WHANGĀREI CRUISING CLUB

BILL SHANKS MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 21 November 2026

OPEN TO KEELERS & TRAILER YACHTS

Join us for the Bill Shanks Memorial Trophy Race, held in conjunction with the Whangārei Cruising Club's Prize Giving Day.

All keelers and trailer yachts are invited to participate in a friendly race from Onerahi to Parua Bay, with the Bill Shanks Memorial Trophy and a couple of bottles of rum up for grabs!

1. RACE DETAILS

Date: Saturday 21 November 2026
Start Time: 10:30am
Start Location: Onerahi Start Line
Finish Location: Parua Bay

Tide Times:

- High Tide: 5:00am
- Low Tide: 11:00am

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The race is open to both keelers and trailer yachts alike.

Entry is on the day, although an indication of your intention to race beforehand would be appreciated to assist with organising the fleet.

Please provide:

- **Boat Name**

- **Skipper's Name**

- **POB (Persons on Board)** – if known

3. STARTING PROCEDURE

The race will start at **10:30am from the Onerahi Start Line**.

The following starting signals will be used:

10:25am – One Horn

- Five-minute warning signal.

10:30am – One Horn

- Race start.

There will be **no intermediate minute signals**.

Competitors are responsible for keeping their own time and ensuring they start correctly.

4. RACE COURSE

The course will be sailed from Onerahi to Parua Bay, passing the following marks in the specified order.

Order	Mark	Required Side
START	Onerahi Start Line	10:30am
1	Ross Beacon	Starboard

2	S6	Port
3	Snake Bank Beacon	Port
4	Q9 (Cemetery)	Port
5	The Nook Mark	Port
FINISH	Parua Bay Finish Line	5 Knot Mark to Starboard

All course marks must be left on the designated side.

5. FINISHING PROCEDURE

The finish line is at Parua Bay.

Competitors must pass through the Parua Bay finish line, leaving the **5 Knot Mark to starboard**.

SELF-TIMED FINISH

As you cross the finish line:

1. Record your exact finishing time using GPS time.

2. Take a photograph showing the GPS time on your phone or chartplotter, with the **5 Knot Mark visible in the background**.

3. Submit your finishing time and photograph to the race organiser.

Send finish photographs to:

Email: mburgin@xtra.co.nz
Text: 027 232 5600

Please include your boat name and skippers name with your finishing time.

These times will be used to establish line honours and calculate handicap results.

6. HANDICAPS

The race will use the **current known club handicaps** for both the keeler and trailer yacht fleets.

Handicap results will be calculated using these existing handicaps.

7. PRIZES

 **Bill Shanks Memorial Trophy**

Awarded to the first boat across the finish line (Line Honours).

 **Line Honours Prize**

A bottle of rum awarded to the Line Honours winner.

 **Handicap Prize**

A bottle of rum awarded to the handicap winner.

8. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY

All skippers are responsible for the safety of their vessel and crew.

Competitors must ensure their vessels are seaworthy and carry appropriate safety equipment.

All vessels must comply with applicable maritime regulations, maintain a proper lookout and give way to commercial traffic as required.

The decision to start or continue racing rests solely with the skipper.

9. RACING RULES

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, except where modified by these Sailing Instructions.

10. PRIZE GIVING & SOCIAL

Following the race, all competitors, crew, family and supporters are encouraged to join us in Parua Bay for the Whangārei Cruising Club's Prize Giving Day celebrations.

Whether you're racing for the trophy, chasing a bottle of rum or simply coming along for the fun, we'd love to see you there!

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Saturday 21 November 2026 | Start 10:30am

Keelers and Trailer Yachts Welcome!