

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour Program 03 September 2016 to 29 April 2017.

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and/or Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) of World Sailing except as amended herein.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a current valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. In addition, all boats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat. Random equipment audits may be made throughout the Season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 1.3 All boats must carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.
- 1.4 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is amended so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 1.6 The Etchells Class Rules are altered as follows:
Class Rule C.2.1 (a) shall be modified to allow two persons on board when racing in RSYS organised events, except for World Qualifiers, for a maximum of three races. This change to the Class rules is only intended to be used on an exception basis and only to enable participation by those who are genuinely without a full crew unexpectedly and at short notice. Boats will be scored DNC in respect of world qualification, club championship or any club pointscores (amends RRS Appendix A).
- 1.7 Boats intending to enter the Short Ocean Racing Pointscore Series (SOPS), the RPEYC Wednesday Series (WED), the Combined Clubs Winter Series (WIN) or the Etchells World Qualifying Series should refer to the relevant Notice of Race on the respective club's website. The RPEYC Wednesday Series (WED) Notice of Race can also be found on page 69 of this Handbook.
- 1.8 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 All races governed by this Notice of Race are subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 **Harbour and Offshore Racing** - The Organising Authority reserves the right to create or delete classes or divisions dependent on entries received and with reference to entries for the previous season. As a general guide, five (5) entries may be required for boats to compete as a separate class or division.

- 3.2 The Short Inshore Series (SIS) is for Mixed Division boats, wishing to race in a limited inshore series on Saturdays spread throughout the season.
- 3.3 Mini Regatta Series are open to entries from:
- Etchells class
 - Dragon class
 - Yngling class
 - Sportsboats class
- At least five (5) boats from each class will be ready to start each race or racing for that class may be abandoned for the day.
- 3.4 The Sailing Committee may elect to add classes to or delete classes from the Mini Regatta Series at their discretion.
- 3.5 **Tuesday Twilight Series (Ladies Division)** - From five (5) minutes before a boat's start time until it finishes, a lady shall helm the boat. If the owner or the owner's representative is obliged to intervene, solely to avoid a collision, the boat must fly a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and report details to the Race Committee at the Clubhouse.
- 3.6 **Non-Spinnaker Races** – Boats competing in the Tuesday Ladies Twilight Series, Tuesday Open Twilight Series, Friday Twilight Series, RPEYC Wednesday Series and Non-spinnaker divisions are not permitted to 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.
- 4. ENTRIES**
- 4.1 **Block Entries** - Entry Forms or the online entries system are available from the RSYS Sailing Office or on the club website (www.rsys.com.au), entry forms are also available from the RPEYC Sailing Office. For a valid entry competitors shall:
- lodge the Entry Form or completed the online entry form by the date and time stated thereon
 - accept the declaration detailed in clause 20.2 of this Notice of Race
 - include the entry fee as detailed on the Entry Form
 - attach a current completed Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form.
- 4.2 **Casual Entries** - All documentation listed above in 4.1 and the entry fee must be lodged at the RSYS or RPEYC Sailing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the start of the race; Sunday Series not later than 1500 hours on Friday prior to the race.
- 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
- 5.1 Racing for the 2016 - 2017 Sailing Season is scheduled to begin on 3 September 2016.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal, unless notified otherwise, will be:
- 1245 hours for Spring (SPR) & Summer (SUM) series.
 - 1155 hours for Short Ocean Pointscore (SOPS) series.
 - 1230 hours Dragons, Sportsboats and Ynglings Mini Regattas.
 - 1330 hours for Etchells Mini Regattas.
 - 1225 hours for the Combined Clubs Winter (WIN) series.
 - 1350 hours for Wednesday (WED) series (Preparatory Signal).

- 5.3 For the Friday Twilight (FRI) series boats shall start:
- No earlier than 1700 hours for the four (4) races scheduled from 7 October to 28 October 2016 and the four (4) races scheduled from 10 March to 31 March 2017.
 - No earlier than 1730 hours for the races scheduled from 4 November 2016 to 3 March 2017.
- 5.4 For the Tuesday Twilight (TUE) series boats will start:
- No earlier than 1715 hours for the races scheduled from 8 November 2016 to 14 March 2017.
- 5.5 For the Sunday (SUN) series no boat will start before 1200 hours.
- 5.6 Full details of fixtures will be available in the RSYS/RPEYC 2016-2017 Sailing Handbook.

6. SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

- 6.1 RSYS will conduct briefing meetings for all skippers on Tuesday 30 August and Thursday 1 September 2016. It is compulsory for the skipper of each boat entered to attend one of these briefings. Entries will not be accepted for any race or series conducted by RSYS without satisfactory evidence that any skipper of that boat has attended one of the briefing sessions.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions for each series will be detailed in the 2016 - 2017 Handbook which will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office prior to the first race of the 2016 - 2017 sailing season.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Harbour – will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as illustrated in the Handbook.
- 8.2 Offshore – will be as described and illustrated in the Short Ocean Pointscore Sailing Instructions in the Handbook.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions for each series in the Handbook.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions and classes, except as amended in clauses 10.2 and 10.3 for the Etchells, Dragon, Yngling and Sportsboats classes.
- 10.2 For the Etchells and Yngling classes in the SPR and SUM series and the mini regatta series, RRS 44.1 is amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) and applies to infringements against other boats in the same race, except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any boat in another race the Two-Turns Penalty applies.
- 10.3 For the Dragon and Sportsboats classes in the mini regatta series, RRS 44.1 is amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a

