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SUMMER SERIES 2026–2027

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority:
Mount Maunganui Yacht Club Inc. (MMYC)
PO Box 5217, Mount Maunganui, New Zealand
Email: info@mmyc.org.nz

NOTE TO COMPETITORS

All boats must comply with the **Clean Hull Policy** applicable to Whangamata Marina in order to use its facilities.

The use and organization of pole moorings and other moorings are the responsibility of the skipper of each vessel.

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1. EVENTS

The Summer Series will comprise the following events:

Race	Date	Event
Race 1	14th November 2026	Three Island Race*
Race 2	23rd January 2027	Mayor Island Race*
Race 3	20th February 2027	Whangamata Race (Back)
Race 4	20th March 2027	Whitianga Race (TYPBC)**
Race 5	3rd April 2027	Plate Island Race

- Events noted * are MMYC events held on the same day as a TYPBC event
- Events noted ** are TYPBC event that we would like to support

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2. RULES

2.1

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS)**.

2.2

The **Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations, Part II, Category 4+** shall apply.

The supplementary checklist is available from:
MMYC Downloads

2.3

Racing Rule 42 is changed for all races.

Motoring will be permitted for boats competing in **Division C (No Extras)**. The conditions applying to motoring, including logging requirements, will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

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3. SCORING

3.1

Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.

3.2

Handicaps for MMYC races will be determined by the **MMYC Race Committee**.

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Handicaps for TYPBC races will be determined by **TYPBC**.

3.4

There will be three racing divisions:

- **Division A**
- **Division B**
- **Division C – No Extras**

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If, at any point during a race, a yacht entered in Racing Division A or B completes a unit of motoring time, that yacht will automatically be transferred to **Division C** for that race.

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4. PRIZES

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For each race 1,2,3,5, prizes will be awarded for **1st, 2nd and 3rd place** in Divisions A, B and C (No Extras).

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A **Rally Division spot prize** will be awarded.

4.3 Prize Giving

Event	**Prize-Giving Details**
Three Island Race	14 November 2026 – TYPBC, 18:00 hours*

Mayor Island Race	23 January 2027 – On the water, 30 minutes after the last boat finishes*
Whangamata Race (Down)	20 February 2027 – Bridge Marina / Lions Club*
Whitianga Race	20 March 2027 TYPBC event
Plate Island Race	4 April 2027 – MMYC, 17:00 hours

* Details subject to confirmation.

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5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1

To be eligible to compete in the Summer Series, the skipper/owner of the vessel, and participating crew as applicable, shall be a member of a club or organization affiliated with **Yachting New Zealand (YNZ)**.

5.2

The Summer Series is open to all boats that meet the **Category 4+ safety requirements** specified in the Sailing Instructions.

5.3

Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting:

- The official entry form;
- A Category 4+ or higher safety declaration; and
- The applicable entry fee.

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The entry form and safety declaration must be submitted **three days prior to the briefing**.

A crew list must be provided no later than the briefing immediately prior to the race start.

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6. FEES

6.1 Racing Divisions A, B and C

Entry	**Fee**

Individual race	**$25.00**
Four MMYC races	**$80.00**
Whitianga race is TYPBC support race	**Race fee payable to TYPBC please see their website for details**

6.2 Rally Division

A **$15.00 donation per event** is requested for the Rally Division.

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7. SCHEDULE

Briefing arrangements for each race will be notified **a minimum of three days prior to the event**, as some events are being raced in conjunction with TYPBC. Note Race 4 is a TYPBC event that we would like to support

Exemption from attendance at the briefing will be considered on a **case-by-case basis**. Please contact the Organising Authority to request an exemption.

Skippers competing from outside Tauranga shall join the briefing electronically. The electronic platform will be advised prior to the briefing.

7.1 Dates of Racing

Event	Date	Start Time	Course / Event
Race 1	14 November 2026	08:00	Three Island Race MMYC Gold Cup TYPBC
Race 2	23 January 2027	09:00	Mayor Island
Race 3	20 February 2027	10:30	Whangamata to Mount
Race 4	20 March 2027	08:00	Whitianga Supported event of TYPBC
Race 5	3 April 2027	08:00	Plate Island

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8. THE SAILING AREA

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A full description of the start and finish lines, together with the areas to be sailed, will be published in the **Sailing Instructions and attachments**.

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9. PENALTY SYSTEM

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For the Summer Series, **RRS 44.1** is changed so that the **Two-Turns Penalty** is replaced by a **One-Turn Penalty**.

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10. COMMUNICATIONS

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Boats shall notify the Race Officer as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

For all races, vessels are required to **sign on prior to the start via VHF Channel 77**, as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

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11. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

11.1 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available via the MMYC website.

MMYC Downloads

11.2 Category 4+ Requirements

The **Category 4+ requirements checklist** is available from:

MMYC Downloads

11.3 Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations

The **Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2025–2028** are available at:

Yachting New Zealand – Safety Regulations

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12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the **Summer Series** entirely at their own risk.

See **RRS 3 – Decision to Race**.

The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any race or event.

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13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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