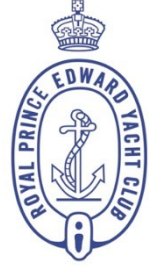




**ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**E30 Invitation Regatta**



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

**1. RULES**

This 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. Any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS recognised yacht club must apply and receive a SailPass before racing to comply with RRS 46, AS prescription.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. All boats shall be an Etchell Class boat, modified for cruising.
- 2.2. No boat will be allowed to start unless there is a minimum of two persons aboard.
- 2.3. All competitors shall conform to the AS Prescription RRS 46.
- 2.4. To be eligible for point-scores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of the series.
- 2.5. Any change of helmsman from those listed on the Entry must be notified to the RPEYC Office not later than 1500 hours on 16th November 2023. Change in helmsman may result in a change of handicap.

**3. ENTRIES**

- 3.1. Eligible boats should 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](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au) by the entry closing date and time.
- 3.3. Entries must be received by 1700hr on Tuesday 14th November 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 3.4. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).
- 3.5. The Entry Fee for the Regatta on the 17th November 2023 will be \$50 including GST.

#### **4. SCHEDULE**

Racing will be conducted on Friday 17th November 2023.

A maximum of two races shall be conducted on the day. The first race will start at 1300 hours with the second race starting as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished the first race

#### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions for all races will be available at least two weeks prior to the date of each event date 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 harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **8. 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.

#### **9. SCORING**

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, shall apply as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. There will be no discards.

#### **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) that will be applied at the finish. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.

#### **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, VHF Channel 73.

#### **12. PRIZES & TROPHIES**

Prizes will be awarded to the handicap point score, first, second and third place getters and the handicap point score winner Lady-Helm person. Prizes will be presented at the RPEYC Clubhouse after racing concludes on 17th November 2023. All competitors are welcome to attend and a tender service will be provided.

#### **13. RISK WARNING**

- 13.1 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.

- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

#### **14. 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.

#### **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 (Australian dollars ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

#### **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.

#### **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](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au).

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