



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday Series 2021



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

The Sunday Series of 3 races will be conducted on the waters of Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour on selected Sundays commencing on 31st January 2021.

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. All boats are required to provide crew contact details (including the skipper) to the SailSys Crew List or to RPEYC office by 1000 hours on each day the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63
- 1.7. 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. **Harbour Racing** – The Organising Authority reserves the right to create or delete classes or divisions dependent on entries received.
- 3.2. **Monohull Yachts** – Races are open to single-hulled sailing boats on the register of a Yacht Club recognised by a National Authority.
- 3.3. **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.

- 3.4. **Crew** – No boat shall start unless there is a minimum of two (2) persons aboard.
- 3.5. All competitors helming or crewing shall conform to the AS Prescription RRS 46.
- 3.6. To be eligible for a pointscore, a boat must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole series.
- 3.7. 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

Entry Forms will be available from the RPEYC Office or on-line through the RPEYC website. For a valid entry each competitor shall:

- 4.1. Lodge a duly completed Entry Form with the RPEYC Office, or on-line entry system, 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 17.3 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 or forward 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 - \$60 incl. GST.

Casual Entries - \$25 per race incl. GST.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Three (3) races to be sailed on the following dates:
31 January 2021
28 February 2021
28 March 2021.
- 6.2. A Skippers Safety Briefing will be held at 1000 hours on 31 January 2021 at RPEYC. Attendance at this briefing will meet the requirements of paragraph 17.2 of this NOR.
- 6.3. The race is a passage race and will commence with the warning signal at 1125 hours on each race day.

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. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A of RRS will apply.

11.2. There will be no discards in the series.

12. DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

12.1. It is proposed that the following divisions will be formed for the Sunday Series;

- Division A

- Division B

12.2. Entries will be allocated to divisions 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).)

12.3. The Race Committee at its discretion may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.

12.4. Divisions will be advised on the official list of entries available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC office. Handicaps will be based on time correction factors (TCFs).

12.5. The scoring system, starting procedures and courses will be set out in the Sailing Instructions. 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. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.

13 COMMUNICATION

13.1 The race frequency is VHF channel 73.

13.2 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)

13.3 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.

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

14. 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.

15. SAIL NUMBERS

- 15.1. A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its Entry Form.
- 15.2. A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails and sail numbers shall be clearly legible.
- 15.3. 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.

16. 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 in each division and will be presented at the end of season Prizegiving Evening at the RPEYC in May 2021.

17. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1. **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.
- 17.2. **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.
- 17.3. **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.

17.4. 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.

17.5. 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.

17.6. 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.

18. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

18.1. No litter shall be disposed of overboard.

18.2. 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.

18.3. 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.

18.4. 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.

18.5. 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.

19. 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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