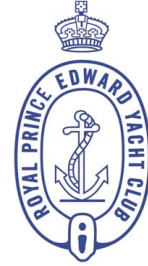




ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday Series 2023/2024



29 October & 26 November 2023
28 January, 25 February & 24 March 2024

The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 All competitors shall conform to the AS Prescription RRS 46.
- 1.3 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. Coutu boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. All boats shall be of monohull construction on the register of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 2.2. No boat will be allowed to start unless there is a minimum of two persons aboard.
- 2.3. To be eligible for pointscores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of the series.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. Eligible boats may enter online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process into the SailSys system.
- 3.2. 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 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.
- 3.3. Series entries must be received by 1700 on Monday 23rd October 2023.
- 3.4. Casual entries must be received by 1700 on the Friday before the race entered.
- 3.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.6. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).

- 3.7. The Entry Fee for the series is \$165, including GST.
The Entry Fee for casual entries is \$50 per race, including GST.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 The series will consist of five (5) Sunday races on 29 October & 26 November 2023 and 28 January, 25 February & 24 March 2024.
- 4.2 There will be one Division only. The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1125.
- 4.4 The series shall be a point score of handicap results for the five races.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at least two weeks prior to the date of the first race and will be available from the RPEYC Office or may be downloaded from the RPEYC Website.

6. RACING AREA

All races will be sailed on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour).

7. COURSES

The races will be around marks and islands in Sydney Harbour, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System shall apply as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. There will be no discards in the series.

10. HANDICAPS

- 10.1 Handicaps will be arbitrary and will be at the discretion of the Race Committee, or their nominee. They will not be subject to Request for Redress (amends Rules 60.1 (b) and 62.1(a)).
- 10.2 Handicaps will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF). Handicaps may be adjusted after each race.
- 10.3 Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation of handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 10.4 Handicaps will be advised prior to each race on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website, SailSys or the RPEYC office.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

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 as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

12. RISK WARNING

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

13. DISCLAIMER

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.

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

15 PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 15.1 Prizes will be presented to the placegetters in the RPEYC clubhouse after each race. Prizes not collected within one month will be forfeited.
- 15.2 A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the series pointscore and presented at the Annual Prizegiving at RPEYC on 17th May 2024.
- 15.2 All competitors are welcome to return to the RPEYC after racing and a tender service will be provided. Berths alongside the pontoon will also be available.

16. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 16.1 **Skippers Briefing** – The skipper of each boat shall have attended a safety briefing for the 2023-24 season held by a Yacht Club on Sydney Harbour. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers to attend an online briefing prior to the first race.
- 16.2 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 16.3 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 day prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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