



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

WOMEN ON WATER

Sunday 24th September 2023



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.

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 A woman shall skipper the boat for the entire race.

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 (refer to paragraph 15 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.
- 3.3 Entries must be received by 0900 on Friday 22 September 2023.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 3.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).
- 3.6 The Entry Fee for the race is \$20 per boat, including GST. The post-race BBQ will be \$20 per person, payable on the day. SASC boats entered in their Sunday Series do not need to enter separately, but will be required to pay \$20 per person for the post-race BBQ.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 The race is a pursuit passage race.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1125.
- 4.3 It is intended that there will be two divisions Divisions:
 - a) Division 1 for larger boats and SASC entries,
 - b) Division 2 for smaller boats.
- 4.4 The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entries and will allocate boats to Divisions.
- 4.5 The race results will be based on handicap results only.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at least two weeks prior to the date of the 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

Not applicable.

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), which will be converted into a prescribed handicap start time for each competitor in the pursuit race.
- 10.3 Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 10.4 Divisions and handicaps (start times) will be advised 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 awarded to the placegetters in each Division at the RPEYC clubhouse after the race.
- 15.3 A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner and presented at the RPEYC Annual Prizegiving 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** – At least one person on 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 race.
- 16.2 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 16.3 Any change of skipper 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.
