

2026 / 2027 SEASON – NOTICE OF RACE

Issued under the Authority of the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Incorporated (LBYC)

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1 Event

1.1 Unless advised otherwise, this Notice of Race covers all LBYC racing except:

- Rum Regatta
- Wellington Women's Regatta

NB: For any race or series, LBYC may issue a separate Notice of Race that may replace, modify, or supplement this Notice of Race.

2 Rules

2.1 All racing will be governed by the following rules, regulations and instructions, unless otherwise stated:

- The Lowry Bay Yacht Club Sailing Instructions 2026 – 2027. This document will be published in the club Almanac and on the LBYC Website.
- The World Sailing - Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 to 2028 (RRS).
- The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2025 to 2028. Specifically:
 - Part II Category 5 shall apply to keelboats and multi-hulls. Additionally, these boats shall carry a suitable bosun's chair.
 - Part V Category C shall apply to trailer yachts.
 - Part VI Category B shall apply to sports boats.
- The Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2021 and any amendments.

3 Pre-Season Briefing

- 3.1** It is **strongly** recommended that the skipper or a representative of each boat intending to race in the upcoming season (Including Friday Night Pursuit Series) attends the pre-season briefing on Thursday 17 September 2026 at 1900hrs. This briefing will be advertised in the Club Newsletter, on the Club Website and in other media as appropriate. Safety documents and an Almanac will be available online as well as hard copies on request.
- 3.2** All skippers attending the pre-season briefing shall complete the Season Entry Form and pay the relevant racing fee. The bar will be able to accept the fee via Eftpos and payments will be accepted online.
- 3.3** Any boat not represented at the pre-season briefing must see the Vice Commodore to be briefed on the season, complete season entry form and pay any relevant racing fees prior to racing.

4 Eligibility

- 4.1** Entries will be accepted from boats on the LBYC Boat Register and from visiting boats.
- 4.2** Entries are open to all keelboats, multihulls, trailer yachts and sports boats. Others may be allowed to race at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.
- 4.3** Visiting boats will not be eligible for LBYC trophies but will be eligible for prizes.
- 4.4** LBYC may accept, reject or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting boat for any reason.
- 4.5** All competitors (i.e. skipper and crew) shall be financial members of LBYC. Exceptions are for:
- Friday Night Pursuit Championship races.
 - Crew under the age of 20 years.
 - Non-members who sail for a maximum of three Season Championship race days during a season.
 - All crew of visiting boats who are financial members of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.
- 4.6** For the Cruising division - No spinnakers or extras may be set. Extras are defined as sails not normally used to advantage to windward. Headsails may be poled out using spinnaker or whisker poles but shall only be carried on a permanent load bearing forestay with only one headsail per forestay.

5 Entry

- 5.1** Eligible boats may enter by completing a Season Entry Form and Safety Declaration. Completed series Entry Forms may be given to a member of the Sailing Committee or emailed to vicecomm@lbyc.org.nz. Please do not give Racing Fees to members of the Sailing Committee.
- 5.2** A non-refundable Racing Fee shall be paid prior to racing. A boat that has not paid race fees will not get a result.

Whole season entry fee	\$200
Pursuit Championship only	\$80
Individual series (Spring, Summer or Winter)	\$60
Short-handed Series	\$40
Individual race entry fee	
-Members	\$15
-Visiting boats	\$20

- 5.3** Racing Fees may be paid as follows
- Electronically by depositing the appropriate fee into the LBYC bank account: 06-0545-0013952-00. Please enter the boat name in the reference, and the code 232/04 in the particulars.
 - By EFTpos at the club's bar.
- 5.4** All boats entering a race must complete the sign in sheet prior to starting that race.
- 5.5** Late entries and visiting boats may enter by calling up Lowry Bay Sports on VHF radio channel 77. Late entries must do so prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day for any division. They shall then complete a Season entry form and pay the race fee after the race at the clubhouse or have completed one within 48 hours of the race and be emailed to vicecomm@lbyc.org.nz.

6 Schedule of Racing

- 6.1** The racing schedule will be published in the LBYC Almanac and on the LBYC website.
- 6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be published with the racing schedule.

7 Racing Area and Courses

- 7.1 All racing will be held within Wellington Harbour, including the South Coast as far as Island Bay and across to Fitzroy Bay.
- 7.2 Windward–leeward, triangle and/or harbour courses may be sailed.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 Races can be scored on Club Handicap, PHRF and Line. RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 8.2 Season Championship racing will be scored for the Combined Division and Cruising Division.
- 8.3 Non-championship & Pursuit racing will be a combined fleet (i.e., all boats) unless stated in any additional daily instructions.
- 8.4 LBYC reserves the right to delete, amend or combine divisions, as deemed necessary by racing fleet activity.
- 8.5 A race will not be scored unless two or more boats start in that race.
- 8.6 The Club Handicap is a formula-derived performance handicap that may adjust after each race based on the performances for the race and any prior races as per the LBYC handicap policy. Different handicaps will be maintained for General, Short-handed, and Pursuit racing.
- 8.7 The following tables show each series that will be scored and the scheduled number of races in the series.

Combined and Cruising Division - Season Championship	
Spring	6
Summer	6
Long Harbour Racing (one of which includes the Island Bay Race)	4
Winter	5
Total	21
Friday Night Pursuit Series A, B & C (No Spinnaker)	21
Non-Championship Series	
Spring Two-handed	5
Two Islands	1
Single-handed	5
Night Race	1
Fitzroy Bay Race	1
Crew Helm Race	1
Winter Two-handed	5

- 8.8 The minimum number of races to be completed for a series shall be one.
- 8.9 For any individual series, when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.10 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 Season Championship

- 9.1 The Season Championship comprises all races scored in the Spring, Summer, Long Harbour and Winter Series.
- 9.2 When fewer than 15 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores from each race in the Spring, Summer, Long Harbour and Winter series. If a boat does not have a series score in one or more of those series, her score for those series races will be the number of boats in the Season Championship plus one.
- 9.3 When 15 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores from each race in the Spring, Summer, Long Harbour and Winter series excluding her worst score, with a further worst score excluded after 17 races, and every two races thereafter.
- 9.4 The minimum number of races to be completed to constitute a season championship shall be 5, over at least 2 Series.

10 Pursuit Championship

- 10.1 The Pursuit Championship comprises all races scored in Pursuit Series A, B and C.
- 10.2 When fewer than 12 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores from each race in the Pursuit A, B, and C series. If a boat does not have a series score in one or more of those series, her score for those series will be the total number of boats in the Pursuit Championship plus one.
- 10.3 When 12 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores in the Pursuit A, B and C series excluding her worst score, with a further worst score excluded after 14 races, and every two races thereafter.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 LBYC may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions, or sections within a race or series.
- 11.2 Series and Season Championship trophies will be awarded at the LBYC prize giving. All trophies are to remain on the LBYC premises. A list of trophy winners from the previous season will appear in the Almanac.

- 11.3 Each boat that gains a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placing in a series, regatta or a specific 1 off race will be presented a Season certificate showing their winnings at the above prizegiving.

12 Advertising

- 12.1 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by LBYC.

13 Disposal of Trash

- 13.1 Trash is not to be thrown overboard.

14 Risk Statement

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with any organised race, including but not limited to the time prior to, during or after a race.

15 Insurance

- 15.1 Each boat that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event.