



YACHT CLUB

<p>Burnsco HYC Regatta, Hamilton Yacht Club 2025 - 2026 Season Dates: Saturday 7th March and Sunday 8th March 2026</p>	
<p>NOTICE OF RACE</p>	
1	RULES
1.1	This regatta will be governed by the rules defined by the <i>Yachting New Zealand World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)</i> .
1.2	The YNZ Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
1.3	<p>Racing rules will be changed in accordance with <i>RRS</i> rule 86 as follows:</p> <p>RRS32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START. Changed to allow another way to shorten the course for one or more fleets. If a patrol boat displaying flag “Q” (yellow flag) is stationed at a mark of the course and making periodic sound signals, then all boats will round that mark on the required side and proceed directly to the course finish line. If a patrol boat displaying flag “Q” with one or more class flags is stationed at a mark of the course and making periodic sound signals, then boats of the indicated class(es) will round that mark on the required side and proceed directly to the course finish line. If a patrol boat displaying flag “S” with one or more class flags is stationed at a mark of the course and making periodic sound signals, then boats of the indicated class(es) will finish at that mark.</p> <p>RRS33 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE. Small changes in a mark position will not be signalled. Large changes may be signalled with a green or a red flag indicating a change in position to starboard or to port respectively.</p> <p>RRS41 OUTSIDE HELP. If, while racing, a boat capsizes and its mast becomes stuck in the mud at the bottom of the lake, under the direction of the race officer, outside assistance may be given to bring the boat’s mast to the horizontal so that the skipper can right the boat. The skipper is then allowed to continue racing without penalty.</p> <p>These changes and any other changes to the racing rules will appear in full in the sailing instructions.</p>
1.4	For protests where only a Rule of Part 2, or Rule 31.1 is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing will be offered in the first instance prior to considering a formal protest hearing (RRS Appendix T).
2	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
2.1	Entry is open to monohull centreboards up to 4.5m long. Multihulls are excluded. 3.7 class, ILCA 7, 6 and 4.7, Zephyr, Starling, P Class, Optimist, and Quest regularly sail at HYC.
2.2	For a boat class to form a fleet at least three boats of that class must enter. Classes with fewer boats entered will be combined in an open fleet with suitable boat based handicaps applied and scoring based on corrected time.

2.3	Entries online are preferred. Registration will be accepted on the first morning of the regatta with full payment. Late entries may be accepted at any time at the discretion of the Race Officer. Full payment is due regardless of number of days or races sailed.		
2.4	Competitors must be members of a yacht club or class affiliated to YNZ.		
2.5	<p>Fees: Single-handed boats: Senior/ Adult: \$50 Intermediate/ Junior: \$40 Double-handed boats: All classes: \$60</p> <p>(Note: maximum entry fee for a family is limited to \$60 and a \$5 affiliation fee will apply for sailors not already affiliated to a sailing club or YNZ).</p> <p>Sausage sizzle included in entry fee. Non-sailors: \$2</p> <p>Saturday Dinner: Adult: \$20 Youth (under 15 years old): \$15</p> <p>Dinner places must be reserved and paid for when registering.</p>		
3	SCHEDULE		
3.1	Planned Schedule - all on shore activities based at HYC Clubrooms, Innes Common, Hamilton		
	Sat 7th Mar	Registration	0900hr Continues until briefing
	Sat 7th Mar	Briefing	1000hr
	Sat 7th Mar	First warning signal	1045hr Expect 4 - 5 races over the day
	Sun 8th Mar	Briefing	0945hr
	Sun 8th Mar	First warning signal	1030hr Expect 2 - 3 races over the day
3.2	At the discretion of the Race Officer, if conditions have made racing difficult, then an early dinner break may be scheduled on Saturday 7th March with one or two races held in the evening following this break. No warning sound for races will be made after 1530hr on Sunday 8th March.		
4	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS		
	The sailing instructions will be available at least two weeks before regatta on the HYC website, and during the regatta at the registration desk in the club rooms.		
5	VENUE		
	All racing will occur within the confines of Lake Rotoroa, Hamilton.		
6	THE COURSES		
	Due to the tight confines and variable winds of this sailing venue non-standard course layouts will often be used. These will be explained at the race briefings.		
7	SCORING		
	The Low Point scoring system (<i>RRS Appendix A4</i>) will apply. A minimum of three races must be completed to make a valid regatta. If more than four races are sailed a boat discards her worst score.		
8	PRIZES		
8.1	Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race. Prizes will be awarded to each class and additional spot prizes may also be awarded.		

9	TEAM SUPPORT BOATS Team support boats will not be permitted. HYC support boats will assist wherever needed.
10	SOCIAL FUNCTION HYC will host a post-race dinner on Saturday evening. There will be a small charge to cover costs for this dinner. Please reserve and pay for your place at registration online, or on Saturday morning to allow for catering.
11	DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. We highly recommend all sailors wear head protection in the form of helmets or bump caps.
12	INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Burnsco HYC Regatta, Hamilton Yacht Club 7th and 8th March 2026, Lake Rotoroa

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 In each series racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024* and Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

1.2 Under rule 86 racing rules 26, 32, 33, 35, 41, 44.1, 62 will be changed as follows:

RR26 Starting Races. The period between the preparatory signal and the starting signal may be less than four minutes, and the starting signal of one fleet may also be the combined warning and preparatory signal for the next fleet scheduled to start. This rule change implies that the second fleet to start, and each subsequent fleet after this, actually begins ‘racing’ at the starting signal of fleet starting immediately before them. See starting instructions (section 11) for further detail.

