



2025 RS FEVA BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March, 2024

Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club,
Birkenhead, Auckland

The Organising Authority is the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club (NBYC),

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.
Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
 - 1.3 Under RRS 86, *Changes to The Racing Rules* the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to state that boats still racing but failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be given a finishing position based on the last mark they rounded and/or their position on the course. Their score will be greater than any boat who rounded further marks or who finished,
 - RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with the One-Turn penalty,
 - RRS 60.1(a) will be changed to state that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches of some specific parts of the Sailing Instructions or Supplementary Sailing Instructions,
 - RRS A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 The International RS Feva Class Rules 2019 shall apply.
 - 1.5 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, *Standard Sailing Instructions*, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the notice board located in the NBYC club-rooms
 - 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, *Advertising Code*. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Feva class that comply with the Class Rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form available on the NBYC web-site,

a. Completing the entry form available on the NBYC website - www.nbyc.org.nz and,

b. Depositing the required entry fee into the NBYC bank account,

BNZ Birkenhead : 02 – 0112 – 0210651 – 00

Please reference the payment with “RS Feva” and your sail number, and if space permits, the skippers surname.

- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted up until 1000 hrs on Saturday 16th March, 2024, at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.4 The age limits for each category shall be as follows;

Junior	Both sailors 13 or under as at 31 st December, 2025
Youth	Both sailors 18 or under as at 31 st December, 2025
Open	Unrestricted, one or both sailors

- 3.5 Each skipper and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor’s national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership to be presented at registration.
- 3.6 The skipper shall be the same for the duration of the regatta, but the crew member on Saturday and Sunday may be different people. The crew member for each day must be nominated with submission of the entry form.

4 CLASSIFICATION

There are no classification requirements in accordance with RRS 79.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is NZD\$100.00 per boat.
- 5.2 Late entries, if accepted, shall be accompanied by a Late Entry surcharge of NZD\$30.00.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 *Registration:*
Saturday 15th March, 0830 – 0930, at the NBYC clubrooms.

7.2 Briefing:

Saturday 15th March, 0930, at the NBYC clubrooms.

7.3 Dates of racing:

Day	Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Max Number of Races
Day 1	Sat 15 th March	1100	4
Day 2	Sun 16 th March	1030	4

7.4 On Sunday 16th March, 2025 no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

7.5 Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 16th March.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Competitors shall use one hull, one set of foils, one mast, one boom and one set of sails for the entire championships.

8.2 Only RS Feva class legal sails may be used.

8.3 Dispensation not to use One Design Hyde Sails for boats/sails owned by yacht clubs that do not have One Design Hyde Sails, may be granted by the Race Committee, provided the sail design aligns with class rules, and sails do not provide any competitive advantage.

8.5 Sail numbers shall be applied as per the class rules. Country code (NZL) is not required for this regatta.

8.6 Beach trolleys shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number.

8.7 In addition, spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time throughout the season.

9 VENUE

9.1 Appendix A shows the location of the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club.

9.2 Appendix B shows the approximate location of the racing area.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be advised at the briefing on each race day.

10.2 If conditions allow, a longer harbour race may be included in the regatta.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

12.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 All support boats must register with the Organising Authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support. [DP]

14 LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

- 14.1 All competing boats shall be launched and retrieved from the public launching ramp next to the Birkenhead Ferry wharf, unless instructed otherwise by the Organising Authority. [DP]
- 14.2 All competing boats shall refrain from departing from, or returning to, the public launching ramp when the ferry is berthing or departing from the Birkenhead Ferry wharf. [DP]
- 14.3 Beach trolleys shall not be left on the public ramp while competitors are afloat. All trolleys must be stacked neatly in the marked area on the grass reserve at the top of the launching ramp. [DP]

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- highest ranking team from the overall results,
 - second placed team in the overall results,
 - third placed team in the overall results,
 - highest placed Junior team in the overall results,
 - highest placed Youth team in the overall results,
 - highest placed all-female team in the overall results.
- 16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 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.**

19 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 19.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

- 20.1 All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact;

NBYC General information:

