



**ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB**

## **Notice of Race**

**Wednesday Series 2023/2024**

**4 October 2023 to 17 April 2024**



**The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club**

### **1 RULES**

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

### **2 ELIGIBILITY**

The series is open to all boats of monohull construction.

### **3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

- a) The series will consist of 27 Wednesday afternoon races from 4 October 2023 to 17 April 2024 excluding 20 and 27 December 2023.
- b) Race number 7 on 15 November 2023 will be the RPEYC Centenary Cup Race.
- c) It is intended that there will be five divisions:
  - Division 1
  - Division 2
  - Division 3
  - Division 4
  - Division 5
- d) The race committee will allocate boats to Divisions.
- e) The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- f) 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.

- g) 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.
- h) Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- i) Divisions and handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC office.
- j) Scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1350.

#### **4 ENTRY**

- a) Eligible boats may enter for the entire series (27 races) or as a casual entry nominating the date(s) on which the boat intends to race. Enter online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process into the SailSys system.
- b) 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 below) to the boat's Compliance page in SailSys, or forward to the RPEYC Sailing Office at [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au) by the relevant entry closing date and time.
- c) Closing dates and times for entries are as follows:
  - Series Entries. 1700hr on Monday 2 October 2023.
  - Casual Entries. 1000hr on the day of the race.
- d) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### **5 ENTRY FEE**

Entry fees are as follows:

- Full Series (27 races) \$350, or
- Casual entry for one race \$50.

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC or RSYS websites or the RPEYC or RSYS clubhouses by 14 September 2023.

#### **7 RACING AREA**

Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour. The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be between the RPEYC Clubhouse and Shark Island.

#### **8 COURSES**

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

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2 only. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

## **10 SCORING**

- a) The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 and RRS A5.3 will apply.
- b) Pointscores are open to series entries only and boats entered, for scoring purposes shall include series entries only. Casual entries do not score points but are eligible for the weekly prize presentation.
- c) Boats that have not started once in the first 8 races will be excluded from the series point score. This changes RRS Appendix A2.2
- d) Series scores will be as follows.
  - If 23 or more races are completed in the season pointscore a boat's worst 7 scores shall be discarded.
  - If 21 to 22 races are completed in the season pointscore a boat's worst 6 scores shall be discarded.
  - If 19 to 20 races are completed in the season pointscore a boat's worst 5 scores shall be discarded.
  - If 17 to 18 races are completed in the season pointscore a boat's worst 4 scores shall be discarded.
  - If less than 17 races are completed in the season pointscore a boat's worst 3 scores shall be discarded.

## **11 COMMUNICATION**

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

## **12 EQUIPMENT**

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**

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 15:00 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.

## **14 RISK WARNING**

- a) 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.

- b) As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
  - The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
  - 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.
  - The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
  - The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
  - Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- c) 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.
- d) Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

## **15 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.

## **16 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.

## **17 PRIZES**

Series prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

**RPEYC Centenary Cup** - awarded to the overall handicap winner of race 7.

**Nettle Gold Cup** - awarded to the best handicap performance in the whole series for a boat on the RPEYC Boat Register and helmed by a RPEYC Club member.

**Alastair George Memorial Trophy** - First in Division 1 pointscore

**Vincenza Trophy** - First in Division 2 pointscore

**The John Christie Cup** - First in Division 3 pointscore

**Christina II Trophy** - First in Division 4 pointscore

**Cynara IV Trophy** - First in Division 5 pointscore

The point score series awards will be presented at the RPEYC Annual Prizegiving on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Weekly prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division at the discretion of RPEYC.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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