RR28 Sailing the course. If flag ‘I’ (yellow flag with central black disc) is displayed at the finish – from the tower for a tower finish, or from the committee boat for a boat finish - then after finishing a boat must sail completely across the finish line and then must not ‘recross’ this line while other boats are still racing. Boats that break this rule will be disqualified for the race without a hearing.

RRS32 Shortening or abandoning after the start. This rule is changed to allow an additional way to shorten the course and allows the race committee to shorten the course for individual classes. If a patrol boat displaying code flag “Q” (yellow flag) is stationed at a mark and making periodic sound signals, then all boats will round that mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish. If a patrol boat displaying code flag “Q” and one or more boat class flags is stationed at a mark and making periodic sound signals, then only boats of the classes indicated will round that mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish. If a patrol boat displays a boat class flag or flags when signalling a shortened course with flag “S” (blue square inside white square flag) only the class(es) displayed will finish at that mark.

RRS33 Changing the next leg of the course. Small changes in a mark position will not be signalled. Large changes may be signalled with a green or a red flag indicating a change in position to starboard or to port respectively.

RRS35 Time limit and scores. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat of their class to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

RRS41 Outside help. Where a boats mast has become stuck in lake bottom mud outside assistance may be given, under the direction of the Race Officer, to bring the boats mast to the horizontal.

RRS44.1 Taking a penalty. When a protest is lodged against a boat for breaking a rule of Part 2 (*When Boats Meet*) or rule **RRS31** (*Touching A Mark*) an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5 will apply. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.

RRS62 Redress. Part 62.1a is changed such that a race duration falling outside the target time will not be grounds for redress.

2	NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the HYC clubrooms.
3	CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the warning signal for the first race affected.
4	SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagstaff or balcony.
4.2	Flag AP displayed (with two sound signals) means the next scheduled race has been postponed. Flag AP lowered (with one sound signal) means the postponement has finished. The warning signal for the postponed race will be made not less than 10 minutes later.
4.3	Flag AP over flag B displayed means the same as 4.2 with the additional requirement that all boats shall come ashore and not leave the shore while the postponement is in place.
4.4	Flag L displayed (with two long sound signals) means that notices have been placed on the official noticeboard.
5	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
5.1	The regatta is open to junior and senior centreboard classes up to 4.5m in length. Multihulls are excluded. The following classes are regularly sailed on Lake Rotoroa: ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4.7, 3.7, Zephyr, Quest, Starling, P Class, and Optimist.
5.2	For a boat class to form a fleet at least three boats of that class must enter. Classes with fewer boats entered will be combined in an open fleet with suitable boat based handicaps applied and scoring based on corrected times. At the discretion of the Race Officer if either the ILCA 7 or ILCA 6 have less than three boats entered then these two classes may be combined in a single fleet with a boat-based handicap applied as per Great Lakes UK Handicap numbers and scoring based on corrected time for this fleet.
5.3	To be eligible competitors must be members of a yacht club or class affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.
5.4	Fees: Single-handed boats: Senior/ Adult: \$40 Intermediate/ Junior: \$30 Double-handed boats: All classes: \$60 (Note: maximum entry fee for a family is limited to \$60 and a \$5 affiliation fee will apply for sailors not already affiliated to a sailing club or YNZ). Sausage sizzle included in entry fee. Non-sailors: \$2 Saturday Dinner: Adult: \$20 Youth: \$15 (under 15 years old) Dinner places must be reserved and paid for when registering .

5.5	When racing skippers have an obligation to make sure that their boats are readily identifiable by the tower staff. In general this means having a unique number and class insignia on their sail.			
6	SCHEDULE OF RACES			
6.1	Registration: 0900-1000hr Saturday 7th March at the HYC Clubrooms			
6.2	Briefing: 1000hr Saturday 7th March at the HYC Clubrooms			
6.3	Racing Schedule: Up to seven races are scheduled with up to four races back to back. The prevailing wind conditions may influence the distribution of races over the two days.			
6.4	At the discretion of the Race Officer, if conditions have made racing difficult, then an early dinner break may be scheduled on Saturday with one or two races held in the evening following this break.			
6.5	On each day of racing at least one briefing will occur and this will be not more than 45min before the listed warning signal times in the table below.			
6.6	No warning sound for races will be made after 1530hr on Sunday 2 nd March.			
6.7	Planned schedule			
	Sat 7th March	Registration	0900hr	Continues until briefing
	Sat 7th March	Briefing	1000hr	
	Sat 7th March	First warning signal	1045hr	Expect 4 - 5 races over the day
	Sun 8th March	Briefing	0945hr	
	Sun 8th March	First warning signal	1030hr	Expect 2 - 3 races over the day
7	CLASS FLAGS			
	Where used Class flags will be the class insignia unless otherwise noted by the RO at the briefing.			
8	VENUE			
	All racing will occur within the confines of Lake Rotoroa, Hamilton.			
9	THE COURSES			
	Due to the tight confines and variable winds of this sailing venue non-standard course layouts will often be used. These will be explained at the race briefings.			
10	MARKS			
10.1	Starting line and finish line pin marks will be a yellow buoy.			
10.3	The course marks will be spherical red buoys about 1m in diameter.			

