

MAHURANGI CRUISING CLUB

ENCOURAGING CRUISING AND THE OWNERSHIP, USE AND RESTORATION OF WOODEN BOATS

Mahurangi Regatta 2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- **Saturday 24th January 2026 on the Mahurangi Harbour.**
- The Mahurangi Regatta is conducted by the Mahurangi Cruising Club (MCC).
- The MCC accepts no responsibility for damage, loss or injury as stated in the Conditions of Entry.
- The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the Regatta or to continue sailing is hers alone.
- The events will be governed by these Sailing Instructions and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 and the Maritime NZ Rules Part 22: Collision Prevention.
- This is a convivial event. Entrants must take all necessary steps to avoid collisions. **NO PROTESTS**
- VHF Channel77 will be used for any course change or other communications to participating vessels.

ENTRIES

All Entries must be made Online and submitted with fees **by midnight** Thursday 22nd January 2026

No Late Entries. To enter go to mahuranguicruisingclub.org and read the Notice of Regatta for entry procedure.

Please fly appropriate division flag (reuse from last year!) - not available at Sullivans Bay as before.

Your Mahurangi Cruising Club Yearbook 2026 will be available from the MCC Table by Scott Homestead.

In the event of cancellation the yearbook will be sent to all entrants.

DIVISIONS	IDENTIFICATION FLAG	ENTRY FEE	START TIME
A Class Division	Orange 	\$50	11.00
Mahurangi Division	Red 	\$50	11.20
Traditional Spirit	Blue 	\$50	11.20
L Class Mullet Boat	No Flag - L sail insignia	\$50	11.20
Mid-Century Classic	Green 	\$50	11.40
Te Haupa Division	Yellow 	\$30	12.00
Sailing Dinghy Division	White 	\$20	12.10

Start / Finish

The start / finish line is between the committee boat 'Jane Gifford' (or an alternative if unavailable) and an orange buoy outer distance mark

The flag colour will indicate the starting Division

Start / finish contact - VHF Channel 77

Start Procedure

- 10 min - Division colour flag raised - Hooter
- 5 min - 'P' Flag Raised - Hooter
- 1 min - 'P' Flag Lowered - Hooter
- Start - Division flag dropped - Hooter

- The start line will be between the flagstaff on the committee boat flying a large MCC flag anchored off Sullivan's Bay (or in strong easterly conditions, between Opahi Bay and Casnell Island) and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) start buoy.
- All vessels must keep clear of the committee boat and the ODM. Vessels failing to do so have to return to the start by rounding either the start boat or the ODM before restarting correctly, or be disqualified.
- Keep Clear of the start area until after the 10-minute gun for your division.
- Boats over the start line in the 10 minutes before the start gun must return to start rounding either the the start boat or the ODM before restarting.
- Restarting boats must keep clear of all starting vessels. An attempt will be made by Regatta Committee to notify on Ch77, boats over the line which do not return, to give them the opportunity to restart.
- Boats failing to return will have either 10 minutes added to their elapsed time, or disqualified if the Regatta Committee decides there was no attempt to start correctly.

Before sailing the second lap all yachts shall pass through a gate between the ODM buoy and committee boat.

The ODM could be moved after the start to narrow the gate (and the finish line).

Note: The Regatta is sailed under International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 and Maritime NZ Rules Part 22: Collision Prevention. It is not held under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

NO LUFFING OR BARGING AT THE START. OVERTAKING VESSELS HAVE TO KEEP CLEAR.

Finish Line

- The finish line will be between the committee boat and outer distance marks - as for the start line.
- No times will be recorded after 1600 hrs.
- Finishing yachts are responsible to be recognised by the finish boat. If unsure confirm on Channel 77.
- All Boats without a Sail Number must identify themselves at the finish or their time may not be taken.

Handicaps

The Handicapper will allot each entry a TCF handicap.

Rules Covering All Events

- No extras.
- All headsails must be attached to the forestay/s. (Exception for traditional free flying jibs)
- No spinnakers, no hoisted furled code 0 (or similar), or mizzen staysails.
- Headsails can be poled out.
- No sailing inside (permanently) moored boats and the shore or your vessel will be disqualified.

