



GUANO ROCK YACHT RACE

For the Donovans Tradezone Trophy

10th October 2026

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Onerahi Yacht Club
PO Box 1131, Whangarei

Rules:

This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
Yachting NZ safety regulations Part 2 Category 4 to apply to keel boats
Yachting NZ safety regulations Part 2 Category B to apply to trailer yachts
Except where modified by their individual class rules

Briefing & Entry:

A pre-race briefing will not be held. Entries will be accepted by email (jcb@hgcs.co.nz) or in person until Friday 9th October 1700hrs at the offices of Hawthorn Geddes, 7 Selwyn Avenue, Whangarei. If weather conditions do not look favourable or safe for competing, the race officer may elect to sail an alternative course within the confines of the harbour and this will be advised to competitors by email / telephone if required.

Eligibility and Entry:

This race is open to all keelers, multihulls and trailer yachts. **There is no entry fee, however line entries will not be accepted.** Entry will be accepted by completing the official entry form and furnishing a signed skippers safety declaration.

The race will not be started if there are less than 3 confirmed entries.

Summer Series:

This is the first race in the 2026-27 Summer Race Series for the Bluewater Cup (line honours cumulative) and HA Roberts Memorial Cup (handicap cumulative).

Racing Area:

The racing area is the Whangarei Harbour and Bream Bay. Course length is approx. 23 nm. An alternative course may be defined depending on weather conditions.

Tide:

High tide at Marsden point is 0800hrs 2.6m & 2015hrs 2.6m. Low tide at Marsden Point is at 1400hrs 0.6m.

Start:

This race will start at 10:30am in the vicinity of S2-S3 (One Tree Point).
Upon arrival at the start area each boat shall pass the stern of the committee boat, and identify themselves as a starter, and be acknowledged.

There is a combined start for all classes.

Start Sequence:

Warning signal 10:25 hrs	Flag K	5 minutes
Preparatory	Flag P	4 minutes
Preparatory remove	Flag P	1 minute
Start remove	Flag K	0 minutes

The Course:

Start between S3 and the committee boat

No 14 Buoy to starboard

Guano Rock Group to starboard

Power station Buoy to starboard (the most south eastern buoy, approx position S35°52 898 E174°28 634)

No 6 Buoy to port

No 14 Buoy to port

Finish between S3 and the committee boat or self timed finish between S3 & S2 (PH & SH channel markers off OTP). Finish procedure will be confirmed prior to the preparatory signal by VHF on the day.

Time Limit:

To record a result in this race you must cross the finish line within 7 hours of the start gun. The race record is currently held by the catamaran TL at 2:53:35, beating the previous record and current monohull record, held by Bare Essentials at 3:41:33, by 48 minutes.

Protests:

All protests must be advised to the Race Officer on crossing the finish line and lodged in writing with the race committee no later than 6 hours after completion of the days racing.

Protest forms are available in the Onerahi Yacht Club or available to download from Yachting NZ.

Safety Requirements:

This race is classified Cat 4/B. A signed safety declaration form is required prior to racing.

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the OYC committee boat on VHF channel 77, or phone James Blackburn on 0274 785033 as soon as possible.

Emergency Communications shall be through Whangarei Coastguard via channel 64.

Radio Communications:

Radio communications will be via VHF Channel 77 to the OYC committee boat.

Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in any race entirely at their own risk. **See rule 4 Decision to Race.** The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

Results & Prizegiving

Results will be emailed to competitors as soon as practicable after conclusion of racing and receipt of finish times (in the event that finishes are self-timed). The prizegiving will be incorporated into the OYC Prizegiving at the end of the summer series, at a date to be confirmed.