Dear O'pen Skiff Sailor,

Your mission over Auckland Anniversary Day Weekend, if you choose to accept it 😊, is to have the most fun you've ever had sailing an O'pen Skiff. Along the way you'll make new friends, go fast, learn heaps, and improve your boat handling skills. We can't promise you'll be sailing like Peter Burling or Liv Mackay by the end of the weekend but hey, Rome wasn't built in a day. Wait?! You don't know who Pete or Liv is? Oh my grandma, this is going to be harder than we previously anticipated.

Anyway, there are a few critical items you need to grok (i.e. understand all the way down to your bones) to have a successful mission. Here they are:

1) **Positive Attitude** - Bring the best you, not the one who takes forever to get ready in the morning before you go to school or the one your mum and dad keeps telling to hurry up. Bring the 'you' that's eagerly ready to take on a new challenge and looks on the bright side of things.
2) **Sportsmanship** - Respect your fellow Burling/Mackay wanna-be's and be a good citizen on and off the water. Help others in need, like that kid trying to rig up whose sail is flogging around on the ground like a king cobra ready to strike as it flies around uncontrollably in the wind. Say please and thank you to the volunteers, race managers, parents, random dogs on the beach, etc. This will give you superpowers and you might even earn some chocolate. Yeah, we'll have chocolate and lollies and well, you'll just need to come and find out.
3) **Perseverance** - For many of you this will be your first regatta. Don't get too worked up - it's a regattapalooza which means you're basically signing up for a sailing party. You might be nervous or scared or feeling like you can't get to the next level of the mission, but you can. Be brave and summon your inner strength to overcome and persist!

So, you wanna know a bit more about the journey you'll go on during this mission?

The journey will include beach games, adventure sailing, and fun racing. Gold and Silver Fleet will enjoy fun racing on the same course (see appendix A below) showing off their freestyle moves, while development sailors will sail on a different course more suited to beginners. On the final day of racing, Gold and Silver fleeters will be sailing with additional boats (WASZPs, Wingfoilers, Zephyrs, RS Fevas) on the same course. The Gold fleet will sail a longer course with Silver sailing on a shorter course.

The Development program will be great for our young and inexperienced sailors that are just getting started. Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation coaches will help you learn about navigating starts and courses. And, you'll do a little freestyle of your own!

A new for this year is the double handed category...grab a mate, double up, and double the fun!!!! This is a great option for a older/younger sibling combo!!!

Now, here's some boring stuff for your parents (keep reading if you are feeling all grown - Peter and Liv would…).

**Schedule for the Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation Clinic and Regattapalooza (we use military time for this mission…cool, right?):**

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| Friday, 29th JAN (RCSF Clinic) | Charter pickup 900<br>Rigged and Ready at 1000<br>Lunch 1200-1300 (Bring your own!)<br>Afternoon Session 1300-15:30 |
| Saturday, 30th JAN | Registration 0900-1030<br>Briefing 1100<br>Fun Racing 1200<br>Beach games 1500<br>Burger Night 1700 |
| Sunday, 31st JAN | Briefing 1100<br>Fun Racing 1200<br>Adventure Sail / Race 1500<br>Fiesta Night 1700 |
| Monday, 1st FEB | Briefing 1100<br>Racing w/ other fleets 1200<br>Prizegiving (ASAP after Racing) |

**Courses**

Day One and Two - See Appendix A
Day Three - [TBD but most likely a triangle sausage…mmm…sausage]

The development course will be presented at the event.

**Boat Drop-off, Storage and Parking**

Boats will be rigged in the large grassy area opposite of the club. Please drop the boat off and park your car behind the club, or there is plenty of parking surrounding the park opposite, towards the Bowling Club. Boats can be left in the rigging area overnight.

**Food**

Sailors will get a sausage or hot soup or something delicious coming off the water each day. We'll also be rocking the grill for Burger night on Friday ($10). Buckle up Fiesta night gourmet nachos on Saturday ($10). Bring the whole family and a comfy outdoor chair! The Big Manly Ice Cream food truck will be operating on site and they do a mean ice cream and cup of joe. They do it right! https://www.facebook.com/bigmanlyicecream

**Prizes**

The New World O'pen Skiff Regattapalooza incorporates the Auckland Anniversary Day regatta. Sailors will be awarded prizes at the end of racing on Monday for the three-day regattapalooza. Additionally, separate results will be kept for races on Monday for the 2026 Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta. Anniversary Day Regatta Prizes will be presented at the official prizegiving at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron in February.

**O'pen Skiff Charters**

Some charters will be available on a limited basis. If you have your own boat, bring it! But, if you need one for the weekend, contact Kylie at coach@rcsf.org.nz for pricing and availability.

**Lodging Options**

Apartments

- See AirBNB / Bookings.com for available options.

Campgrounds

- Shakespear Regional Park - You may stay in a tent, campermatic/pop top camper and all purpose-built vehicles, motorhome, campervan, caravan, 5th wheeler or bus. https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/stay-at-park/Pages/accommodation-details.aspx?itemID=68