Hazards

- We draw competitor's attention to the reefs at both ends of Saddle Island (Te Haupa). The reef at the northern end is marked by a red buoy and at the southern end by a cardinal beacon.
- Unmarked reefs extend from the eastern side of the island.
- Warning! The Northern buoy may not be exactly at chart position due to tide/wind conditions.
- The rock shelf extending south-west off Sadler Point is unmarked and not visible at high tide. **DO NOT** pass too closely especially at high tide.
- Please consult the latest official charts for accurate navigation use - not the attached course maps.
- Keep a close watch for moored vessels especially at Jamieson Bay and Scotts Landing.
- Boats may be anchored in the fairway or under way on the Regatta course so keep an active lookout.

International Regulations For Preventing Collisions at Sea

- These races will also be governed the International Regulations For Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972.
- Please consult the Official NZ version - Maritime NZ Rules Part 22: Collision Prevention.
- Note these Regulations differ from Racing Rules in some important matters such as when overtaking and right of way close to start and turning marks. No tactical luffing.
- Any recourse for a collision or incident between vessels is through your insurance company according to your policy and/or through the NZ Courts and not the Mahurangi Cruising Club, Regatta Committee or a Protest Committee (there is none).
- Please be aware that this can be a very expensive exercise.
- Avoid contact with other yachts and boats in the harbour at all costs !

Heavy Sea Course for Te Haupa and Sailing Dinghy Divisions **NEW**

When heavy sea conditions are running from an Easterly direction and are deemed by the Officer of the Day to challenge the safety of the Te Haupa and Sailing Dinghy Divisions in rounding Saddle Island, then these divisions will have a course change. A buoy will be laid West of Saddle Island which will be rounded instead. This will be indicated by the flying of **the 'S' below their Division flags** for their start. Because the course is considerably shorter, there will be **two laps of this course**.

Shortened Course for Light Wind - all Divisions except A Division

If there is a lack of wind, the course will be shortened to one lap of the course instead of two by:

- A pre-race announcement on Channel 77 and code flag 'S' displayed below the MCC flag.
- If the course is shortened after all starts have commenced at 1210, this will be indicated by the flying of the **'S' below the MCC flag** and accompanied by two sound signals as the first boats of the divisions sailing the two lap course approach the Start/Finish line.

Note: Flying the 'S' pennant is used for both Heavy Sea Course change and Light Winds Shortened Course - we trust you know the difference!

Regatta Officers

Commodore	-	Richard Dodd	021 840 561
Vice Commodore	-	Hugh Gladwell	021 606 409
Rear Commodore	-	James Buttle	027 275 6778
Club Captain	-	Martin Farrand	021 933 804
Entries and Results	-	Anne Buttle	027 275 6774
Officer of the Day	-	Barbara Johnson	027 482 1585

Tides

SATURDAY 24th JANUARY 2026

Low Water	05:44 hrs	0.66m
High Water	12:06 hrs	2.90m
Low Water	18:19 hrs	0.66m

We look forward to a great weekend and seeing you there . . .

The Regatta Courses are shown on the following Course Sheets:

Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta Course #1

For the A Class Division

DIAGRAM ONLY. NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION. PLEASE CONSULT AN OFFICIAL CHART



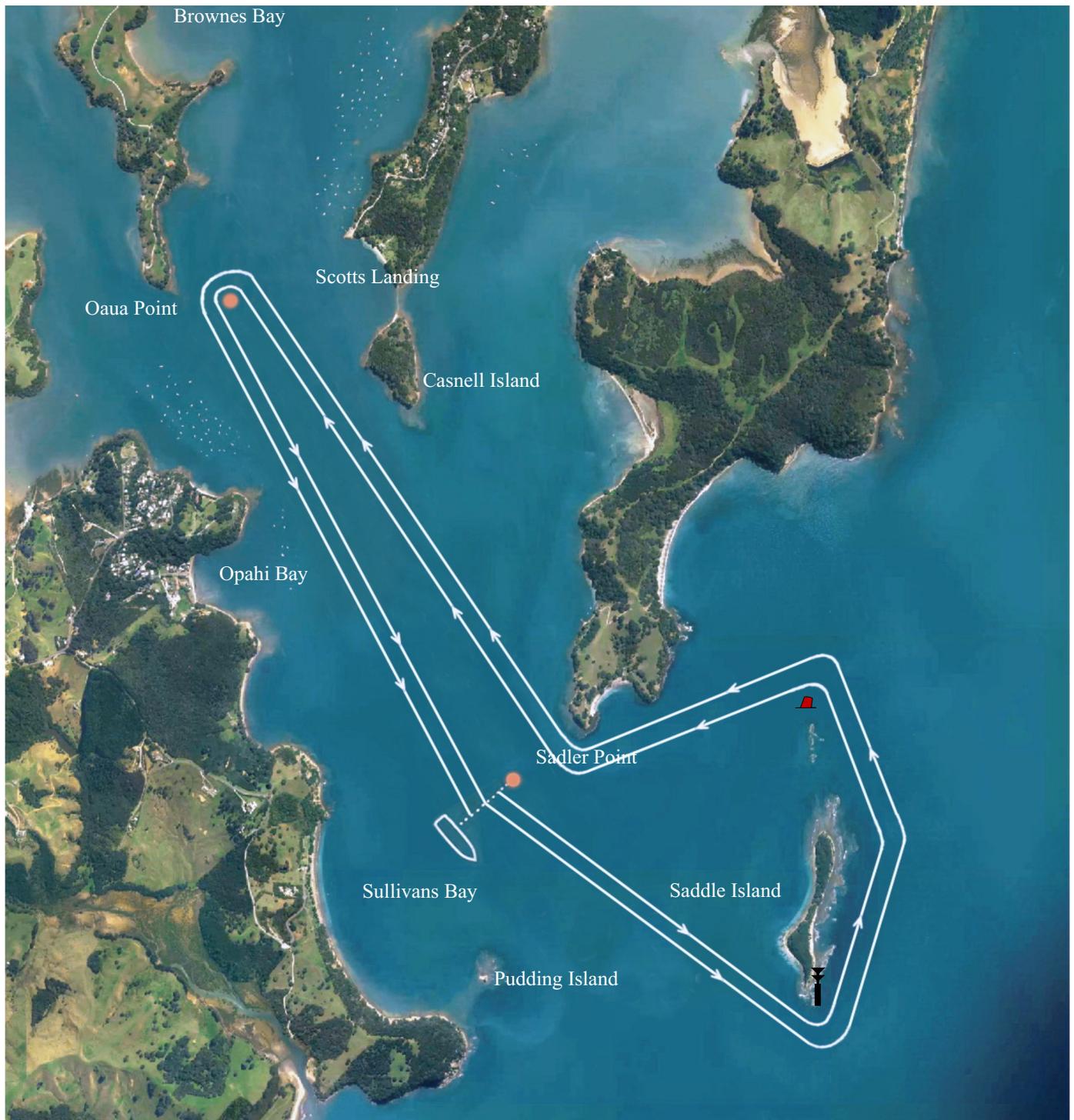
COURSE #1 - For the A Class Division Only

Startline is between the committee boat moored off Sullivan's Bay and the Outer Distance Mark (ODM) off Sadler Point. Start in a south easterly direction, take Saddle Island (Te Haupa) to port, passing west through Blanche Channel between Moturekareka port and Motuketekete to Sadler Point starboard then passing north of the ODM to a laid mark off Oua Point to port, to the finish between the committee boat and the ODM/finish mark.

Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta - Course #2

For the Modern Classic, Mahurangi, and Traditional Spirit Divisions.

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COURSE #2 - For the Modern Classic, Mahurangi, and Traditional Spirit Divisions.

Startline between the committee boat moored off Sullivan's Bay and the Outer Distance Mark (ODM) off Sadler Point. Start in a south easterly direction, take Saddle Island (Te Haupa) port and the northern reef buoy to port, Sadler Point starboard, then a laid mark off Oua Point to port, then through a gate between Start/Finish Boat and the ODM, then Saddle Island and the northern reef buoy to port, Sadler Point starboard, Oua Point mark port, to the finish.

