

ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

WEDNESDAY RACE SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2011-2012

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing will be classified in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Category C.
- 1.3 YA Special Regulations, Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.4 The provisions of RRS 55 shall apply to this series.

2. RACES

- 2.1 Racing will be conducted on every Wednesday from 5th October, 2011 to 18th April, 2012 excluding the 21st and 28th December 2011.
- 2.2 Races abandoned will not be resailed.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 *All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The RPEYC, RSYS, any Sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other Race Officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.*
- 3.2 *The RPEYC, RSYS, any Sponsor and the respective class associations are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Boats shall have adequate current insurance cover of not less than \$5,000,000 public liability (recommended \$10,000,000) for any accident.*
- 3.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the YA Special Regulations Clause 1.02 Owners Responsibility.

4. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES (Changes Rule 26)

- 4.1 1350 - Warning Signal "S" Division and "A" Division - A Green Flag approximately 1 Metre 70 Centimetres square be flown from the centre window of the Club verandah for one minute.

- 4.2 1355 - Preparatory Signal "S" and "A" Divisions - A Green Flag be flown from the centre window of the Club verandah for one minute.
- 4.3 1400 - Start Signal "S" Division and "A" Division, Preparatory Signal "B" and "C" Divisions – A Green Flag be flown from the centre window of the Club verandah for one minute.
- 4.4 1405 – Start Signal "B" and "C" Divisions - A Green Flag be flown from the centre window of the Club verandah for five minutes.
- 4.5 All the above signals may be accompanied by a sound signal.

5. **STARTING AND FINISHING LINE**

- 5.1 Off RPEYC Clubhouse, Felix Bay, Point Piper, between the wind indicator mast on the Club jetty and the western most edge of the wharf on Shark Island crossing from east to west to start and from west to east to finish, keeping outside all moored boats in Felix Bay.
NOTE: The finish of the leading boat will be acknowledged not by sound signal but by waving of a flag from the Club verandah. In the event of a close finish this signal may be delayed.

6. **RECALL** (Changes Rule 29)

- 6.1 There will be no recall signal. Any boat over the line at the starting signal and not returning and starting correctly will have its finishing time increased by one minute or more at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. **ROUNDING MARKS AND BUOYS**

7.1 **Mark Descriptions**

- BB Beashel Mark - YA Buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs
 - CB Chowder Bay Mark - YA Buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two YA buoys in Chowder Bay)
 - KP1 Kirribilli Mark – Red inflatable mark with the lettering RPEYC east of Kirribilli Point
 - KP2 Kirribilli Mark 2 – Red inflatable mark with the lettering RPEYC approx 80 metres south of KP1
 - LBN Lady Bay North Mark – YA Buoy off northern end of Lady Bay
 - N3 Naval Buoy No.3 – West of N3B and north of NC.
 - N3B Naval Buoy No.3B - approximately 100m east of N3.
 - NC Naval Buoy No. 3A - Southern most buoy of group of 3 buoys to the north west of Clarke Island
 - OB Obelisk Bay Mark - YA Buoy E of Obelisk Bay
 - SM YA mark approx 10 metres south of the South Cardinal mark at Shark Island, passing Shark Island to starboard
 - TB Taylor Bay Mark - YA Buoy middle of Taylor Bay
 - WS West of Shark Mark – Red inflatable mark near Point Piper which may display a Sponsor Logo
- All Cardinal Marks must be passed on the indicated side.

NOTE: YA Buoys referred to in these instructions may be a yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shape buoys and may be replaced with a different mark without warning.

8. COURSES

8.1 **"S" Division:** Start – KP1(P) – KP2(P) - NC(P) - LBN - WS – NC - CB – SM - NC – N3 – N3B - Finish
Approx. 13 miles

"A" Division: Start - KP1(P) – KP2(P) - NC(P) - BB - WS -NC - TB – SM – NC – N3 – N3B - Finish
Approx 11 miles

"B" Division: Start – KP1(P) – KP2(P) - NC(P) - OB - BB - SM - NC – N3 – N3B – Finish
Approx. 9 miles

"C" Division: Start – KP1(P) – KP2(P) - NC(P) - BB - SM - NC – N3 – N3B – Finish
Approx. 8 miles

8.2 Boats are to proceed to all marks shown in these courses in the order listed and are to round unaffixed marks to starboard and affixed marks (P) to port.

