



NOTICE OF RACE

Revision 1, 17th March 2025

2025 A-CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Milford Cruising Club, Auckland New Zealand

7th – 16th of November 2025

The Organizing Authority is the Milford Cruising Club and New Zealand Multihull Association in conjunction with the International A-Division Catamaran Association and the New Zealand A Division Catamaran Association.



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[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

The INTERNATIONAL A DIVISION CATAMARAN CLASS is referred to as A Class in this document.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations 2025 – 2028 - Part 1 shall apply.
<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/sites/default/files/2025-03/Yachting%20New%20Zealand%20Safety%20Regulations%202025%202028%20PRINT.pdf>
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply at all times
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5 The International A-Class Catamaran World & Continental Championship Rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) shall apply to the World Championships.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from 31st of October 2025 on the Milford Cruising Club Web Site: www.milfordcruising.co.nz and the A Class Web Site: www.aclassworlds.com

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the Milford Cruising Club House.
- 3.2 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 Communications to the competitors will be done by electronic means (e-mails – electronic notice board) as well as a standard notice board. The e-mail address inserted during the entry process shall be valid and active during the whole duration of the championship. Any difficulty in receiving communications will not be eligible for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.4 [NP] No printed documents will be supplied. Protests will be allowed using a paper form.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats may compete in either the Open or the Classic discipline.
- 4.2 Open fleet is available to all boats that comply with the International A Class Catamaran Class Association Class Rules dated 2024-May-08 or later
- 4.3 A Class boats that wish to be eligible for the Classic Division must comply with the International A Class Catamaran Class Association Class Rules dated 2024-May-08 or



later.

- 4.4 All competitors shall be fully paid members of their NATIONAL A-Cat Class Association or in case of a country has no national class association, competitors shall be members of the International A-Division Catamaran Association, either through their respective country association membership or individual membership.
- 4.5 [NP] Competitors shall be competent sailors capable of racing in open water in all conditions including strong winds. Whether a sailor meets these requirements is determined by the country representative. Your country may have additional requirements that must be met for a sailor to be approved (such as competition in certain local or regional events), but IACA leaves that to the discretion of each country.
- 4.6 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 4.7 Entries shall be received by the Organizing Authority no later than October 20th, 2025. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.8 Competitors may enter by visiting: www.aaclassworlds.com/entry
- 4.9 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of any competitor under the age of 18, this is part of the entry system.
It must be filled, signed, and uploaded by the registration. Minor competitors not fulfilling this requirement may be rejected at the registration.
- 4.10 Requests for refunds will be accepted prior to July 1st, 2025, with a \$100NZD processing fee.

5. FEES

Pre-World Regatta entry fees:

- Entry fee: \$270NZD valid until July 31st 2025
- Late entry fee: \$320NZD valid until October 20th, 2025
- The deadline for all entries is October 20th, 2025

World Championship entry fees:

- Entry fee: \$550NZD valid until July 31st 2025
- Late entry fee: \$830NZD valid until October 20th, 2025
- The deadline for all entries is October 20th, 2025

6. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 6.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 Boats may be required to carry tracking equipment supplied by the organizing authority.

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The event consists of a single qualifying series, however If there are more than 100 boats in a discipline, fleet splitting will be used, refer Championship Rules, appendix 2. If the event consists of split fleets, fleets will be in groups of approximately equal numbers of boats (± 1 boat).



8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1 Schedule Table

Friday, 7 th November	0900 – 1800	Arrival, Registration and Boat rigging
Saturday, 8 th November	1030	Pre-Worlds Briefing
	1155	First Warning Signal Pre-Worlds
Sunday, 9 th November	1155	First Warning Signal Pre-Worlds
	1700	Pre-Worlds Prize Giving
	1800	Worlds Opening Ceremony
Monday, 10 th November		Lay-day
Tuesday, 11 th November	1100	Racing
Wednesday, 12 th November	1100	Racing
Thursday, 13 th November	1100	Racing
Friday, 14 th November	1100	Racing
Saturday, 15 th November	1100	Racing
Sunday, 16 th November	1100	Racing
	1800	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Monday, 17 th November		Pack down
Note : times are indicative, start times will be per SI's and notice board.		