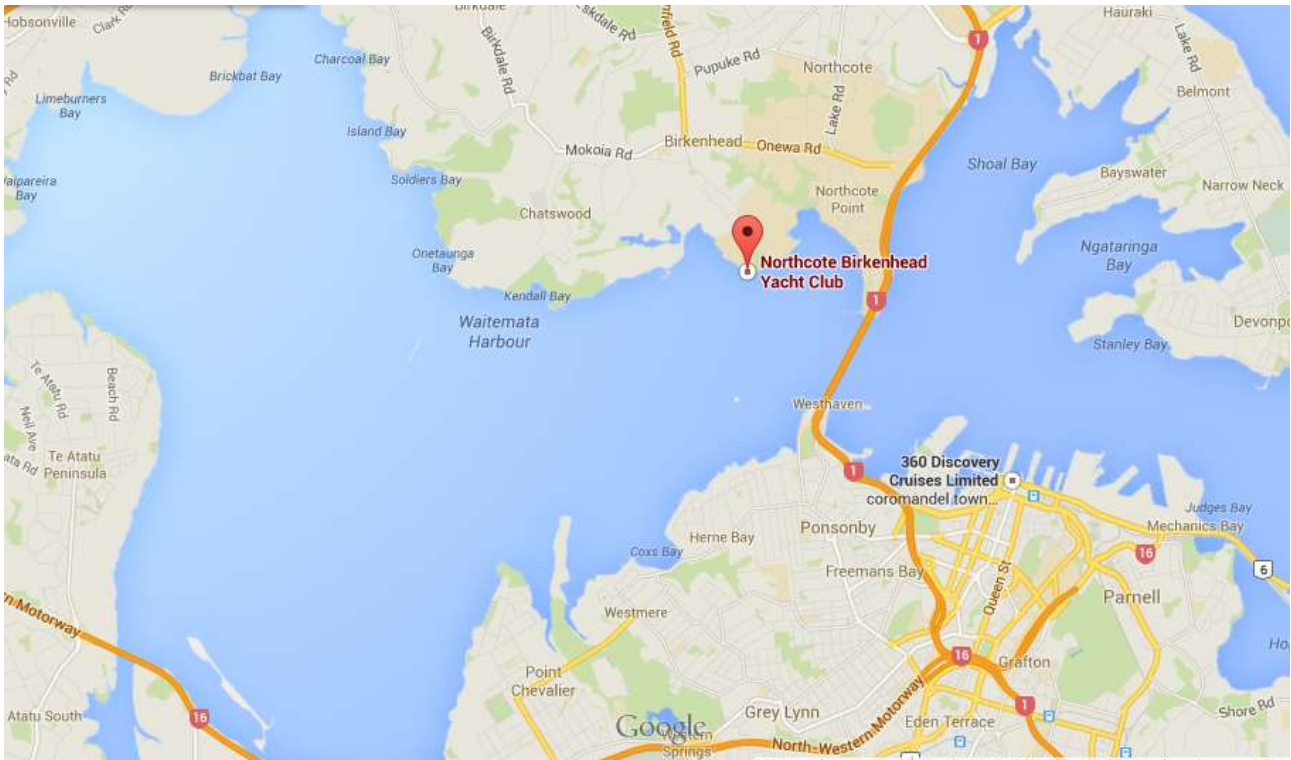
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APPENDIX A

LOCATION OF NORTHCOTE BIRKENHEAD YACHT CLUB

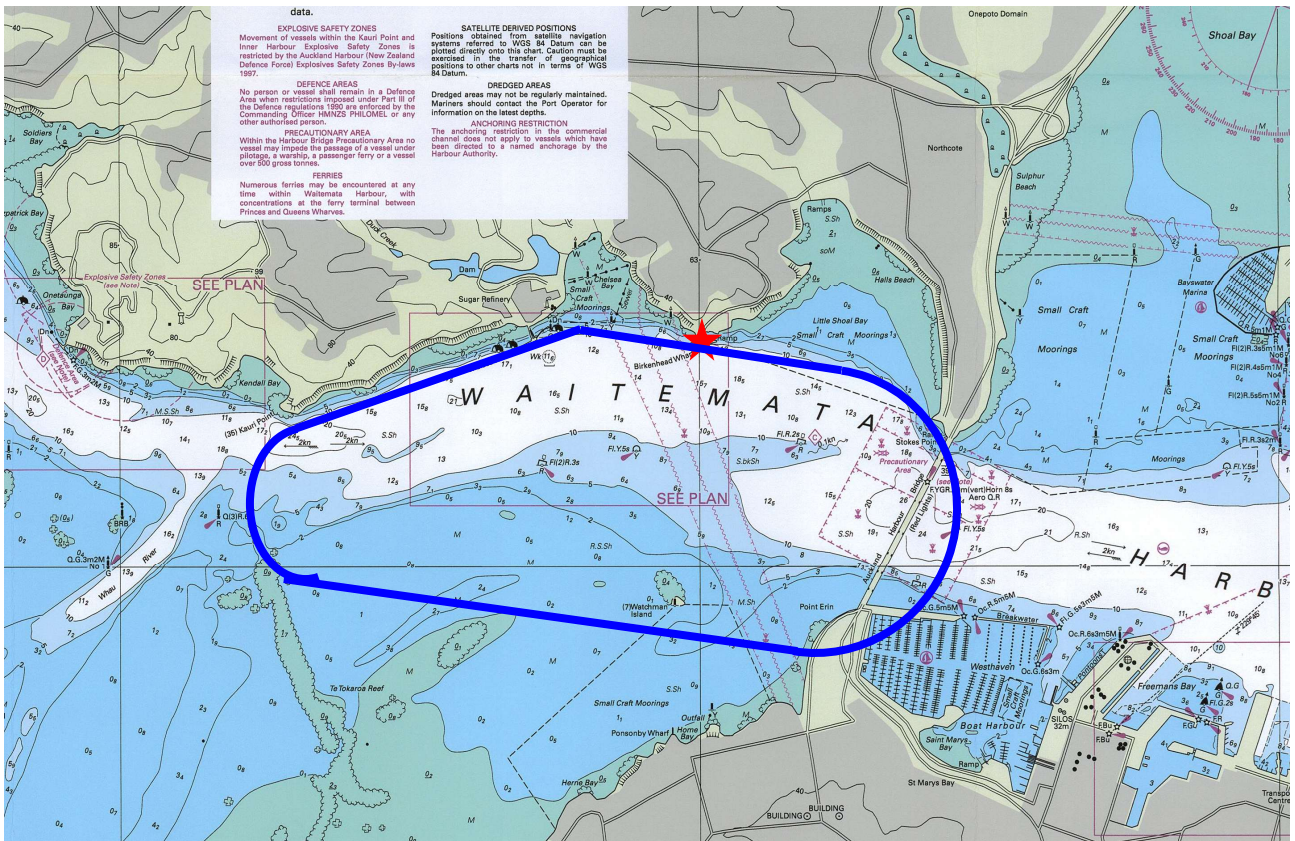


★ Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club location

Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club
1 Hinemoa Street
Birkenhead
AUCKLAND 0626

APPENDIX B

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA



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○ Approx. Racing Area