PredictWind Zephyr Matt Mitchell Memorial & Sunburst North Island Regatta

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd of November 2026

Organising Authority: Milford Cruising Club.
24 Craig Road, Milford. Auckland 0620

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation **[NP]** means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply.

1.3 The Sunburst Class Restrictions and the Zephyr Class Rules will apply to the respective classes.

1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available on the Milford Cruising Club website from 0900 hrs 16th November 2026.

2.3 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be displayed at Registration on the Milford Cruising Club Official Notice Board.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board will be in the downstairs foyer/Wairau Room of the Milford Cruising Club. Notices will also be posted on the Regatta event page of the Milford Cruising Club website.

3.2 [DP] While racing, 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Zephyr Class that comply with the Zephyr Class Rules, and all currently registered boats of the Sunburst Class that comply with the Sunburst Class Restrictions.

4.2 Each Zephyr Class competitor shall be a member of the Zephyr Owners' Association. See the Zephyr Owners' Association website for membership registration.

4.3 Boats shall enter the event by registering online at www.milfordcruising.co.nz **(www.milfordcruising.co.nz/predictwindzephyrsunburstregatta)**

4.4 Entries will be accepted until 1900 hrs 20th November 2026.

4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and the relevant Class Association until 0900hrs 21st November 2026.

4.6 To be eligible to compete, all competitors shall be financial members of a club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry Fee shall be:

Sunburst	$125--
Zephyr	$75--

5.2 Entry Fee shall be paid via direct banking to MCC Bank Account

Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form

**(www.milfordcruising.co.nz/predictwindzephyrsunburstregatta) ** and paying the required fee to the following bank account:

Account Name:	Milford Cruising Club Inc
Account number:	01-0178-00078868-004
Particulars:	Sunburst or Zephyr
Code:	[Sail number]
Reference:	[Skipper surname]

5.3 Entry Fee shall be paid in full by 1900 hrs 20th November 2026

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration will be downstairs in the Wairau Room at the MCC

7.2 Registration.

Friday 20th November	1500 – 1900hrs MCC
Saturday 21st November	0800 – 0930hrs MCC

7.3 Welcome & Regatta Briefing.

Saturday 21st November 1000hrs MCC (Support vessel briefing will follow this)

7.4 Dates of Racing

Saturday 21st November	Race Day 1 1st Warning Signal: 1125 hrs	3 Races
Sunday 22nd November	Race Day 2 1st Warning Signal: 1025 hrs	3 Races

7.5 Number of Races – 6 Races are scheduled

7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

7.7 The prize giving will be held as soon as reasonably possible after the completion of racing.

7.8 Invitation/Practice Race – subject to suitable weather conditions and sufficient interest, an Invitation Race will be sailed on Friday evening (1655 hrs. Warning Signal). Details tba.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment inspections may take place at any time during the event.

Zephyr

8.1 Each boat must have a valid Measurement Certificate issued in the name of the current owner.

8.2 Spars and foils must each have an oval 'Zephyr Class Checked' mylar/chrome label attached.

Sunburst

8.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate and shall display a current (2026/27) NZSA registration sticker on its transom.

8.2 All sails shall have been previously measured and stamped by a Sunburst Class Measurer.

8.3 Only one set of sails, spars and foils shall be used by each boat. Any changes must be requested and approved by the Race Officer in writing.

8.4 Each Sunburst shall complete the Sunburst Class Regatta Safety & Equipment Checklist during the Registration process.

8.6 There will be no sail, boat or foil measurement at the event unless previously arranged with a Sunburst Class Measurer.

8.7 Addendum B is the Sunburst Class Regatta Safety & Equipment Checklist.

9 VENUE

9.1 Addendum A shows the location of the Event Venue and the Sailing Area.

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be triangular including windward, reaching and leeward marks.

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 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 ROBOTIC MARKS

13.1 PredictWind's Mark Set Bots will be used.
13.2 Robotic marks are autonomous; these marks will go back to the original position if they are dragged or otherwise moved off station. Routine movement of autonomous marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments and marks returning to station after having been pushed or dragged away by a competitor.

14 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

14.1 Support vessels are permitted.

14.2 All Support vessels shall register with the Organising Authority.

14.3 Support vessels shall always have an engine safety cut-out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running.

14.4 Support vessels must be equipped with a VHF Radio and be available to assist the Race Committee if directed.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP][NP]

15.1 Unless otherwise directed, competitors' boats must be launched and retrieved, via Milford Beach Reserve, from the ramp/ beach at the Northern end of Milford Beach.

15.2 In the event of adverse weather/sea conditions, the Race Officer may instruct that Castor Bay shall be used for the launching and/or retrieval of all competitors' boats.

