



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

Cavalier 28

NSW State Championships

Saturday 16th March, 2024

Organising Authority

RPEYC - Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

1. RULES

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 except as amended herein or in the Sailing Instructions.

From 1 January 2022, any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS recognised yacht club must apply and receive a Sail Pass before racing to comply with RRS 46, AS prescription.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. All boats shall be a Cavalier 28 Class boat.

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.

3. ENTRIES

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 1700 hours on Monday 11th March, 2024.

3.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee

3.5. The Entry Fee for the regatta will be \$75, including GST.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 **Saturday 16th March 2024** - A maximum of three (3) races shall be conducted on the day. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1230 hours. The second and third races shall start as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished the previous race.

4.2 The series shall be a point score of scratch and handicap results for the races.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the regatta 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 RPEYC laid marks in a 'windward / leeward' format, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, 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 its nominee. Handicaps 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.

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 72.

12. PRIZES & TROPHIES

Prizes will be awarded at the Cavalier 28 Association awards night to be held in May/June 2024.

All competitors are welcome to return to the RPEYC after racing and a tender service will be provided. Berth(s) alongside the pontoon will be available after the Committee Boat has unloaded. Limited numbers of swing moorings may also be available. Please advise the Club should you wish to use a mooring post race by contacting the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Office on (02) 9363 5809 or email: sailing@rpeyc.com.au

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.

16.2 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. 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.

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.
