ARCHITECTS' REGATTA 2027

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Thursday 25 February

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron,
Westhaven Marina, Auckland

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Entries close: Monday 8 February 2027

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Due to planning handicap and start time schedule, entries will not be accepted after the closing date. **Check the date, don't be late!**

1. RULES

1.1. Racing will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.2. The Yachting New Zealand special regulations Part II Category 5 and these Race Notes shall apply for keel boats and multi hulls.
1.3. Any contact made, however minor, with any navigational mark, shall be reported to the race committee by that yacht or any other yacht witnessing the incident. Competitors shall keep clear of all ships of 500 tonnes net register and upwards (500m in front and 200m to the side). This particularly refers to, but it is not limited to, ships in the main navigational channel. Competitors shall abide by all harbour regulations.
1.4. A boat shall not discharge trash into the water. Waterbombs are prohibited.

2. COMMUNICATION

2.1. [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 16 & 77.
2.1.a. Channel 77 is to be used for race event communication.
2.1.b. Channel 16 must be used for emergency communication.
2.2. In an emergency, the boat in distress must request assistance via VHF channel 16 for the Coastguard and Emergency Services to be alerted.
2.3. [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.

3. ENTRIES

3.1. Racing is open to all keel boats that meet the requirements of 1.2 above.
3.2. Entries will be accepted up until Monday 8 February 2027. Entries must be completed in full online at **gib.co.nz/regatta**
3.3. Due to capacity constraints of this event, entries are limited, Winstone Wallboards reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any yacht entry.

4. RACE DIVISIONS AND START TIMES

4.1. The race will be started using a Mark Foy Start. Each boat will be allotted a start time and a start sequence number. The first boats starting at 1530 hrs.
4.2. There will be two divisions
4.2.a. Non-Spinnaker
4.2.b. Spinnaker.

5. THE START

1520 Orange Flag Up: Course Displayed
1525 Sponsors Flag Displayed – 1 Sound: Warning Signal
1524 Flag "P" Displayed – 1 Sound: Preparatory Signal
1529 Flag "P" Removed – 1 Long Sound: 1 minute to first start
1530 Sponsors Flag Removed – 1 sound: First Start

Please note: Premature Starters will be penalised 3 places.

6. THE COURSE

6.1. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall signal the number of the course to be sailed, from Westhaven Tower.
6.2. Course sheets will be included in the race entry pack, which must be picked up from the registration desk in the Ballroom, RNZYS from 1:30pm on race day.

7. START AND FINISH LINES

7.1. The start and finish line will be between the signal mast on the Westhaven Tower and the Windward edge of the yellow Westhaven buoy approximately 400 metres from the Tower. All boats not starting shall keep clear of the starting area defined as 100 metres west of the starting line until 5 minutes prior to their allotted start time.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration from 1.30pm on race day.

9. FAIRWAY MARKS

9.1 Fairway Marks, as outlined in the Sailing Instructions, will be deemed to be obstructions and shall be passed on the main channel side only.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Standard Sailing Instructions apply, and a copy will be provided in the race pack on the day.

11. RACE COMMUNICATION

11.1 All radio communications between competitors and the race committee shall be through VHF Channel 77.

12. SAFETY

12.1. Skippers are responsible to ensure crew and guests behave in a considerate and safe manner while on the water and ensure lifejackets are available for all crew to wear onboard. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is the skipper's alone.

13. PRE-RACE PACK AND INFORMATION

13.1. Race pennants, start times and course details must be picked up from the registration desk in the Ballroom at the RNZYS from 1:30pm on race day. Race pennants must be returned at prize-giving.
13.2. Parking: Please advise your guests that parking is only available between the white lines around the RNZYS. Parking permits can be picked up from the machine at the RNZYS reception. Between the yellow lines is a tow-away zone and is for Berth Owner card holders only. Vehicles incorrectly parked will be towed.

14. POST-RACE FUNCTION

14.1 Please join us for drinks, dinner, prizegiving and entertainment from post race to 9.30pm.

15. DRESS CODE

15.1 Please respect the RNZY's dress code.

16. DISCLAIMER

16.1. 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.**
16.2. 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 Winstone Wallboards 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 is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of the boats in the event and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of their equipment or the competence of the skippers or crews whose entries are accepted. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

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ENTRY IS FREE. Due to the handicap planning schedule must be received no later than **Monday 8 February 2027.**

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