Anita Dobson & Co Women on Water Weekend
Fri 5th – Sun 7th March 2027
NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club
1299 Laurie Southwick Parade, Gulf Harbour, Whangaparaoa 0930, New Zealand

Races will be conducted under general handicap. It is envisaged that the fleet will be split into divisions:

Division A	Spinnaker
Division B	Non-Spinnaker (No Extras see NOR 1.8)
Division C	Harbour Courses (No Extras see NOR 1.8)

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 shall apply as follows:

1.2.1 For Keel Yachts and Multihulls Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II, Category 5 shall apply.

1.2.2 For Trailer Yachts Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part III, Category C shall apply.

1.2.3 All boats shall carry Chart NZ5321 Mahurangi Harbour to Rangitoto Island or equivalent either as a paper chart or electronically.

1.2.4 All boats shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 knots.

1.2.5 All boats must be equipped with a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on all channels. A listening watch must be maintained in the cockpit on VHF Channel 77 (Division A and B), or Channel 66 (Division C), while underway either with a handheld or cockpit fitted VHF Radio.

1.2.6 For any yacht not fitted with lifelines, every person on board shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (Lifejacket) that meets New Zealand Standard 5823:2005 (inflatable type 401 150N) with a crotch strap whilst underway.

1.3 Auckland Council Navigation Bylaw 2021 applies. Available at https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policiesreports/bylaws/bylaws/Documents/navigation-bylaw.pdf

1.4 Boats with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast may move the ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim and stability. This changes RRS 51.

1.5 RRS 52 shall not apply to the adjustment of the canting keel or water ballast.

1.6 Powered winches, either electric or hydraulic, are permitted. This changes RRS 52.

1.7 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

1.8 Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 2000 hours on Monday 22 February 2027 on the official notice board as outlined in 3.1.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://www.ghyc.co.nz/woww

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 77 for Divisions A and B and channel 66 for Division C.

3.3 [DP] While racing, boats shall not make or receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Refer to Addendum A for definitions of owner, skipper, helmsperson and crew.

4.2 Entries will be accepted from Keel Yachts, Multihulls and Trailer Yachts registered with Yachting New Zealand and whose owners or skippers are financial members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

4.3 All boats must be registered online on the Boat Entry Form.

4.4 All skippers must be registered online on the Skippers Entry Form.

4.5 Crew must register online via the Crew Entry Form. If you are not currently part of a crew, we will endeavour to find a place for you. Allocation will be done on a first come first served basis.

4.6 Entries open on 1 October 2026 and close on 13 February 2027. There will be no late entries. Entries may be limited by the number of boats willing to be involved. Allocations to boats will be processed in the order in which entries are received.

4.7 Entry, available from 1 October 2026 will be via the GHYC website. To enter go to: https://www.ghyc.co.nz/woww

5 FEES

5.1 Entry Fee: The entry fee is $95 per person. There is no fee for male owner of the boat who may be on board, even if they are part of the working crew.

5.2 There will be no refund if entered competitors withdraw their entry after the entry deadline.

5.3 For payment of other fees see entry forms.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 For the Divisions A and B all boats shall be skippered and helmed by a female. For the Division C, a boat may be skippered or helmed by a male or a female. See Addendum A.

6.2 In the interest of the intention and vision of the event, crews are encouraged to maximise number of women in the crew as much as possible. The following crew limitations apply:

Total Persons on Board	Maximum number of men
4 - 6	1 (Div A and B) 2 (Div C)
7 or more	2

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1	**Fri 5 March**	09:00-11:00	Morning Registration, coffee
		11:00	Meet boat owner, skipper and crew
		11:30	Meet at your boat for a briefing, then head out for a shake down sail and possibly anchor for lunch and a swim
		17:00	Familiarisation session for those new to yacht racing – what to expect over the weekend
		17:00 -19:00	Evening Registration
		18:00	Mexican Buffet
		19:00	Guest speaker - Lieutenant Commander Maddie Win

Sat 6 March	08:00	Breakfast at GHYC & registration
	09:00	Race Officers' briefing
	10:30	Division A and B – first start time for pursuit race. Followed by two more races back-to-back
	10:30	Division C first start time for first race in pursuit format. Different starting vessel and starting line from the other divisions. Total of 3 back-to-back pursuit format races.
	18:00	Day results and spot prizes
	19:00	Dinner and Dancing
Sun 7 March	08:00	Breakfast at GHYC
	09:55	Division A Warning Signal 2 races back-to-back
	10:05	Division B Warning Signal 2 races back-to-back
	10:00	Division C first start in pursuit format – 1 race
	15:00	Results and Prizegiving (see 8.3)

8.2 On Sunday 7 March no warning signal will be made after 12:30.

8.3 Prizegiving will be held in Gulf Harbour Yacht Club on Sunday 7 March as soon as possible after racing but no later than 15:00.

9 VENUE

9.1 Division A and B racing will be held on the waters south-west of the Gulf Harbour Marina entrance.

9.2 Division C racing will be held on waters south-east of the Gulf Harbour Marina entrance.

9.3 See Addendum B for a diagram of the racing areas.

10 COURSES

10.1 Course to be sailed will be, triangular or harbour courses. For Divisions A and B the first race on Saturday will be a pursuit harbour course race.

10.2 All Division C starts will be pursuit style for all races.

11 SCORING

11.1 For Divisions A and B five races are scheduled.

11.2 For Division C four races are scheduled.

11.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.4 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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.

