



**ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB**



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Cavalier 28**

**NSW State Championships**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**Organising Authority**

**RPEYC - Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club**

## **1. RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (RRS) applicable to Category 7 races except as amended herein or in the Notice of Race.

1.2. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

## **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 hours on the day such change(s) will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day prior to such change taking effect.

## **3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at RPEYC. Notices may also be emailed directly to competitors and made available on the club's website at [www.rpeyc.com.au](http://www.rpeyc.com.au).

3.2 The list of entries will be placed on the RPEYC website and notice board no later than two hours before the start of the first race.

3.3 The race office contact details are:

RPEYC email: [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au)

Telephone: (02) 9 363 5809

Race Day Mobile: 0499 227 413 (Race Day only)

3.4 The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

3.5 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 Racing will be conducted on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

4.2 Three 'windward / leeward' races are scheduled, each approximately 40 minutes duration.

4.3 Races abandoned will not be re-sailed.

#### **5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES**

5.1 1230 – First Warning Signal. The class flag will be code flag C.

5.2 1235 – Start signal for first race.

5.3 The warning signal for races 2 and 3 will be as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished the previous race.

#### **6. RACING AREA**

Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

#### **7. COURSES**

Courses are described in Appendix 1.

#### **8. SHORTENED COURSES**

The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

#### **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks shall be red inflatable marks with RPEYC in black lettering.

9.2 The Start / Finish mark shall be a black and white chequered inflatable mark.

#### **10. OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 Cardinal marks – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by Cardinal Marks.

10.2 Moorings – except for naval moorings, boats shall not sail within mooring areas.

10.3 Shark Island – boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Mark (SM) and the Cardinal Mark south of Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island).

10.4 Garden Island and Chowder Bay – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay.

## **11. THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark.

11.2 The race committee may change the line by moving one of the starting line marks up to the lowering of the preparatory flag. This changes RRS 27.2.

11.3 Individual or general recalls shall be made in accordance with RRS29.

11.4 An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid. When laid, a boat shall leave the IDM to starboard when starting. No boat shall pass between the IDM and the Committee Vessel.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

13.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 80 minutes. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

13.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have started and not finished by the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protests are to be lodged, in accordance with RRS 61, at the RPEYC Race Office or by email at [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au) by 1800 on the day of the event.

14.2 Protests will be heard at the RPEYC club house on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the Protest Committee.

## **15. ARBITRATION**

Arbitration may take place in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

## **16. RETIREMENT**

Boats that retire from the race shall contact the Race Officer on VHF 72 or phone 0499 227 413 within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNE. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

## **17. SKIPPERS BRIEFING**

Each nominated skipper of a boat racing shall have attended a safety briefing held by a yacht club located on Sydney Harbour for the current sailing season. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers to attend a briefing online.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 Boats shall comply with the following regarding commercial shipping.

- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Ports Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship.
- (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200 metres from the bow, and 30 metres from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Safety Officers. Any boat directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Safety Officers because of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- (d) Boats reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be scored DNE without a hearing. This changes 63.1 & A5.

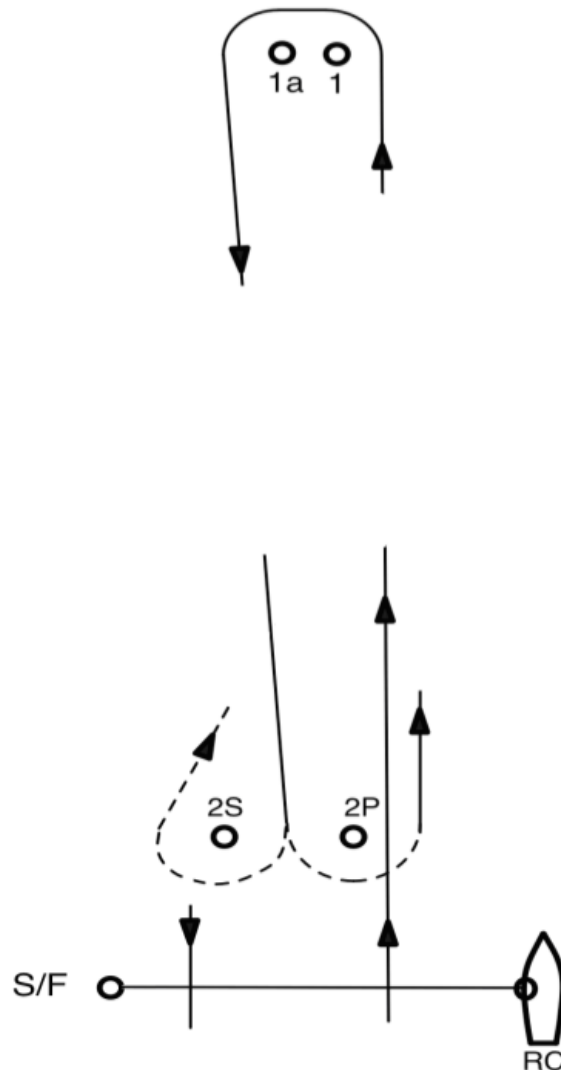
19.2 Boats shall report any incident involving injury, grounding or significant damage likely to cost more than \$5,000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## APPENDIX 1 – Courses

Boats are to proceed to all marks named in the course in the order shown below.

The number of laps shall be indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed no later than the warning signal for each race.

Any Course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Courses shall be windward / leeward:



Mark 1 and mark 1a shall be laid to windward of the starting line. Mark 1a shall be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1. Mark 1 and 1a shall be rounded to Port.

In the event that Mark 1a is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

Mark 2S and 2P may be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line and shall form a gate with either Mark 2S rounded to Starboard or Mark 2P rounded to Port. Note: Marks 2S and 2P may be laid after the starting signal. In the event that either mark 2P or mark 2S is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

Course Configuration:

Course 1 - Start – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 2 - Start – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 3 - Start – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – Finish.

The Race Committee may display on the Committee Vessel the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

Courses will be set with the aim to achieve 40-minute elapsed times. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **APPENDIX 2 - Emergency Contact Details**

<b>Medical Emergency</b>	<b>000</b>
<b>Marine Rescue</b>	<b>9450 2468</b> <b>VHF Ch 16</b>
<b>Water Police</b>	<b>9320 7499</b>
<b>RMS</b>	<b>13 12 36</b>

### **Medical Evacuation Locations:**

**Rose Bay Wharf**

**Taronga Zoo Wharf**