



**ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP RACING SERIES
2016 - 2017**

NOTICE OF RACE
&
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**LASER RACE FLEET
OPTIMIST RACE FLEET**

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Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Dinghy Championship Racing Series 2016-2017

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INTRODUCTION

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), as the Organising Authority, invites eligible **RSYS Members** and eligible **visiting competitors**, to compete in the RSYS Dinghy Championship Racing Series 2016-2017.

1.0 RULES

1.1 General Rules

The RSYS Dinghy Championship Racing Series will be governed by the current versions of;

- the *rules* as defined in the World Sailing Ltd (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS),
- the Rules (RRS) Prescriptions of Australian Sailing Ltd. (AS),
- the Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing Ltd.,
- the Class Rules of any One Design Class or Class Association, where applicable,
- the RSYS Conditions of Entry,
- the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI);

except where any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend the Notice of Race and or change the Sailing Instructions. Changes will be published on the Official Notice Board and may also be emailed to all competitors. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

1.3 Notice to Competitors and Official Notice Board

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located underneath the Careening Cove Anchorage's (restaurant) stairs of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Notices may also be posted on the Club's website: www.rsys.com.au/sailing/dinghy-racing.

1.4 Race Committee

For the purpose of RRS 89.2(b), the nominated 'Race Committee', will consist of representatives from the RSYS Sailing Committee, the RSYS Youth Sailing Committee and the RSYS Sailing Office.

2.0 ADVERTISING

2.1 All competitors and their boats shall comply with WS Advertising Code – Regulation 20.

3.0 CLASSES & DIVISIONS

3.1 The RSYS Dinghy Championship Racing Series is open to competitors with boats of the following invited Classes, which will be scored using the nominated scoring method;

TYPE	CLASS	DIVISION	SCORING
Single Handed	International Laser (Standard)	Open	Scratch & Performance Handicap
Single Handed	International Laser (Radial)	Open / Youth	Scratch & Performance Handicap
Single Handed	International Laser (4.7)	Youth	Scratch & Performance Handicap
Single Handed	International Optimist	Youth	Scratch & Performance Handicap

3.2 The Organising Authority, at its discretion, may add, alter, amalgamate or divide any Class as required.

3.3 The Organising Authority may cancel any Class or Division if a minimum of five (5) 'Series' entries have not been received by the 'close of entries'.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 The RSYS Dinghy Championship Racing Series is open to all that meet the specific competitor and boat eligibility requirements. The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility requirements if it deems that the entry of a competitor or boat in the series has the potential to advance the quality of racing within the series.

4.2 Competitor Requirements

- a competitor shall be a financial member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, or;
- a competitor shall be a financial member of a Club affiliated to its National Authority (AS),
- a competitor nominated as 'Youth', shall be under the age 19yrs as at **Wednesday 31 May, 2017**.

4.3 Boat Requirements

- a boat shall comply with the current Class Rules of her Class Association,
- a boat shall comply with the current Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing Ltd.,
- a boat shall sail under the 'sail number' as provided at the time of entry,
- a boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

5.0 ENTRY

5.1 The procedure for entry shall be as outlined in Appendix 'A' of the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions.

6.0 SCHEDULES

6.1 The schedule of Events and Racing shall be as outlined in Appendix 'B' of the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and will be available from the Club website www.rsys.com.au/sailing/dinghy-racing.

8.0 RACING VENUE

8.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be conducted using a Windward/Leeward format and will be detailed in Appendix 'C' of the Notice of Race/ Sailing Instructions.

10.0 SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 Support boats are to remain on standby to assist with safety procedures.
- 10.2 Support boats are not to come within 100m of competitors whilst racing, unless to assist with safety procedures. RSYS designated Coaches will be permitted on the course area.

11.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 The Race Committee and Sailing Office will monitor VHF Channel 73 during racing.

12.0 PRIZES & PERPETUAL TROPHIES

12.1 The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be held at the RSYS Clubhouse on the evening of **Friday 19 May, 2017**.

Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners and awards will also be presented to winners and place getters in each Class or Division consisting of five (5) or more 'series' entrants. All competitors and their families are invited to attend.

12.2 The following Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to each Club Champion;

CLASS	DIVISION	PERPETUAL TROPHY	POINTSORE
International Laser (Standard)	Open	TBC	Scratch Pointscore
International Laser (Standard)	Open	TBC	Handicap Pointscore
International Laser (Radial)	Open / Youth	Youth Committee Trophy	Scratch Pointscore
International Laser (Radial)	Open / Youth	T E Morgan Memorial Trophy	Handicap Pointscore
International Laser (4.7)	Youth	Marj Colman 4.7 Scratch Trophy	Scratch Pointscore
International Laser (4.7)	Youth	Youth Committee 4.7 Trophy	Handicap Pointscore
International Optimist	Youth	H B Jarrett Junior Sailing Championship Shield	Scratch Pointscore
International Optimist	Youth	Junior Sailing Pointscore Trophy (Millner Tray)	Handicap Pointscore

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officer's, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.
- 13.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a competitor's boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 13.3 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 4.0 'Decision to Race'.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

14.0 INSURANCE

- 14.1 A boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

15.0 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Each competitor participating in the series consents to the Organising Authority distributing information to the competitor regarding, racing, marketing and associated event information including social events. This information may be distributed by email, web, mail, fax, mobile phone messaging and telephone.
- 15.2 Conditions of entry include a requirement that the Person in Charge of the boat and crew;
- Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the series and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,
 - Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 Further information is available from the RSYS Sailing Office regarding the following;
- RSYS Youth Training Squad Programs
 - RSYS Youth Membership
 - RSYS Boat Racking and Storage
- 16.2 Further information is available from NSW State Class Associations;
- [NSW International Optimist Dinghy Association \(NSW IODA\)](#)
 - [NSW/ACT District Laser Association \(NSW/ACT LA\)](#)

- 16.3 Further information is available from Australian Sailing Ltd. regarding the following;
- [The Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation](#)
 - [Australian Sailing Special Regulations \(Part 2\)](#)
 - [Australian Sailing Registration number](#)
 - [Understanding Insurance](#)

17.0 APPENDICES

- 17.1 The following appendices are attached and form part of this Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions;
- APPENDIX 'A' – Entry Instructions
 - APPENDIX 'B' – Schedules
 - APPENDIX 'C' – Courses

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

18.0 RACE BRIEFING

- 18.1 A Race Briefing will be conducted at RSYS by the Race Officer / Sailing Office each race day, at 1130hrs, by the signal mast (large flag pole), located on the Club's front lawn.

19.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS - SIGNING ON AND OFF

- 19.1 All competitors shall 'sign on' on the appropriate sheet immediately prior to launching from RSYS, and 'sign off' within one hour of finishing or retiring from the last race of the day.
- 19.2 Competitors not launching from RSYS, shall 'sign on' via hail with the Committee Vessel prior to the first race of the day and shall 'sign off' again with the Committee Vessel, prior to departing the racing area.
- 19.3 Competitors who fail to 'sign on' or 'sign off' may be scored DNS for the first race of the day. This amends RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

20.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 20.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYS signal mast located on the Club's front lawn.
- 20.2 When flag 'AP' (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'.

21.0 THE START

- 21.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 21.2 The first scheduled Warning Signal on each scheduled day of racing will be 1255hrs.
- 21.3 The start of any subsequent races will be signaled as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.
- 21.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1530hrs.
- 21.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag positioned onboard the Committee Vessel and a yellow inflatable mark at the pin end of the line.
- 21.6 The Class Flags will be as indicated below;

TYPE	CLASS	DIVISION	FLAG DESCRIPTION
Single Handed	International Laser (Standard)	Open	WHITE with RED Laser Insignia
Single Handed	International Laser (Radial)	Open / Youth	GREEN with RED Laser Insignia
Single Handed	International Laser (4.7)	Youth	YELLOW with RED Laser 4.7 Insignia
Single Handed	International Optimist	Youth	International Code Flag 'O' [OSCAR]

