



# ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## Thistle Cup for Couta Boats

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**The organising authority is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC)**

### **1, RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 No boat will be allowed to start unless there is a minimum of three (3) persons aboard. Each boat shall always have a competent adult crew member to leeward on watch while racing.

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

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect.

### **3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at RPEYC. Notices may also be made available to competitors 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 no later than two hours before the start of each race.
- 3.3 The race office contact details are:

RPEYC email: [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au)  
Telephone: (02)9363 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 73.
- 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 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- 4.2 Races abandoned will not be re-sailed.

### **5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES (Changes Rule 26)**

- 5.1 1155 – Preparatory Signal for Race 1. The class flag for Couta Boats will be code flag C.
- 5.2 1200 – Start signal for Race 1.
- 5.3 Races 2 and 3 will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

**6. RACING AREA**

Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour. The Start/Finish line will be in the vicinity of Shark Island.

**7. COURSES**

Courses are described in the Appendix.

**8. SHORTENED COURSES**

The course for either Division may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

**9. MARKS**

Marks are described in the Appendix.

**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 chequered inflatable mark.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

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

**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 chequered inflatable mark.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

The absolute time limit for all races will be 60 minutes for each race. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protests are to be lodged, in accordance with RRS 61, at the RPEYC Office or by email at [sailing@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpeyc.com.au) by 1600 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 club on VHF 73 or phone 0499 227 413 within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so maybe scored DNE. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

**17. SKIPPERS BRIEFING**

The 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.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 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 and any accompanying tugs.
- (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.

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

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# APPENDIX

## Courses

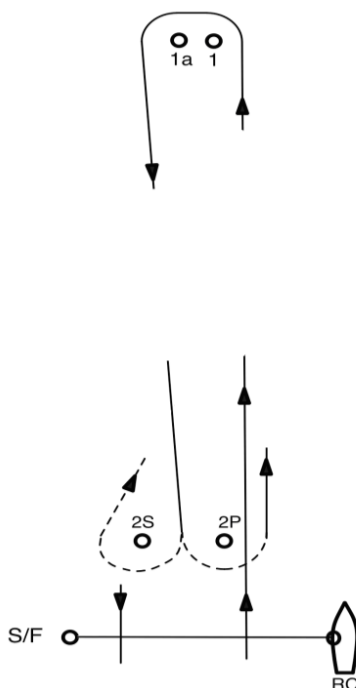
Boats are to proceed to all marks named in the course in the order shown.

The number of laps to be sailed will be signalled with or before the warning signal and indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

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 will be red inflatable marks 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 will be red inflatable marks laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line and shall form a gate with mark 2S rounded to Starboard or 2P rounded to Port.

(Note: Marks 2S and 2P may be laid after the starting signal).

## Emergency Contact Details:

<b>Medical Emergency</b> 000	<b>Medical Evacuation Locations:</b> <b>Rose Bay Wharf</b> <b>Taronga Zoo Wharf</b>
<b>Marine Rescue</b> 9450 2468 VHF Ch 16	
<b>Water Police</b> 9320 7499	
<b>RMS</b> 13 12 36	