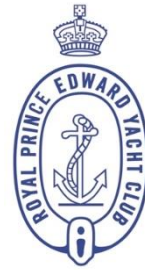




ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE (amended 26 September 2018)

Sunday Series 2018-2019



The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC)

The Sunday Series of 5 races will be conducted on the waters of Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour on selected Sundays commencing on 30 September 2018.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the current World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as amended herein, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing for racing boats (AS), the Boating (Safety Regulations) of NSW, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.2. All boats shall have a current valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit Form.
- 1.3. All boats must carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency while racing.
- 1.4. RRS 52 shall not apply.
- 1.5. Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.6. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

The series will be subject to the advertising code as set out in the current World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. **Monohull Yachts** – Races are open to single-hulled sailing boats on the register of a Yacht Club recognised by a National Authority.
- 3.2. **Non-Spinnaker Races** - Boats are not permitted to fly spinnakers. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device. The forestay is as defined in the current World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing. Coutu boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.
- 3.3. **Crew** – No boat shall start unless there is a minimum of two (2) persons aboard.
- 3.4. All competitors helming or crewing shall conform to the AS Prescription RRS 46.
- 3.5. To be eligible for a pointscore, a boat must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole series.
- 3.6. A maximum of two (2) helmsmen may be detailed on the Entry Form. Any change of helmsman from those listed on the Entry Form must be notified to the RPEYC

Office not later than 1500 hours on the Thursday prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

4. ENTRIES

The Entry Form forms part of this NOR and is attached. Entry Forms are also available from the RPEYC Office or on-line entry can be made through the RPEYC website. For a valid entry competitors shall:

- 4.1. Lodge a duly completed Entry Form with the RPEYC Office by the date and time stated thereon. The Entry Form must be signed (or authorised for on-line entry) by the owner of the vessel.
- 4.2. Accept the declaration detailed in clause 16.3 of the NOR by signing (or authorising) the Entry Form.
- 4.3. Include the entry fee as detailed on the Entry Form.
- 4.4. Attach a current completed and checked Category 7 (or higher) Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form. A boat that does not supply a copy of the boat's current audited AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form to the RPEYC Office prior to starting, shall be scored DNC in that race (changes RRS 78.2 and RRS A5).
- 4.5. **Single Event and Casual Entries** – All documentation listed above and the entry fee must be lodged at the RPEYC Office not later than 1500 hours three (3) days prior to the start of a race.
- 4.6. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).

5. ENTRY FEES

Full Series - \$75.00 incl. GST.

Casual Entries - \$20.00 per race incl. GST.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Five (5) races to be sailed on the following dates:

30 September 2018	28 October 2018
3 February 2019	24 February 2019
24 March 2019.	
- 6.2. A Skippers Safety Briefing will be held at 1000 hours on 30 September 2018 at RPEYC. Attendance at this briefing will meet the requirements of paragraph 16.2 of this NOR.
- 6.3. Racing is scheduled to commence with the first warning signal at 1125 hours.
- 6.4. Races are pursuit passage races and the start will be at 1130 hours.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC Office approximately two weeks prior to the date of the first race or may be downloaded from the RPEYC website.

8. RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted on the waters of Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

9. COURSES

Courses will be around harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 shall apply.

11. HANDICAPS

11.1. Handicaps will be arbitrary and will be at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee or of its nominee and such determination will not be grounds for redress (Changes RRS 60.1 (b)).

11.2. Handicaps will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). TCFs will be converted into a prescribed handicap start time for each competitor in the pursuit race. The scoring system, starting procedures and courses will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

11.3. Start times and handicaps will be advised on the official list of entries available on the RPEYC Notice Board, from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC office 2 days before each race day.

12. COMMUNICATION

12.1. The race frequency is VHF channel 73.

12.2. Boats that retire from the race before finishing shall notify the Race Officer on VHF 73, or phone 02 9327 3149, within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNE (Amends RRS 63)

12.3. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency.