22.0 THE FINISH

- 22.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag positioned onboard the Committee Vessel and a green inflatable mark at the pin end of the line.
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23.0 TIME LIMIT

- 23.1 The Time Limit for all divisions will be 45 minutes from the Starting Signal of that division. Boats finishing more than 10 minutes after the first boat finishes, or after the Time Limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did Not Finish".
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24.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 24.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
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25.0 SCORING

- 25.1 The Low Point System Appendix A9 of the RRS, will apply.
- 25.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 25.3 Each boat's series score shall be the total of its race scores 'excluding 20%' (rounded to the nearest whole number) of its worst score(s).
- 25.4 A Pointscore will be conducted on Scratch results and Handicap results for the Championship.
- 25.5 A competitor whose 'late entry' is accepted into the series by the Organising Authority, after one or more races have been run, will be given a "Late Entrant" score for each earlier race. The "Late Entrant" score will be the DNC score for the first (non-abandoned) race, run after the competitor joins the Series. Previously allocated DNC scores will not be altered.
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26.0 PERFORMANCE HANDICAPPING

- 26.1 When handicaps apply, handicaps will be adjusted by the Time Correction Factor (TCF) at the finish of a race, or as deemed appropriate by the Race Committee in conjunction with the Handicapper.
- 26.2 In the event of a boat being disqualified by a Protest Committee, the new handicap may not be adjusted.
- 26.3 In the event of a boat gaining redress when the finish time is amended by a Protest Committee a new handicap may be generated.
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27.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 27.1 Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office. The time limit will 1600hrs on the first working day after the race (amends RRS 61.3). Forms are available from the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 27.2 Protests will be heard at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron clubhouse and it is expected that they will be held on the following Wednesday, unless otherwise decided by the respective Race Committees.
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28.0 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 28.1 NSW Roads & Maritime Services Regulations specify that boats must not interfere with the commercial shipping of the Port. Boats found to have interfered with the Commercial Shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
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APPENDIX 'A' – ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

A1.0 CLASSIFICATION

A1.1 Competitors shall enter one racing 'Class' only from the table listed in NoR/SI 3.1 and shall choose to submit their entry in one of the two following ways;

SUBMISSION	DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY	CLOSE OF ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE
Series Entry (every race day)	Competitors shall be entered into all races within the series. Competitors shall be scored points in all races of the series, towards an aggregate pointscore.	The closure of 'Series' entries will be 2400hrs on Friday 14 October 2016.	\$112.00 (RSYS Member) \$140.00 (Non-Member)
Casual Entry (one race day)	Competitors shall be required to enter for each individually scheduled day of racing for which they will participate. Competitors shall not be scored points within the series to be used towards a series aggregate pointscore.	The closure of 'Casual' entries will be 2400hrs on the Friday preceding each race.	\$20.00 (RSYS Member) \$25.00 (Non-Member)

- A1.2 Competitors who initially submit their entry as a 'casual' entrant, shall not be permitted to change the classification of their entry to become a 'series' entrant after the first race in the series is completed, nor shall they accrue points within the series. After the 'close of entries', additional or late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- A1.3 An entry shall not be transferrable to another competitor or 'Class' of boat. In all instances, a new entry and the subsequent entry fee shall be required to be paid.
- A1.4 By submitting an entry, the 'Person in Charge' (RRS46) agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions governing the series.

