Karewa Island race course directions

* From boat ramp proceed under road bridge into the Tauranga Harbour area. Assemble adjacent to the marina floating pontoons this is the start line.
* From start line proceed up the Harbour keeping to the right-hand side of the shipping channel approximately 50mtrs outside of any moored ships.
* You will go past the wharf area, past the moored yellow tug boats, across the front of Pilot Bay keeping to the outside of the moored yachts towards Mauao and the entrance to Tauranga harbour.
* At the entrance to Tauranga Harbour, you will see a statue (Tangaroa), this is the point from which you can make your first change if you so desire. There are NO changes before this point.
* BEWARE OF STRONG TIDAL CURRENTS IN THE HARBOUR ENTRANCE
* Continue out of the harbour and veer to your left slightly (NNW direction) to plot a course to Karewa island visible in the distance, The escort boat will guide you.
* Round Karewa island anti clock/Ama side to the island and plot a course back to Tauranga Harbour entrance. The last place for a change will be before Tangaroa statue.
* Proceed up Tauranga harbour towards start line plotting your best course for the conditions, **beware** there are shallow sandbanks in the middle of the harbour.
* Proceed back to towards the start line go under the road bridge towards the boat ramp and the finish line is as you pass the end of the jetty adjacent to the boat ramp,

Notes:

Matakana Island is approx. 6 klm to the west of Karewa Island and can provide shelter and landfall in an emergency.

Tauranga harbour is a busy waterway and all navigation rules will apply.

You must not cross less than 300 metres in front of a container ship or similar craft.

There may be submerged rocks around Karewa and Mauao depending on tide and position.