9. RETIREMENT

9.1 Yachts that retire from the race shall contact the club on VHF 73 or phone 9327 3149 within the race time limit. Yachts failing to do so may be scored DNE.

10. CHANGING or SHORTENING COURSE and ABANDONMENT

10.1 The course for any division may be shortened after rounding Mark SM. Such shortenings of the course will be signalled by the display of the following coloured boards in the following locations:

Division S – Yellow, centre of the eastern verandah opening

Division A – Bright Blue, western end of the eastern verandah opening

Division B – Dayglo Orange, eastern end of centre verandah opening

Division C – Bright Green, centre of the centre verandah opening

In the event that all divisions are shortened the four colour boards will be displayed.

10.2 Boats in divisions sailing the shortened course shall proceed to the WS Mark rounding to port and then return to cross the finishing line as described in Sailing Instruction 5.

10.3 The course for S and/or A divisions only may also be shortened before rounding Mark WS. Such shortenings of the courses will be signalled by the display of a black coloured board at the western end of the centre verandah opening and the relevant Division board in position as above. Boats shall round WS and proceed to mark NC and then return to cross the finishing line as described in Sailing Instruction 5.

10.4 The RPEYC may abandon racing before the Start or during the race if the weather conditions are deemed to be unsuitable for racing, or for any other reason. A strong wind forecast, actual strong wind conditions or severe thunderstorm activity may be grounds for abandonment.

- 10.5 The display of Code Flag C in the centre of the centre verandah opening at the start, together with the Division B board in position as above means for Division B only, mark OB is deleted from the course.
- 10.6 The display of Code Flag C in the centre of the eastern verandah opening at the start means that for all Divisions mark SM is changed to mark WS. Boats shall not pass between Steel Point and Shark Island.
- 10.7 A flashing orange light at the club verandah may draw attention to change or shorten course, or abandonment signals. In the event of abandonment, an announcement may be made on VHF Channel 73.”

11. TIME LIMIT (Changes Rule 35)

- 11.1 The time limit is 1700 hours and no boat shall be finished after this time. (Amends RRS 35)

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be presented to all eligible placegetters in the RPEYC Clubhouse after the races. All competitors are welcome and a tender service is provided. Prizes not collected within one week will be forfeited.
- 12.2 A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the point score in each division.
- 12.3 The names of the point score winners will be inscribed on the RPEYC Perpetual trophies as follows:
Division “S” – Alastair George Memorial Trophy
Division “A” – The Vincenza Trophy
Division “B” – The Christina II Trophy
Division “C” – The Cynara IV Trophy
- 12.4 A boat shall drop any eight races.
- 12.5 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A of RRS shall apply.
- 12.6 Boats which start and are not recorded as finishers will be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore starters in that race plus one point. Boats which do not rank as starters or are disqualified will be awarded points equal to the number of series entrants plus one.
- 12.7 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after races equal to the number of discard races for that pointscore have been sailed.
- 12.8 Boats that have not started in five or more races by 24 December will be excluded from the pointscore and the pointscore recalculated.

13. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 13.1 Extras are not permitted. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked on.
- 13.2 Minimum crew in any boat shall be two persons.
- 13.3 A boat may use prohibited propulsion after the Preparatory Signal to arrive at the start line provided it shall carry out a minimum 180 degree turn, keeping clear of all other boats, after ceasing to use such propulsion and before starting (Changes Rule 42.1)
- 13.4 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its entry form and shall display identical sail numbers on its sails. Permission to carry any sail displaying a different number must be obtained from the RPEYC prior to the start of the race affected.
- 13.5 Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding from the bow whilst racing.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests shall be lodged at the RPEYC before 1830 hrs. on the day of the race. Protest forms may be obtained at the RPEYC.

15. HANDICAPS

- 15.1 Handicaps will be arbitrary and will be at the Race Committee's discretion and will not be subject to Request for Redress (Changes Rule 60.1 (b)).
- 15.2 Any changes in hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level shall be notified to reach the RPEYC prior to the start of the race affected.