8.2 Table of Races

Fleet	Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes.
Open	12	2	3	40
Classic	12	2	3	40

8.3 On Friday, Sunday the 16th, there will be no warning signal after 1600

9. MEASUREMENT

9.1 [DP] Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the regatta. A group of boats may be selected each day for measurement and inspection.

9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta.

9.3 Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with the A- Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured before arriving at the Championship. All competitors at registration must produce valid and current measurement certificates for the hull, mast, and sail. Refer Class Rule



- A.11. Breaches of the IACA Class Rules will be at the discretion of the International Jury [DP], except for some breaches of class rules listed in Sailing Instructions, and noted with [SP], for which a standard penalty may be applied by Technical Committee without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1). See Sailing Instructions for details.
- 9.4 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the Championship will be published on the event website no later than August 1st, 2025.
- 9.5 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee.
- 9.6 Sails must display the correct Sail Number assigned to the boat, Hulls must display the assigned Racing number and event sticker.
- 9.7 [NP] Launching Trolleys and Stern Supports shall be prominently marked with the boat's sail number and assigned Racing Number.
10. VENUE
- 10.1 The 2025 A-Cat Catamaran World Championship will be held at the Milford Cruising Club, Auckland New Zealand
<https://www.milfordcruising.co.nz/>
- 10.2 The racing will be on the waters off the club, to the north and west of Rangitoto Island
- 10.3 See addendum for location and sailing area
11. THE COURSES
- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward courses as detailed in the Sailing Instructions, in accordance with IACA Championship Rules, Appendix 4. The distance from start to Mark 1 will be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 11.2 Each discipline, Open and Classic, will race on separate courses
12. PENALTY SYSTEM
- 12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
13. SCORING
- 13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship for each Discipline.
- 13.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a competitor may discard their worst score; when 9 races have been completed, a competitor may discard their 2 worst scores.
14. INTERNATIONAL JURY
- 14.1 An International Jury will be appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.2 An arbitration meeting may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60.1(a), which allege an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 or Part 4 of RRS 31. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
15. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]
- 15.1 Support vessels will be allowed but must register with the Organising Authority at Registration, attend briefing and comply with local bylaws.
- 15.2 Support vessels must stay at least 100 metres outside the racecourse area, except for those responding to a request for assistance by the race committee.



- 15.3 Support vessels are required to have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee when required
- 15.4 Support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.
- 15.5 Each coach boat shall display her national flag or country letters with a minimum height of 300 mm clearly visible from both sides of the boat during the regatta. (https://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/IACA_championship_rules_2023.pdf)
16. PRIZES
- For the World Championship
- 16.1 Prizes for the World Championship will be awarded for the first 5 places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 16.2 The winner of each Discipline will be awarded the title “2025 World Champion” and will receive the perpetual trophy.
- 16.3 The following will also be awarded prizes in each Discipline:
- Junior Champion (under 25 years)
 - Woman Champion
 - Master Champion (ages 45 –50)
 - Grand Master Champion (ages 51 –55)
 - Great Grand Master Champion (56 years and over)
- 16.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 16.5 Age determinations are based as of 12:01 am, Tuesday, 11th 2025
- For the Pre-World Regatta
- 16.6 Prizes for the Pre-World Regatta will be awarded for the first 3 places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 16.7 The following will also be awarded prizes in each Discipline:
- Junior Champion (under 25 years)
 - Woman Champion
 - Master Champion (ages 45 –50)
 - Grand Master Champion (ages 51 –55)
 - Great Grand Master Champion (56 years and over)
17. INSURANCE
- 17.1 Each participant shall have valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum of at least \$1,000,000NZD (or equivalent) per incident.
18. RISK STATEMENT
- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 By signing an entry form, each competitor agrees and acknowledges the following:
- a) That they are participating in this regatta at their own risk.



- b) That the Organizing Authority, all sponsors, all race committee members, and volunteers, all officers, and directors of Milford Cruising Club and New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club, the IACA, and the New Zealand A Division Catamaran Association are not responsible for any damages, injuries or death which may result in conjunction with this regatta, onshore or afloat
 - c) That they will put safety of themselves and other competitors above race results.
 - d) That they will accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent it is caused by their own actions or omissions; and,
 - e) Ensure their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in this regatta, and that they are physically fit to participate.
- 18.3 Wearing a safety helmet is mandatory for the open discipline and strongly recommended for classic discipline competitors.