10.4	Alternative or replacement will usually be spherical green buoys about 400mm in diameter.
10.5	Variations on these generally used marks will be explained at the briefing.
11	THE START
11.1	Starts will be boat starts, or tower starts. Any changes to the starting sequences listed below will be explained at the briefing.

11.2	<p>Boat Start:</p> <p>The start line shall be between an orange staff on the committee boat and the yellow starting mark. The first fleet will be started with a standard starting signal sequence (<i>RRS</i>). Succeeding classes will start at three-minute intervals and each starting signal will be the combined warning and preparatory signal for the succeeding class.</p>			
	<p>W = time of warning signal</p> <p>Preparatory flag = P, I, Z, Z with I, or Black Flag</p>			
	Step	Timing	Flag signal	Sound
	1	W	1 st Class flag raised	1 sound
	2	W + 1 min	Preparatory flag raised	1 sound
	3	W + 4 min	Preparatory flag lowered	1 long sound
	4	W + 5 min 1 st Class starts	1 st Class flag lowered, 2 nd Class flag & Preparatory flag raised	1 sound
	5	W + 7 min	Preparatory flag lowered	1 long sound
	6	W + 8 2 nd Class starts	2 nd Class flag lowered, 3 rd Class flag & Preparatory flag raised	1 sound
	Step 5 & 6 are repeated at 3 minute intervals for each subsequent fleet until all fleets are started.			
11.3	<p>Tower Start:</p> <p>The start line shall be between a green mark closer to the tower and the yellow starting mark. Instead of class flags and preparatory flags the tower lights will be used as described below. The first fleet will be started with a five minute long signal sequence. Succeeding classes will start at three-minute intervals and each starting signal will be preparatory signal for the succeeding class.</p>			
	<p>W = time of warning signal</p> <p>Lights are on the lake side of the tower</p>			

	No class or preparatory flags will be used. Other flags e.g. recall, postponement, may be used.			
	Step	Timing	Light signal	Sound
	1	W	4 lights on	1 sound
	2	W + 2 min	3 lights on	nil
	3	W + 3 min	2 lights on	nil
	4	W + 4 min	1 light on	nil
	5	W + 5 min 1st Class starts	All lights off momentarily then 3 lights on	1 sound
	6	W + 6 min	2 lights on	nil
	7	W + 7 min	1 light on	nil
	8	W + 8 min 2nd Class starts	All lights off momentarily then 3 lights on	1 sound
	Step 6, 7 & 8 are repeated at 3 minute intervals for each subsequent fleet until all fleets are started.			
11.4	Classes starting under a general recall shall restart after all the other classes have started.			
12	CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE			
	To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. See section 1.4 for notes on changes to rule RRS33.			
13	THE FINISH			
	Generally the finishing line will be the between a green buoy closer to the tower and a yellow buoy further away. Any variation to this will be explained at the briefing.			
14	TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES			
14.1	The target duration for all races is 45 – 75 minutes. Note: any failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.			
14.2	If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes of their fleet’s start the race will be abandoned.			
15	PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS			
15.1	For protests where a boat is alleged to have broken a rule of part 2, or rule RRS31 arbitration will be offered (see section 1.2).			

15.2	For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
15.3	Protest notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the HYC tower unless otherwise stated on the protest notice.
16	SCORING
16.1	The Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A4) will apply.
16.2	Three races must be completed to constitute a valid regatta. If more than four races are sailed a boat discards her worst score.
17	SAFETY REGULATIONS
17.1	Buoyancy vests or life jackets, complying with the requirements of the YNZ Safety Regulations, shall be worn at all times while sailing. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without protest. We highly recommend all sailors wear head protection in the form of helmets or bump caps.
17.2	Boats retiring shall advise the committee boat or the RO as soon as possible when retiring from a race. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification from the series without protest.
17.3	Boats must sign-on, using the sheet provided, before the start of racing each day. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without protest.
17.4	It is also a requirement for boats to sign-off when a boat comes ashore at the conclusion of racing or when retiring. Failure to comply with a requirement to sign-off may result in disqualification without protest.
18	REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the RO. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RO at the first reasonable opportunity.
19	SUPPORT BOATS No team support boats will be allowed on the lake. HYC support boats will assist wherever needed.
20	PRIZES
20.1	Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race. Prizes will be awarded to each class and additional spot prizes may also be awarded.
21	SOCIAL FUNCTION HYC will host a post race dinner on Saturday evening. There will be a small charge to cover costs. Please reserve and pay for your place when registering online, or at registration on Saturday morning to allow for catering.
22	DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

	Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, <i>Decision to Race</i> . The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
23	INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.