



# ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF RACE



## Women On Water Race Day Sunday, 29th November 2020

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

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) except as amended herein, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) for 2017-2020, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 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. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.6. It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that they have read, understood and comply with the Club's COVID-19 protocols included but not limited to hygiene, distancing and crew recording and tracing requirements.

### 2. ADVERTISING

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

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. **Monohull Boats** – The race is open to single-hulled sailing boats on the register of a Yacht Club recognised by a National Authority.
- 3.2. **Non-Spinnaker Race** - 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 Equipment Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020. Coutra 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. **Helm** - From five (5) minutes before a boat's start time until it finishes, a lady shall helm the boat. If the owner or the owner's representative is obliged to intervene, solely to avoid a collision, the boat must fly a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and report details to the Race Committee for their consideration.

#### **4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1. Entries will be on-line through SailSys, [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au) or to the RPEYC office by 1000 hours on the day of the race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.2. Accept the declaration detailed in clause 15.3 of this Notice of Race.
- 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 the race (Changes RRS 78.2 A5).

#### **5. ENTRY FEES**

The Entry Fee is \$50, incl. GST per boat.

The entry fee includes a post-race BBQ for all crew subject to COVID-19 requirements.

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 6.1. A mandatory skippers' briefing will **not** be conducted on the lawn in front of the RPEYC. All skippers must have already attended a safety briefing held by a sailing club located on Sydney Harbour or read and understood a copy of the RMS skippers briefing available from RPEYC.
- 6.2. There will be 2 Divisions and boats will be allocated to a division at the Race Committee's discretion. Each Division will sail its own course as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3. The first warning signal for both Divisions will be at 1125 hours.
- 6.4. The race is a pursuit passage race and will commence 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 race or may be downloaded from the RPEYC website.

#### **8. RACING AREA**

The race will 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 Rule 60.1 (b)).
- 11.2. Handicaps will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). The 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 list of entries available on the RPEYC Notice Board, RPEYC website or from the RPEYC office 2 days before the 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 DNC (Changes RRS 63).
- 12.3. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each race 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 to advise competitors of race information.

## **13. SAIL NUMBERS**

- 13.1. A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its Entry Form.
- 13.2. A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails and sail numbers shall be clearly legible.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. 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.

## **14. PRIZES & TROPHIES**

- 14.1. Prizes will be for categories as described in the Sailing Instructions and will be presented in the RPEYC Clubhouse after the race. All competitors are welcome and a tender service will be provided.
- 14.2. The WOW Trophy for Best Skipper will be presented at the end of season Prize Giving Evening on a date to be advised.

## **15. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 15.1. **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.
- 15.2. **Skippers Briefing** – Prior to racing, the skipper of each boat entered shall attend a safety briefing held by a sailing club located on Sydney Harbour or read and understood a copy of the RMS skippers briefing available from RPEYC. Entries will not be accepted without a declaration that the skipper of the boat

has attended a safety briefing session or read and understood the RMS Skippers Briefing.

- 15.3. **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers 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 (or completes the on-line entry) 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.

- 15.4. The person who signs and lodges the entry 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 in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above.

- 15.5. The person who signs and lodges the entry 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.

15.6. **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.

## 16. 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.

## **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 skippers is drawn to the NSW Navigations (collision) regulations and the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (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. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal. See further details 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 boat 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 accident (Marine Safety Act, 1998 – Section 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.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Office on (02) 9363 5809 or email [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au).

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