13 INSURANCE

13.1 All participating boats must hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZD $5,000,000 per incident (or equivalent). A mandatory disclaimer confirming this will be included as a tick-box agreement in the online registration form

13.2 The crew of each boat is liable for any insurance premium excess should an insurance claim be made.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Spot prizes
- Individual race winners
- Trophy for the series winner of each division

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information please contact woww@ghyc.co.nz

Addendum A

Owner - The person on board representing the owner of the boat. Ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of the boat and the crew on board. The owner may give advice, guidance and physical support if requested by the skipper. May be male or female. See RRS rule 46. If female, may also be the skipper or helmsperson or both.

There is no fee for male owners, even if they are part of the working crew.

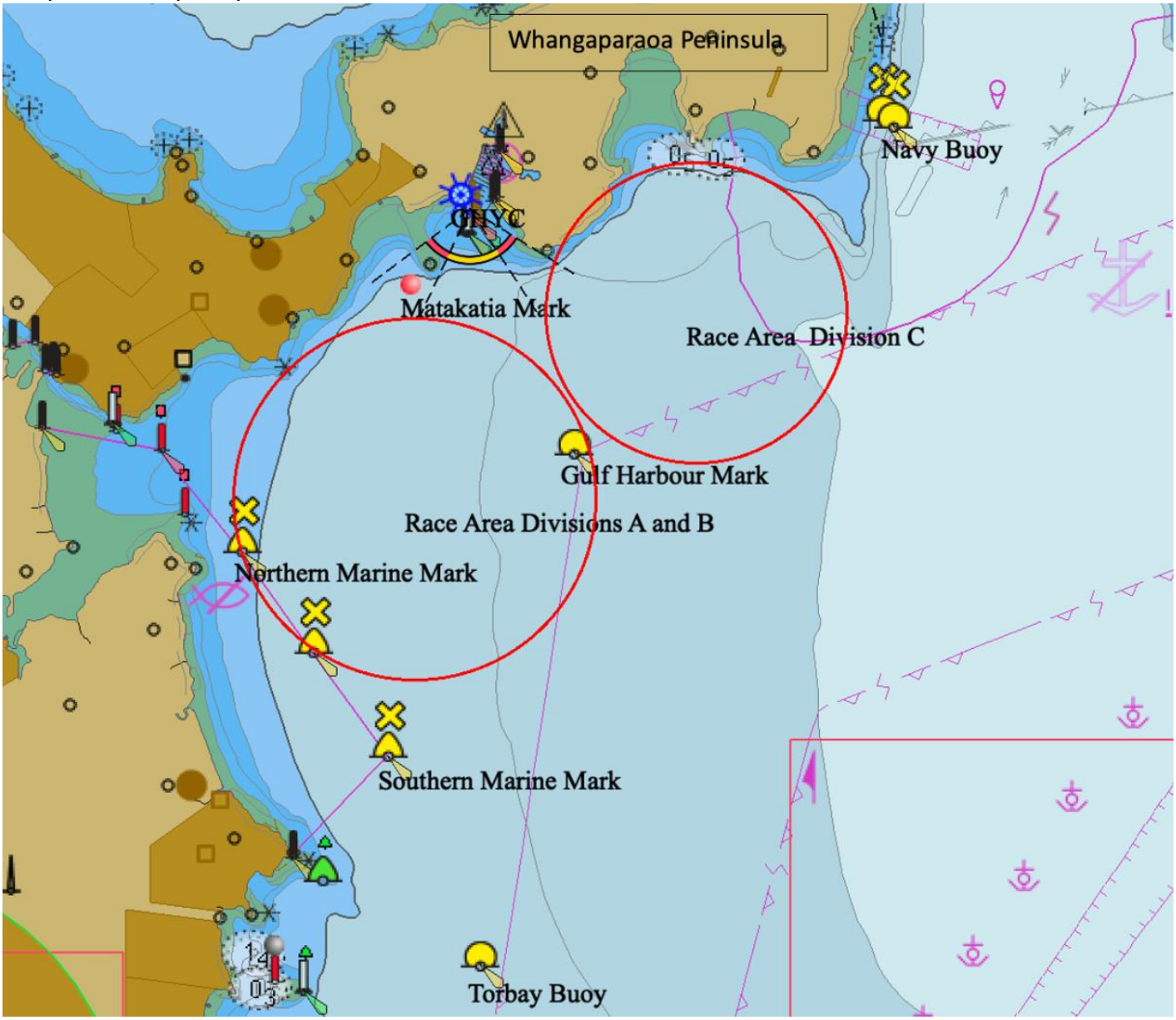
Skipper – the person in charge of the racing crew, delegating the tasks required for racing the boat. For the Divisions A and B, must be female, may be an owner. For Division C, the skipper may be male or female, however, crews are encouraged to enable a female to undertake skipper duties whenever appropriate. May be an owner.

Helmsperson – the person steering the boat. For Divisions A and B, the helmsperson must be female, may change during the race but must always be female while racing. For the Division C, the helmsperson may be male or female, however, crews are encouraged to enable a female helming whenever appropriate.

Crew – Persons on board undertaking the tasks involved in sailing the boat. Within the crew limitations of Notice of Race 6.2 may be male or female.

Male crew (except the owner) pay the same fee as other crew members.

Addendum B – Approximate Race Areas. Some courses may use the permanently laid buoys between Navy Buoy and Torbay Buoy.



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