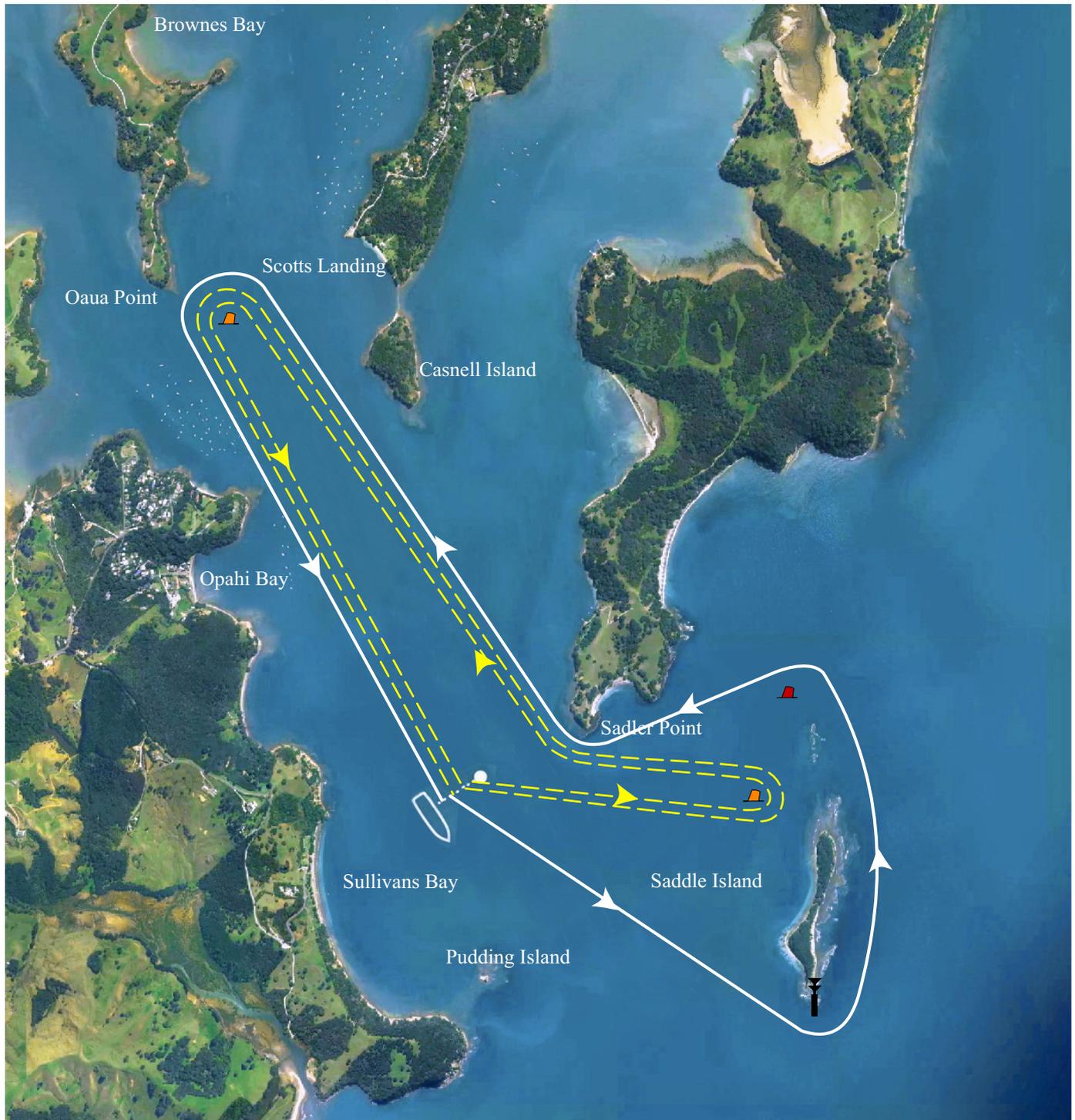
The ODM is a gate mark for the second leg of the course and taken to port.

Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta - Course #3

Te Haupa Division & Sailing Dinghy Division

WITH ALTERNATIVE COURSE FOR STRONG EASTERLY SEA CONDITIONS

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COURSE #3 - Te Haupa Division & Sailing Dinghy Division

Startline is between the committee boat moored off Sullivans Bay and the Outer Distance Mark (ODM) positioned towards Sadler Point. Starting in a south easterly direction, take the Saddle Island (Te Haupa) port, Sadler Point starboard, then a laid mark off Oua Point, port, to the finish. **One lap of the course - Marked in White.** NOTE: The reef at Saddle Island's northern end is marked by a red buoy and at the southern end a beacon.

ALTERNATIVE COURSE - MARKED IN YELLOW - FOR STRONG EASTERLY SEA CONDITIONS

A mark is set to the West of Saddle Island and rounded to port (instead of rounding Saddle Is.) **Two laps of the course** The ODM start buoy is a fairway mark for the second leg of the course.