19. MEDIA CONSENT

- 19.1 By participating in this event the competitor automatically grants the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any photography and live or recorded audio or video and other reproductions of them during the period of the competition without compensation. All those who participate 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/or your property
- 19.2 Drone use in the racing area must be approved by the Organising Authority

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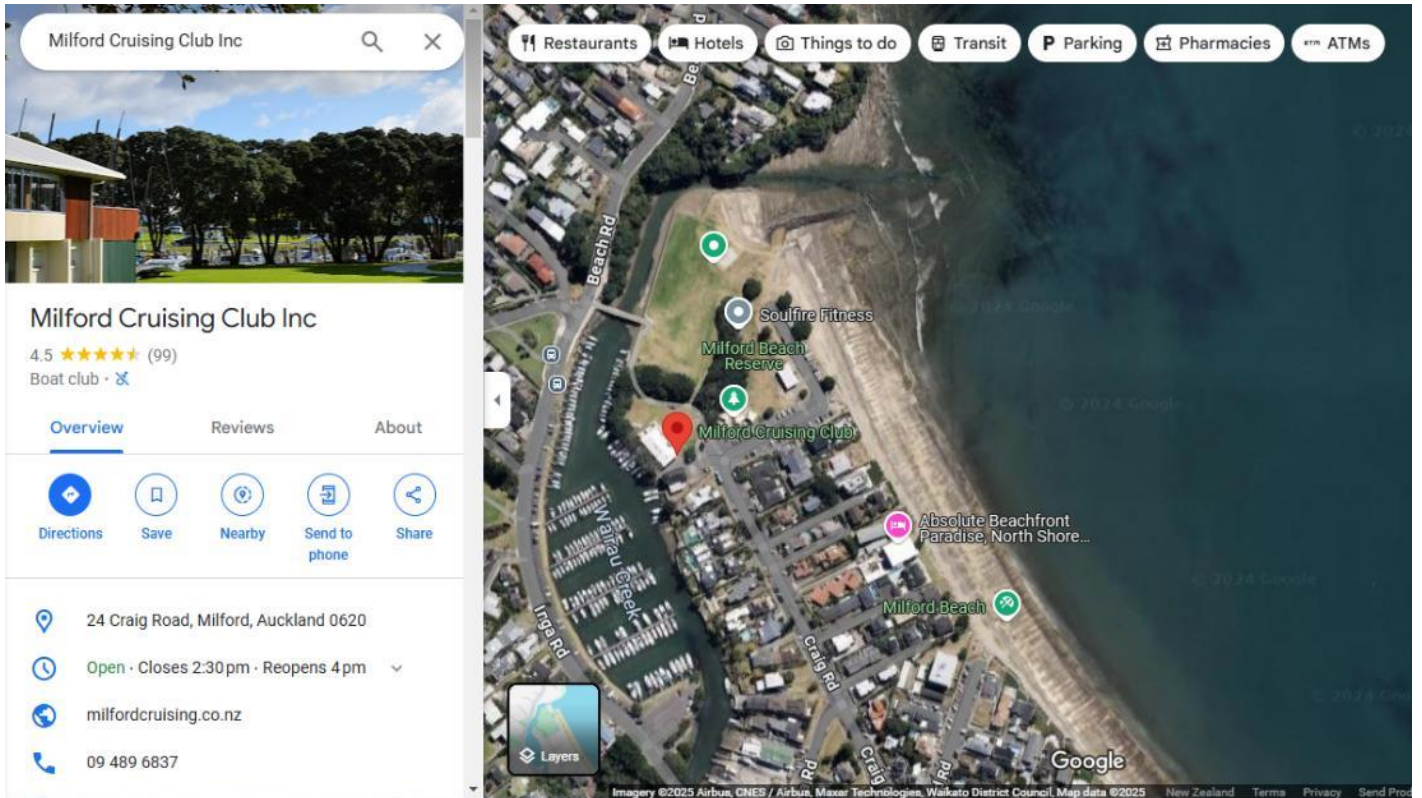
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Addendum

Venue Location:

24 Craig Road, Milford, Auckland, New Zealand





Boat and Container Storage Areas:





Course Area:

