



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race

Centenary Cup Spinnaker Race

15 November 2023



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 and above races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to all boats of monohull construction.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- a) The Centenary Cup spinnaker race will be run on 15 November 2023.
- b) It is intended that there will be two divisions:
 - Division 1S
 - Division 2S
- c) The race committee will allocate boats to Divisions.
- d) The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- e) 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.
- f) Handicaps will be reviewed considering all previous races sailed and may be subject to arbitrary adjustment.
- g) Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- h) Divisions and handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC office.
- i) Scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1345.

4 ENTRY

- a) Eligible boats may enter for the race as a casual entry. 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 by the relevant entry closing date and time.
- c) Closing dates and times for entries are as follows:
 - Race Entries by 1700hr on Monday 13 November 2023.
- d) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is as follows:

- Casual entry for this race \$50.
- Entry fee is waived for existing entrants in the RPEYC Wednesday Series.
- Entrants in Race 7 of the Wednesday series who wish to enter the Centenary Cup Spinnaker race must email sailing@rpeyc.com.au so they can be entered manually at no charge.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC clubhouse.

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 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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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.

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

16 PRIZES

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

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

RPEYC Centenary Cup - awarded to the overall handicap winner of race 7 in the Wednesday Series and the Centenary Cup Spinnaker Race.

The awards will be presented at the RPEYC Annual Prizegiving on Friday 17th May 2024.

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17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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