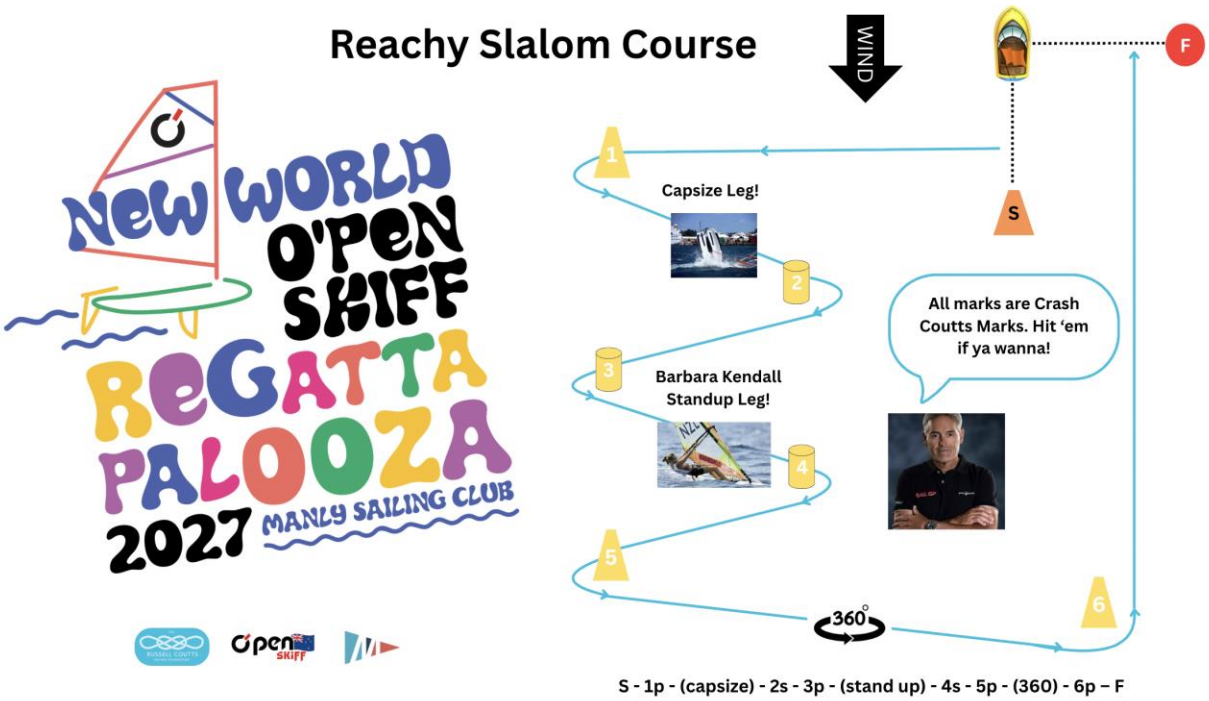
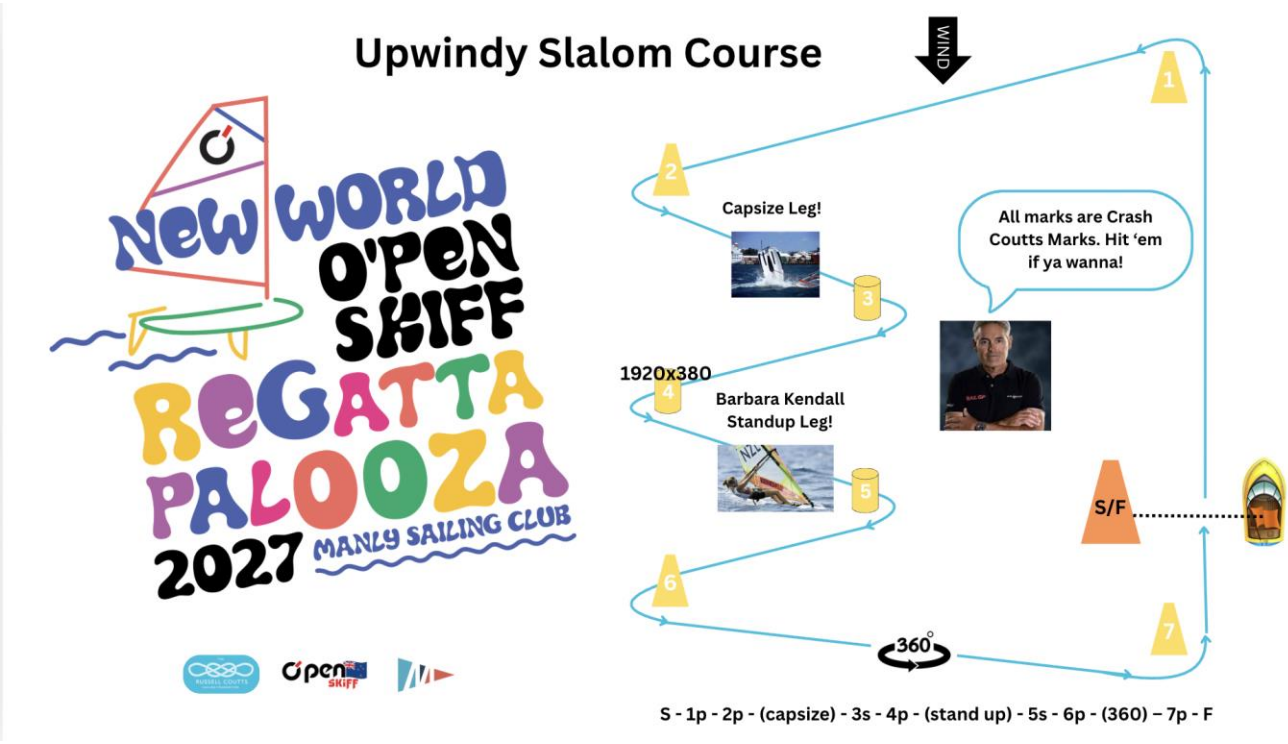
- Red Beach Top 10 - https://top10.co.nz/park/red-beach-top-10-holiday-park

- Orewa Beach Holiday Park - https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/Pages/park-details.aspx?Location=3542#stay

We're excited to see you in January and for you to experience the joy of sailing an O'pen Skiff at the Manly Sailing Club!

## Appendix A - Courses

### Course 1 - Reachy Slalom



## Course 2 - Upwindy Slalom