



Hamilton Yacht Club Closing Event 2026

18th April 2026

The Organising Authority is Hamilton Yacht Club, Lake Domain Drive, Hamilton

Notice of Race (NoR)

This Event will consist of Novice Racing in the Morning and Senior Racing in the Afternoon.

This is a family friendly event for HYC members and associated groups.

Part A: Novice (LTS1) Racing

- 09:30am: The Clubhouse will be open from 9:30am for registration.
- 10:30am: Aim will be for a briefing at 10:30, and on the water around 11:00am.
- 12:00/12:30pm: Sausage sizzle BBQ and Novice Racing Prize giving approx. 12:00pm.
- A registration fee of \$5 per sailor will be payable at registration on 18th April 2026.
- There will be a light meal later, after racing \$5 per sailor
- Sausage sizzle is included in entry fee for sailors.
- Sausages will be available for sale at \$2 for any additional family members.
- Sailing will be held with Optimists, Quests, P class and Starlings.
- Sailors comfortable with racing are welcome to register for and stay on for senior racing. Afternoon sailing will be governed by the rules set out in Part B.

Part B: Senior Racing (Afternoon) – HYC Season Closing Regatta

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 Part 1 shall apply.
- 1.3 No Yachting New Zealand prescriptions apply.
- 1.4 All protests are to be settled on, and left on, the water in a sportsman-like manner.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions as published in the HYC 2021/22 handbook.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at Hamilton Yacht Club, Lake Domain Drive, Hamilton.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all monohull centreboard classes, regularly sailed at HYC, up to 4.7 m 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, Optimist and BIC.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it to HYC Innes Common. Entries, and entry fees, will be accepted on 18th April 2026.
- 4.3 Each competitor shall be a current, paid member of Hamilton Yacht Club or other sailing club.
- 4.4 Where less than 3 boats of specific class are present, an open class will be created and handicaps used.

5 FEES

- 5.1 A fee of \$5 per youth, 15 years and under, and \$10 per adult will be charged and is payable at registration on 18 April 2026.
- 5.2 Entry fees include nibbles platters after sailing is completed for the day. There is an a \$5pp charge for non-sailing family members for nibbles. Sausages will be available for sale at \$2 between approx. 12:00/12:30pm. The bar will be open for the purchase of soft drinks and beverages.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1** Registration will occur between 09:30am and 10:30am on 18 April, 2026.
- 6.2** Briefing will occur at 10.30am.
- 6.3** Up to 5 races are scheduled.
- 6.4** The first warning signal will occur no earlier than 11.00 am.
- 6.5** No warning signal will be made after 16.30 pm.
- 6.6** Prize giving and nibbles will be from approx. 17:30 – 18:00 onwards, depending on racing. Light food afterwards \$5 per head.

7 COURSES

- 7.1** Courses will be set by the Race Officer on Lake Rotorua and may include windward leeward, triangle, or other course designs as required to suit conditions
- 7.2** The marks will be large orange spheres and start and finish marks of different colours that will be described in detail at the briefing.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1** The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9 SCORING

- 9.1** The scoring system is the Low point scoring systems.
- 9.2** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1** 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.

10.2 All sailors are strongly recommended to wear head protection in the form of a bump hat or helmet.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

11.1 For further information please contact The HYC secretary.