



Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series 2021

Notice of Race

The organising authority is the Royal Australian Naval Sailing Association (RANSA), Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to all boats of mono hull construction which have a current valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. In addition, all boats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.

3 ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible boats are invited to enter one or more of the following series;
- Full Series – 12 races, includes the Short Series.
 - Short Series – 6 Races.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter via the respective Club's online entry process.
- 3.3 Series entries are to be received no later than 1700hrs Monday 26th April 2021.
- 3.4 Casual entries may enter via the respective Club's online entry process. Casual entries to be received by either RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS office no later than 1700hrs on the Thursday before the Saturday race.
- All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including skipper) in the SailSys race management system prior to 1000 hours on each day that the boat intends to race. Boats failing to comply with this requirement shall be scored DNE. This changes RRS 63.

4 ENTRY FEE

Entry fees for 2021 are as follows;

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| • Full Series (12 races) | \$220 |
| • Short Series (6 races) | \$160 |
| • Casual entry for each race | \$45 |

5 DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the following divisions will be formed for the Winter Series;
- **Mixed Spinnaker Divisions**
 - **Super 30 / Sports Boat Divisions** (Dependent on entries)
 - **Classics Division**
 - **Non-spinnaker Divisions**
- 5.2 Entries will be allocated to divisions at the Combined Clubs' Race Committee's absolute discretion and such determination will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 5.3 The Combined Clubs' Race Committee at its discretion may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 5.4 Divisions will be advised on the official list of entries available from each clubs' Sailing Offices.
- 5.5 The handicap will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.
- 5.6 Boats in the Non-spinnaker divisions 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.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series schedule;

Date	Full Series	Half Series
Sat 1 May	Race 1	Race 1
Sat 8 May	Race 2	
Sat 15 May	Race 3	Race 2
Sat 22 May	Race 4	
Sat 29 May	Race 5	Race 3
Sat 5 Jun	Race 6	
Sat 12 Jun	Long weekend no racing	
Sat 19 Jun	Race 7	Race 4
Sat 26 Jun	Race 8	
Sat 3 Jul	Race 9	Race 5
Sat 10 Jul	Race 10	
Sat 17 Jul	Race 11	
Sat 24 Jul	Race 12	Race 6

6.2 Scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 1225 hrs.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be available by Wednesday 21st April 2021 from each participating club and will be posted on the club websites www.ransa.com.au , www.rpeyc.com.au , www.rsys.com.au

8 RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson Sydney Harbour.

9 COURSES

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

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the race office.

11 SCORING

11.1 Rule A5.3 and the amendments detailed in clauses 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 below apply.

11.2 Pointscores and the number of races discarded are as follows;

- Full Series (12 races) – a boat shall drop any two (2) races.
- Short Series (6 races) – a boat shall drop anyone (1) race, except if fewer than six races are completed, no score will be excluded.

11.3 All Pointscores are open to series entries only. This changes RRS Appendix A2.2.

11.4 Scoring System

(a) Non Starting

Boats that come to the starting area but do not start, including boats that are DNS or OCS, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of series entries that come to the starting area.

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(b) Non Finishing

A boat scored Retired (RET) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of series entries that finished the race plus one point.

(c) Disqualification

Boats which are disqualified (DSQ or DNE) shall be awarded points equal to the number of series entries plus one point.

12 COMMUNICATION

All boats shall 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.

13 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 13.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails including any modified, new, or replacement sails, or significant changes to on-board skill level shall be notified in writing to either RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS no later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.
- 13.2 Changes of helmsperson require approval of the Combined Clubs' Race Committee.

14 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1 **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers 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 yachting 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:
- (a) and the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above; and
- (b) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 14.2 **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 3 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, 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 Owner's Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall 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 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 16.1 RRS 52 is amended so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 16.2 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Series prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division of each series.
- 17.2 Presentation times for series awards will be advised closer to the time.
- 17.3 Weekly prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division at the discretion of each club in the combined winter series.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

- RANSA email: office@ransa.com.au or telephone: (02) 9363 9939
- RPEYC email: secretary@rpeyc.com.au or telephone (02) 9363 5809
- RSYS email: sailing@rsys.com.au or telephone: (02) 9017 0152