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11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies to all series except for Friday Twilight Series, subject to the amendments detailed in clauses 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 below and amendments detailed in the respective series Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 Pointscores and the number of races discarded will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each series.
- 11.3 All series pointscores are open to block entries only.
- 11.4 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after the number of discard races for that pointscore has been sailed.
- 11.5 **Boats competing in other events** – Upon written application to the RSYS Sailing Committee prior to the regatta, a boat which starts in its State, National, World Championship or an event of significant national or interclub importance, as determined by the Sailing Committee, may receive average points for any series race/s thereby missed. The number of races eligible will be determined by the Sailing Committee (Amends RRS 62). Average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A10 (a).
- 11.6 All boats entered in a mixed division pointscore and which enter the Gascoigne Cup, Morna Cup or Milson Cup may receive points for any series race thereby missed equal to the boat's average points.
- 11.7 All other requests for redress shall be made under RRS 62.

12. CLASSIFICATION

- 12.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated at any time during the season.
- 12.2 Such determination shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 & 62).

13. ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 13.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level should be notified in writing to reach the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes; Sunday Series not later than 1500 hours on the Friday prior to the race; to RPEYC not later than the start of the race for the Wednesday Series. This may result in a change of handicap and a boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 13.2 Supplying a new rating certificate to RSYS or RPEYC will not be accepted as compliance with the requirement of clause 13.1.

13.3 When rating changes apply, the altered rating certificate must be lodged with the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the start of the race affected by the change. A boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

13.4 It is the skipper's obligation to declare any change in or addition to the sail wardrobe including new and replacement sails.

14 CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR HELMSMAN

14.1 To be eligible for pointscores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of that series except that an Etchells, Dragon or Yngling owner who has entered for the season and who purchases a replacement Etchells, Dragon or Yngling during the season may on written application to RSYS Sailing Committee prior to using the replacement boat request the nominated boat on the Entry Form be changed to reflect the replacement boat.

14.2 A maximum of two (2) helmsmen may be detailed on the Entry Form. Any change of helmsman from those listed on the Entry Form must be notified to the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

15. SAIL NUMBERS

15.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its entry form.

15.2 A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails, and sail numbers shall be clearly legible. All spinnakers shall display the sail number stated on the boat's entry form.

15.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number to that on the entry form must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race.

15.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the Sailing Office in accordance with clause 15.3 may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

16. HANDICAPPING

16.1 The handicap will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions for the FRI, TUE and SUN Series. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.

16.2 The Race Committee will determine a yacht's handicap in relation to its performance in previous races. A yacht's handicap shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 & 62).

16.3 If a boat is disqualified, its handicap may not be adjusted.

16.4 If a boat is granted redress and the finish time is amended by a Protest Committee, a new handicap may be generated.

16.5 IRC races will be decided by the application of the IRC Time Correction Calculation (TCC) as displayed on each boat's IRC certificate (IR2000 Club Rule).

- 16.6 A boat with a current valid IRC certificate, based on 'Independent Measurement' by an RORC approved measurer, shall supply that certificate. An entrant of such a boat should be familiar with the current RORC IRC Yearbook and its rules.

17. FLAGS, PENNANTS AND RACE COMMITTEE BURGEES

- 17.1 In the Sailing Instructions any flags or pennants mentioned are those of the International Code of Signals. Race Signals will be as per RRS, except as amended by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

- 17.2 International Code Flags and ISAF Yacht Racing Signals can be found inside the front and back cover respectively of this Handbook.

- 17.3 Race Committee vessels may be identified as follows:

- For inshore events, the Committee Vessel may display the host club burgee (RSYS burgee surrounded by a white border or the RPEYC burgee).
- An orange "REGATTA" banner may be displayed to identify the Mini Regatta Race Committee Vessel on designated race days.
- For offshore events, the Committee Vessel may display the host club burgee (RSYS, MHYC, CYCA or the SASC burgee).

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.

- 18.2 Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. Failure to follow this procedure will result in a boat being scored Did Not Compete (DNC), (amends RRS 63).

- 18.3 The Race Committee and Sailing Office will monitor VHF Channel 73 during inshore racing, VHF Channel 74 during Mini Regattas and VHF Channel 72 during offshore races.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 RSYS & RPEYC prizes and trophies will be as described in Appendix 1 of the 2016 – 2017 Sailing Handbook.

20. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 20.1 **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

- 20.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.

All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46;
- (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
- (c) being 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 separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
- (e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

20.3 **Disclaimer of Liability**

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

21. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

- 21.1 Skippers and crew are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while racing. The minimum standard of dress is shorts and T-shirt.

22. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 22.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard

- 22.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations specify "*Priority over Sail*

– some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal”. Attention is drawn to the guidelines published in the appendices in this Handbook.

- 22.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 22.4 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 22.5 Any yachts reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.
- 22.6 The attention of any competitors, involved in an accident, is drawn to the requirements of NSW Roads and Maritime Services as published in Appendix 4 of this Handbook. Competitors are also required to notify the Sailing Office of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services. RSYS is obliged under the terms of its Aquatic Licence to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Boats shall have adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office on (02) 9017 0150 or email sailing@rsys.com.au.