



Winter Rum Race Series

10 May to 13 September 2026



Organising Authority: Kerikeri Cruising Club, 346 Opito Bay Road, RD1, Kerikeri
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Notice of Race

Open to members from any club

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part II Category 5 shall apply for keelboats and multihulls.
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part V Category C shall apply to trailer yachts.
- 1.4 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part VI Category B shall apply to sport boats.
- 1.5 All other yachts shall comply with their appropriate class and safety rules.
- 1.6 It is compulsory that every boat have on board a functioning VHF radio plus two red and two orange flares (all less than three years old), all of which are readily accessible.
- 1.7 The required safety gear must be carried on board at all times and may be inspected.
- 1.8 RRS 51 is modified to allow boats with moveable/variable ballast systems and/or canting keels to compete. Boats shall comply with ISAF Special Regulations Appendix K and YNZ Safety Regulations 6.1(k) and 6.2(k).
- 1.9 RRS Rule 52 *Manual Power* shall not apply.
- 1.10 Between Sunset and Sunrise the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" will apply, replacing the relevant rules of Racing Rules of Sailing Part 2.
- 1.11 The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.
- 1.12 This is a non-spinnaker event. No spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be boomed out using spinnaker booms but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.
- 1.13 While racing and preparing to race (from the 5min preparatory signal until the finish), vessels racing and preparing to race shall not be required to comply with DOI Marine Mammal sanctuary requirements for vessels. These requirements must be complied with at all other times:
 - 1.13.1 Vessels coming within 300m of a marine mammal must come to a stop
 - 1.13.2 Vessels must travel at no more than 5 knots through marine mammal safe zones
 - 1.13.3 If while racing or preparing to race, a vessel comes within 300m a marine mammal this must be reported to the Department of Conservation using the details available in the Race Office. Details shall include the vessel name, the marine(s) mammal encountered, the time and location.

2 Rating Systems

The club's Rum Race handicaps will be used to determine the start times for each yacht in each race in this series.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The series is open to all keelboats and multihulls that meet the requirements of clause 1.2, to trailer yachts that meet the requirements of Clause 1.3, to sport boats that meet the requirements of Clause 1.4 and to all other yachts that meet the requirements of Clause 1.5.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter each race prior to each race's five minute warning signal by completing the race or series entry form in the Kerikeri Cruising Club's start box.
- 3.3 Individual race entries will also be accepted by VHF channel 77 or phone (407 9434) prior to the five minute warning signal of this race.
- 3.4 A race entry fee of \$10 per boat must be paid before each day's race prize giving, failing which that boat will be scored DNC.
- 3.5 A minimum of two (2) boats must be entered and start to constitute a race.
- 3.6 The entrant's helmsperson shall be a full financial member of the Kerikeri Cruising Club, or if a visitor must be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

4 Race Schedule

Date	Time of Warning signal	Race
10 May	1355	1
24 May	1355	2
7 June	1355	3
21 June	1355	4
5 July	1355	5
19 July	1355	6
2 August	1355	7
16 August	1355	8
30 August	1355	9
13 September	1355	10

5 Racing Area

The races will be held in the area of the Bay of Islands.

6 Scoring

- 6.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply to points received for corrected times places in each race.
- 6.2 RRS Appendix A8 *Series Ties* will apply.
- 6.3 Seven races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

7 Sailing Instructions and Course Sheets

The Sailing Instructions and course sheets will be made available in the Kerikeri Cruising Club's start box and/or on the web site at www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz.

8 Prizes

- 8.1 The daily race prize giving will be held in the Kerikeri Cruising Club no sooner than sixty minutes after the last boat has completed the course.
- 8.2 Visiting yacht entries are eligible for race prizes but not for club trophies.
- 8.3 The following prizes will be awarded:

Kerikeri Cruising Club Bar Vouchers for the first three boats on corrected time.

Drawn prize of bottle of rum.

To be eligible to receive vouchers and drawn prize, a boat representative must be present at race prize giving

Trophies for the series winner on corrected time.

Points from this series will contribute to Rum Race Club Champion Series.

9.0 Disclaimer of Liability

- 9.1 The Organising Authority and its officers, members and sponsors or other persons assisting with the running of the event will not be responsible or liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.
- 9.2 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 including equipment damage, injury, or death.