

ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

WEDNESDAY RACE SERIES 2011-2012

NOTICE OF RACE

The Wednesday Race Series will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour by the Organising Authority, The Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC) on each Wednesday commencing on 5 October, 2011 and ending on 18 April, 2012, excluding the 21st and 28th of December, 2011 Entrants will be allocated into appropriate Divisions and handicapped at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Divisions will be:

- 1 "Super" Division. Modern high-performance racing yachts, and faster racing and cruising yachts.
- 2 Divisions A, B and C. Racing and Cruising yachts, which will be allocated to Divisions by the Race Committee in accordance with their relative performance.

Racing is scheduled to commence at 1400 hrs.

1. **RULES**

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 Regulations) of NSW, the Sailing Instructions, and the Notice of Race.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS 55.

RRS 51 is amended by deleting the first sentence. RRS 52 shall not apply. Yachts shall NOT carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing.

In the event of conflict between these rules or regulations the Sailing instructions will prevail.

1.1 **EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

YA Special Regulations, Part 1 Category 7 shall apply. A current YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form shall be lodged with the RPEYC or RSYS before any yacht may start in a race.

1.2 **ADVERTISING**

The series will be classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79, ISAF Regulation 20.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Eligible boats may enter for the entire series on the attached Entry Form, which shall be lodged with the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club or the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron accompanied by the appropriate fee (see item 3). Casual entries will be accepted from eligible boats upon lodgement of an entry form nominating the date(s) on which the boat proposes to race and accompanied by the correct casual entry fee for each race. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Entry may also be made on the Combined Season Entry Form of the RSYS and RPEYC.

2.1 A minimum of two persons shall be on board a boat.

2.2 Extras are not permitted. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked on.

3. ENTRY FEES

Full Series - \$240 incl GST

Casual Entries - \$40 per race incl GST

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 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, the RSYS, any sponsors and the respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

4.2 The RPEYC, the RSYS, any sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials 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 insurance cover maintained during the period of racing of not less than \$5,000,000 (\$10,000,000 is recommended) public liability for any accident.

4.3 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.

4.4 The RPEYC carries insurance which it believes to be adequate to cover any liability it may incur in relation to these races. It does not carry any insurance for the direct cover of any death or injury or loss to competitors, their boats, sails or equipment or liability to others arising from participation in these races.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC and RSYS clubhouses approximately one month prior to the date of the first race or may be down loaded from the RPEYC Website.

6. SCORING

6.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A of RRS will apply

6.2 A boat shall drop any eight races.

6.3 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 will be awarded points equal to the number of series entrants plus one.

6.4 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after races equal to the number of discard races for that pointscore have been sailed.

6.5 Boats that have not started in five or more races by 14 December will be excluded from the pointscore and the pointscore recalculated.

7. PRIZES

7.1 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.

7.2 A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the point score in each division.

7.3 The names of the point score winners will be inscribed on the RPEYC Perpetual Trophies as follows:

Super Division – Alastair George Memorial Trophy

Division “A” – Vincenza Trophy

Division “B” – Christina II Trophy

Division “C” – Cynara IV Trophy