12.4. The Race Committee may use the radio (VHF 73) to advise competitors of race information.

13. ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area (including new and replacement sails) or significant changes to on board skill level shall be notified in writing to reach the RPEYC Office not later than 1500 hours on the Thursday prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap and a boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

14. SAIL NUMBERS

14.1. A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its Entry Form.

14.2. A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails and sail numbers shall be clearly legible.

14.3. The use of a sail displaying a different number to that on the Entry Form shall be notified to the RPEYC Office no later than two (2) hours before the start of the race. A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the RPEYC Office or displays illegible sail numbers may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

15. PRIZES & TROPHIES

Prizes will be presented to all eligible placegetters in the RPEYC Clubhouse after each race. All competitors are welcome and a tender service is provided. Prizes not collected within one week will be forfeited.

A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the series point score and will be presented at the end of season Prize Giving Evening at the RPEYC in May 2019.

16. RESPONSIBILITIES

16.1. **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, competitors and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in sailing events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

16.2. **Skippers Briefing** – Prior to racing, the helmsman of each boat entered shall attend a safety briefing held by a sailing club located on Sydney Harbour. Entries will not be accepted for any race or the series without a declaration that each nominated helmsman of the boat has attended a safety briefing session.

16.3. **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and helmsmen to ensure that each boat nominated on the Entry Form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the current RRS.

The person who signs the Entry Form in doing so will have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- a) RRS 46 and its associated AS Prescriptions;
- b) The Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations; and
- c) Be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

16.4. The person who signs and lodges the Entry Form with the Organising Authority warrants to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the Entry Form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above.

16.5. The person who signs and lodges the Entry Form with the Organising Authority acknowledges receipt of the risk warning above and releases the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

16.6. Disclaimer of Liability

- a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Organising Authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- b) The Organising Authority, 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.
- c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

17. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 17.1. No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 17.2. Boats shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of helmsmen is drawn to the NSW Navigation (Collision) Regulations and the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSW RMS) regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. The regulations specify "Priority over Sail" – some ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Details are provided in the Sailing Instructions. Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 17.3. All boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 17.4. Any boats reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing - changes RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor - changes RRS 60.1.
- 17.5. The attention of any competitors involved in an accident is drawn to the requirements of NSW RMS in case of an accident (Marine Safety Act 2016 – sec 98). Competitors are required to notify the RPEYC of any contact incident (with another boat or obstruction) occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW RMS. RPEYC is obliged under the terms of its Aquatic Licence to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results. Further details are in the Sailing Instructions.

18. INSURANCE

All boats shall have adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million)

for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Office on (02) 9363 5809 or email - secretary@rpeyc.com.au.

RPEYC SUNDAY RACE SERIES

ENTRY FORM 2018-2019

Please enter the Yacht..... Owner.....
Sail Number..... Type of Yacht.....
Usual Helmsman: Alternative:
A member ofYacht Club AS Membership Number (RRS 46).....

1. This Entry will only be accepted if all required information is completed.
2. This Entry Form MUST be signed by the owner of the vessel, contact details provided and accompanied by the total entry fee.
3. Entries will be finalised upon receipt of a completed current AS Membership Number & Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form.
4. RRS 46 & 55 Requirements: It is the responsibility of the owner and skipper to ensure compliance with Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations.

I agree to be bound by the RRS of World Sailing, by the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing, and by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the races in this series.

I certify that the boat entered will maintain, during the period of racing, a third party property liability insurance policy and a third party personal liability insurance policy with a minimum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) cover for each separate incident.

I certify that each nominated helmsman has attended, or will attend prior to any race, a Safety Briefing (NOR 16.2).

Signature Name (please print).....

Address.....

Telephone - Mobile..... Private/Business.....

E-mail.....

Series Entry: Yes/No Casual Entry: Date(s).....

Entry Fee: \$75 per series (5 races) or \$20 per race (GST incl.) Enclosed.....

For payment by Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard or Amex) add 2% Merchant Fee

Card No..... Expiry Date.....CCV#.....

Name on Card..... Signature.....

For payment by EFT (include your name and yacht sail number as reference):

National Australia Bank BSB: 082-080 Account: 509104910

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