 The scoring system is as follows. This changes RRS Appendix A.

(a) A boat that starts, finishes and is not penalised scores 400/(N+3) points, where N is her finishing place (1st = 100, 2nd = 80, 3rd = 66.667 and so on).

(b) A boat scored DNC, OCS or DSQ receives no points for that race and is not given a finishing position.

(c) A boat scored DNS or DNF receives half the average points those boats would have received had they all finished.

(d) The boat with the highest series score wins. Ties are broken in favour of the boat with the most first places, then most second places, and so on. This changes RRS A8.

12.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No race score will be excluded.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be registered and identified at registration.

13.2 [DP] All 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.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

15 RISK STATEMENT

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

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.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

18 PRIZES

18.1 The following prizes will be awarded for R-Class Skiffs complying with the class rules:

R Class Leander Trophy for the National Championship
R Class Kent Prier Trophy
R Class Bank of NSW Trophy
R Class Bill Hayman Cup
R Class Leander Trophy Masters Cup
R Class Leander Cup
R Class Doug Harrison Memorial Trophy
R Class Youth Trophy
R Class Ruddiman Trophy
R Class Pinkney Trophy
R Class Innovation Trophy
R Class Lion Trophy
Super Cup Sprint Series - Leander Trophy

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

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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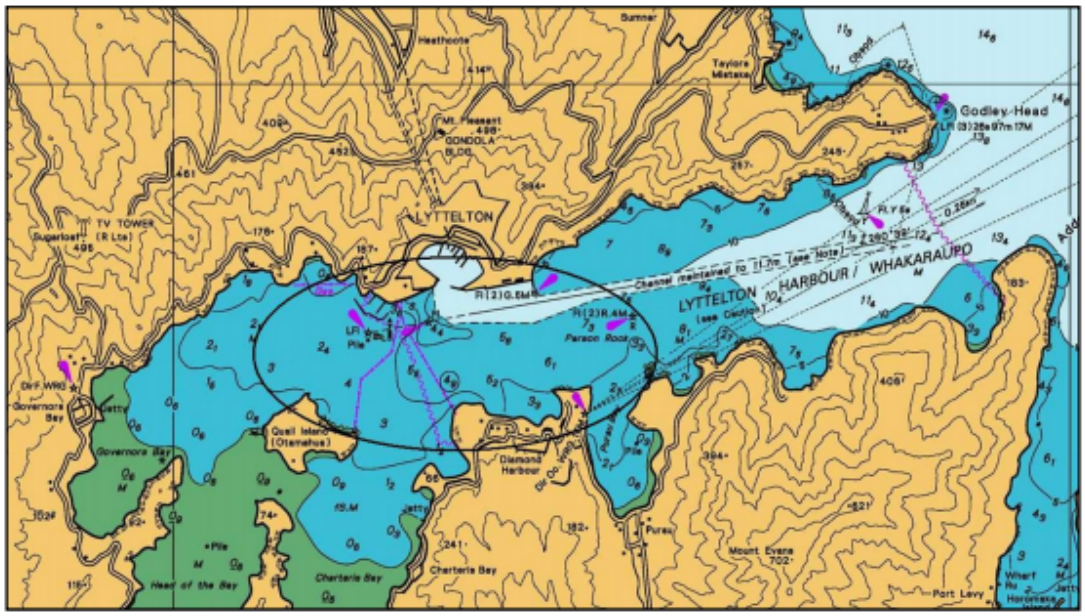
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Addendum A: Location of Naval Point Club



Turn right at Tunnel exit roundabout. Turn first left and follow to recreation ground. Turn right and follow 300m to NPCL gate.

Addendum B: Racing Area on Lyttelton Harbour



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Entry Form

Organising Authority:

Naval Point Club Lyttelton

PO Box 232
Lyttelton 8841

Class
Hull Colour
Boat Name
Sail Number

Helmsperson	Crew
First Name	First Name
Surname	Surname
Gender	Gender
Yacht Club	Yacht Club
Postal Address	Postal Address
Email	Email
Contact number	Contact number

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I understand that yacht racing has inherent risks and dangers that are beyond the control of the organizing authority. I understand that neither the organising authority and its officers, members, and servants nor other persons assisting with the conduct of the regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta.
I agree to the use of my photograph(s) and other relevant information in any event publicity and in the ongoing promotion of New Zealand yachting. I agree to the Organising Authority and Yachting New Zealand holding the above information for the general administration and well-being of the sport, and for them to retain, use and disclose the information to affiliated organisations and any other persons or organisations that Yachting New Zealand believes will further the interests and objectives of Yachting New Zealand. I acknowledge my right to access to and correction of this information. The consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

Helmsperson's Signature	**Crew's Signature**
Date	Date

Enclosures			
Entry Fee	Proof of Club Membership	Certificate of insurance	Measurement Certificate
Nil	☐	☐	☐