

Whangamata Race 2025

This race is being run in conjunction with MMYC. Boats can enter just the TYPBC race or both the TYPBC race and the MMYC race if they want. Enter the MMYC Whangamata race at: <https://www.mmyc.org.nz/> These instructions are to be read in conjunction with the [TYPBC 2024-2025 Sailing Instructions Booklet](#) and amendments.

ENTRY

Please complete the following:

1. Completing the Whangamata Race entry form at <https://yacht.org.nz/sailing/keelers>
2. Pay \$20 entry fee
3. Upon reaching the starting area sign on with the RO on channel 77.

START

0900 1st March 2025. Between the start boat and Hauturu Island.

FINISH

The finishing line will be A beacon finish line. See rule 11.4 in [TYPBC 2025-2025 Sailing Instructions](#)

Take your own finish time in UTC+13 with an accurate instrument such as your GPS or <https://time.is/> on your mobile.

Finish times to be submitted online at <https://yacht.org.nz/sailing/keelers> by following the link “[Click here to Fill out a Finish Declaration](#)”

BRIEFING

Briefing will be held at Whangamata on Friday 28th February 2025 at 8.00pm. Attendance is not compulsory. Contact Haeg on 0272010275 to get details of the briefing and arrange a water taxi to shore (if required)

COMMUNICATION

Race communications use channel 77. Please monitor channel 16 using the dual function on your VHF. Use channel 16 for all emergencies.

SAFETY

All skippers are reminded that it is their decision alone on whether or not to race and whether their boat and crew are up to the expected conditions.

All crews are reminded that they need to have MOB and abandon ship procedures in place so the procedures can be carried out in a timely manner if required.

All skippers are reminded that they need to comply with a minimum of the TYPBC category 4+ safety requirements and amendments to compete in this race.

It is recommended all boats lodge a trip report with Tauranga Coastguard (VHF channel 01) or on the Coastguard App before leaving the harbour and remember to close the report upon safe return.

RETIREMENT

If a boat wishes to retire from the race they must notify and receive acknowledgement from the race officer on VHF 77 or by phone call. Also they need to advise their intentions after retirement and submit the online finish declaration with “did not complete the course”.

RESULTS

Results will be calculated on Club outside handicap and PHRF Offshore for the boats with a current certificate.

BERTHING

There are a number of option available:

1. Whangamata Marina: <https://www.whangamarina.co.nz/> phone: 07 865 6274
2. Moorings or poles:
<https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/services/maritime-services/moorings-4-sale-or-rent/>
3. Anchor at Slipper Island, 9 miles North of Whangamata

WHANGAMATA HARBOUR

The picture below is the recommended course to take.



The high tide for the 28th Feb is 20:26 and 1st March 08:57

Generally boats of 2.4m draft can navigate the entrance 2 hours either side of high tide, however it is not recommended to attempt on an outgoing tide. The entrance can break in East to South East swells of over 2m, especially on an outgoing tide, do not attempt in these conditions.