16 RISK STATEMENT

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.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1 By participating, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority, and event sponsors the right to make, use, and show any photography, audio, or video recordings of them from arrival to departure, without compensation.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Yachting New Zealand highly recommends that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $1,000,000--

19 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA

19.1 All competitors, support crew, and spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the event for media and promotional purposes.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Zephyr Class Prizes

- Matt Mitchell Memorial Trophy (Line Honours)
- Milford Cup (2nd Line)

Sunburst Class Prizes

- Silver Sunburst Trophy (Line Honours)
- Barrie Wintle Cup (2nd line)
- Chairman's Cup (3rd Line)
- Parent & Child

(Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of MCC, ZOA & NZSA)

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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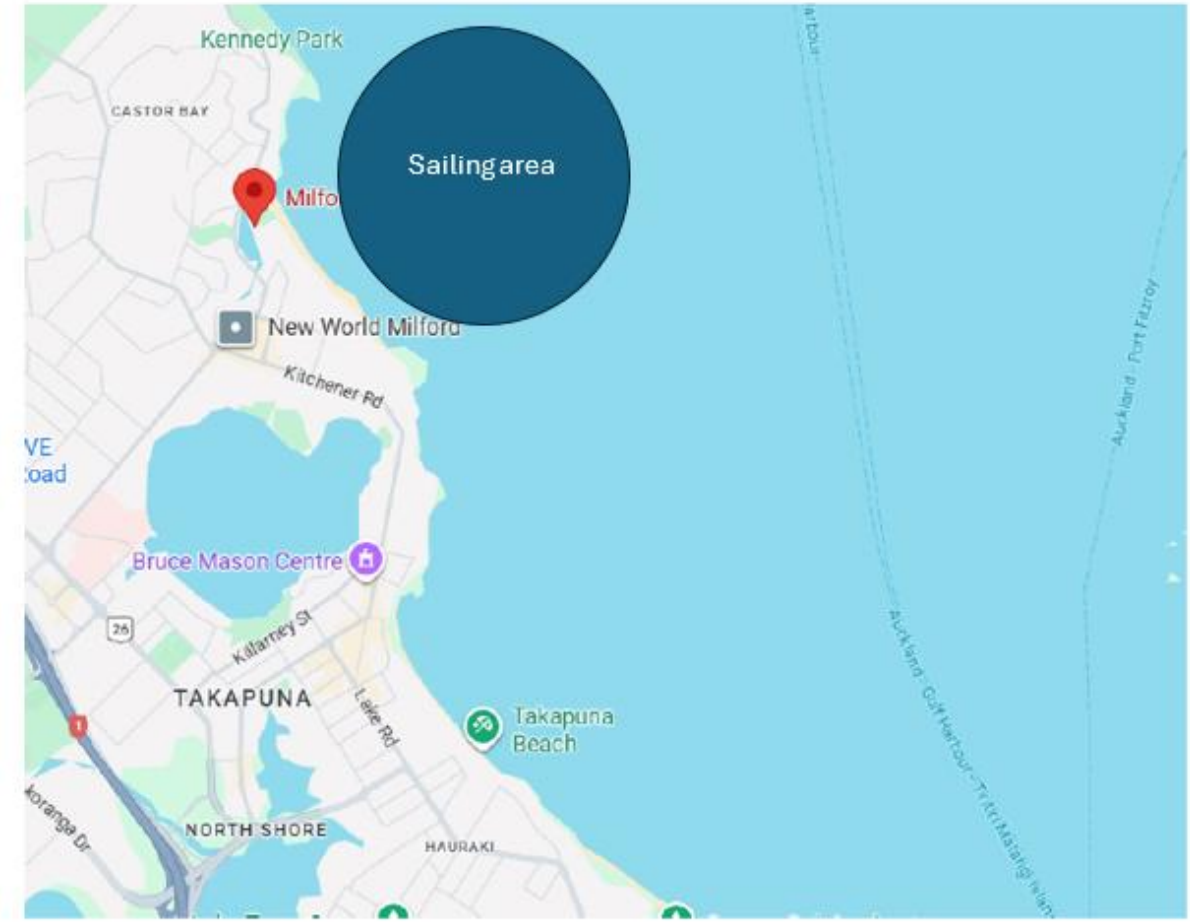
ADDENDUM A.

Milford Cruising Club Location & Sailing Area



ADDENDUM B.

Sunburst Class Safety & Equipment Checklist

Must be completed prior to the Registration and Equipment Inspection period closing.

Boat _____ **Sail # _____**

Item		Checked by:
1	Minimum Hull Weight – 77 kg. (Note any make weight)	
2	2026/2027 Registration Sticker	
3	Sail Number on Hull – 50mm high minimum	
4	Towing eye/Towline (Spinnaker sheets)	
5	Bailer – Side-seat only	
6	Centreboard - Retention/Endorse	
7	Rudderstock - Retention/Endorse	
8	Vang – 4:1 Maximum	
9	Mast & Boom - Endorse	
10	Able to lower sails on water	
11	Main Measurement stamp/Endorse	
12	Jib Measurement stamp/Endorse	
13	Spinnaker Measurement stamp/Endorse	
14	Regatta Stickers affixed if applicable	
15	Sail number on Beach Trolley	