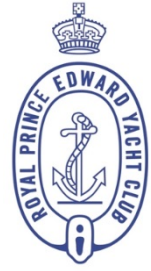




ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF RACE

Couta Boat & E30 Regatta Incorporating the Thistle Cup



5 November 2021

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

1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24 (RRS) and the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Couta boat Division entries must be on the Register of the Couta Boat Association. E30 Division entries must be an Etchell class boat, modified for cruising.
- 2.2 No boat will be allowed to start unless there is a minimum of three (3) persons aboard for a Couta Boat, two (2) persons for an E30. Each Couta Boat shall have a competent adult crew member to leeward on watch at all times while racing.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The Regatta shall be a point score series of scratch and handicap results for the Couta Boat Division and the E30 Division. Racing will consist of two (2) races for each Division on the day.
- 3.2 Boats shall not 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. Couta boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.
- 3.3 The scheduled time of the first warning for E30 Division will be 1255 hours. The first warning for the Couta Boat Division will be the start of the E30 Division. The second race for each Division will start as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.
- 3.4 Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee based on performance and will be by a Time Correction Factor (TCF) applied to a boat's elapsed time. Handicaps will be reviewed considering all previous races sailed and may be subject to arbitrary adjustment.
- 3.5 Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.6 Handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website at, www.rpeyc.com.au or the RPEYC office.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Enter online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process into the SailSys system.
- 4.2 All boats entering shall upload a copy of a current completed Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit Form and a current third-party insurance certificate (refer to paragraph 16.1 below) to the boat's Compliance page in SailSys, or forward to the RPEYC Sailing Office at sailing@rpeyc.com.au by the relevant entry closing date and time.
- Entries must be received by 1700 on Tuesday 2 November 2021.

- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 Entry fees are \$45 per boat for the Regatta

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions for the Regatta will be available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC clubhouse by 30 October 2021.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour. The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be in the vicinity of Shark Island.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be around Sydney Harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part-turn is required:

- a) On a leg to a windward mark, a part-turn is a gybe and luffing to a close-hauled course as soon as reasonably possible.
- b) On other legs a part-turn is a tack and bearing away as soon as reasonably possible to more than 90 degrees from the true wind.

RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 10.2 There will be no discards in the series.

11 COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal marine international channels. The radio must be always switched on and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.

12 EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 RRS 52 is changed so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

13 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 13.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails including any modified, new, or replacement sails shall be notified in writing to RPEYC no later than 1000 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.

14 RISK WARNING

- 14.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

14.2 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning or exposure injury.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

14.3 Participants are also advised that although the Organising Authority is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

14.4 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

15 DISCLAIMER

15.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority and its race officials accept no liability for any damage or injury in connection with the event and Owners release the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury in connection with the event.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 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 incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to all eligible placegetters in the RPEYC Clubhouse after the Regatta. A trophy will be awarded to the winners of the handicap series pointscores of each Division to be presented at the end of the season Prizegiving evening at RPEYC in May 2022. The Couta Boat handicap series winner will be awarded the Thistle Cup.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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