



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

WOMEN ON WATER

Sunday, 24th November 2024



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 races of Category 7 and above.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats of monohull construction on the register of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 2.2 A woman shall skipper each boat for the entire race.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The race is a pursuit passage race on Sunday, 24th November 2024.
- 3.2 It is intended that there will be two Divisions:
 - (a) Division A
 - (b) Division B
- 3.3 The Race committee will allocate boats to Divisions. The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee based on performance and will be by a Time Correction Factor (TCF). The TCFs will be converted into a prescribed handicap start time for each competitor in the pursuit race.
- 3.6 Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.7 Divisions and handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website at, www.rpeyc.com.au or the RPEYC office.
- 3.8 Scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1125.
- 3.9 A post-race BBQ will be provided at the club for \$25 per head. Temporary moorings will be available for visiting boats.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Enter online by using the RPEYC website (www.rpeyc.com.au) Race Entry process into the SailSys system. SASC boats entered in their Sunday Series do not need a separate entry.
- 4.2 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 15.1 below) to the boat's Compliance page in SailSys, or forward to the RPEYC Office at sailing@rpeyc.com.au by the relevant entry closing date and time.
- 4.3 Closing date and time for entries is 1200 on Friday 22 November 2024.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$40 per boat.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC clubhouse by 8 November 2024.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

8 COURSES

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

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

10 COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 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 stated in the Sailing Instructions.

11 EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 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

- 12.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails or significant changes to onboard skill level shall be notified in writing to RPEYC no later than 1000 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.

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 DISCLAIMERS

- 14.1 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 INSURANCES

- 15.1 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 SKIPPERS BRIEFING

- 16.1 Each boat shall have on board an adult who has attended a safety briefing for the 2024/25 sailing season held by a sailing club on Sydney Harbour. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers to attend an online briefing prior to the race.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to all eligible placegetters in the RPEYC Clubhouse after the race. Prizes not collected within one month will be forfeited.
A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner and presented at the end of the season Prizegiving evening at RPEYC in May 2025.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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