A2.0 PROCEDURES AND FEES

- A2.1 Competitors shall follow the required procedure to submit an entry;
- a) entries shall only be accepted via the online entry system on the Club's website:
www.rsys.com.au/sailing/dinghy-racing,
 - b) prior to submitting an entry, competitors shall create a 'profile' within the online entry system,
 - c) after creating a profile, submit the entry and confirm payment prior to the 'close of entries'.
- A2.2 Competitors shall pay the entry fee as listed within the table in NoR 5.1.1.
All entry fees are inclusive of GST and shall be accepted via the online entry system only, using a nominated credit card.
Note: Competitors will not incur a credit card transaction fee. Only Mastercard and Visa Cards shall be accepted.
- A2.3 Competitors enrolled in the RSYS Youth Training Squad program, shall be exempt from paying Dinghy Series Entry Fees, however, shall still be required to submit a race entry as described in NoR 5.0.

A3.0 REFUNDS

- A3.1 Entry fees will be non-refundable after the 'close of entries'. In the event of a race being abandoned or removed from the schedule of racing, entry fees will not be refunded. All requests for an entry fee refund shall be made in writing and submitted to the Organising Authority by email to:
andrew.phillips@rsys.com.au.

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APPENDIX 'B' – SCHEDULES

B1.0 SCHEDULES

B1.1 The schedule of races will be as outlined below.

RSYS Dinghy Championship Racing Series (Club Championship)
Up to three (3) races may be sailed per scheduled day of racing.

DATE	RACE	RACE DAY BRIEFING	APPROX. LAUNCH TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NO WARNING SIGNAL AFTER	APPROX. RACE DAY PRESENTATION
Sun 16 Oct 2016	Club Racing	1130hrs	1155hrs	1255hrs	1530hrs	1630hrs
Sun 13 Nov 2016	Club Racing	1130hrs	1155hrs	1255hrs	1530hrs	1630hrs
Sun 04 Dec 2016	Club Racing	1130hrs	1155hrs	1255hrs	1530hrs	1630hrs
Sun 12 Feb 2017	Club Racing	1130hrs	1155hrs	1255hrs	1530hrs	1630hrs
Sun 12 Mar 2017	Club Racing	1130hrs	1155hrs	1255hrs	1530hrs	1630hrs
Sun 02 Apr 2017	Club Racing	1130hrs	1155hrs	1255hrs	1530hrs	1630hrs

B1.2 The schedule of events will be as outlined below.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Fri 14 Oct 2016	Close of Entries (Series)	Club Website www.rsys.com.au	2400hrs
Sun 16 Oct 2016	Monthly Dinning	Careening Cove Anchorage	1700hrs
Sun 13 Nov 2016	Monthly Dinning	Careening Cove Anchorage	1700hrs
Sun 04 Dec 2016	Monthly Dinning	Careening Cove Anchorage	1700hrs
Sun 12 Feb 2017	Monthly Dinning	Careening Cove Anchorage	1700hrs
Sun 12 Mar 2017	Monthly Dinning	Careening Cove Anchorage	1700hrs
Sun 02 Apr 2017	Monthly Dinning	Careening Cove Anchorage	1700hrs
Fri 19 May 2017	Official Presentation	RSYS Clubhouse	TBC

B1.3 The Organising Authority, at its discretion, may add, amend or delete events and races as necessary.

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APPENDIX 'C' – COURSES

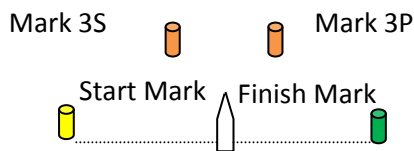
C1.0 COURSES

- C1.1 The Course to be sailed will be signaled by a numerical board. Where no course signal is made, Course W2 shall be sailed.
- C1.2 Mark 1 and Mark 2 shall be rounded to Port.
- C1.3 A Mark suffixed with an 'S' indicates that it shall be rounded to Starboard; a Mark suffixed with a 'P' indicates that it shall be rounded to Port.
- C1.4 Boats shall sail between marks 3S/3P (Gate) from the direction of the previous mark and then round either mark as indicated. If only one mark is set, boats shall round that mark to Port.

LASER CLASSES	COURSE DESCRIPTION
W1 (1 lap)	START – 1 – FINISH
W2 (2 laps)	START – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – FINISH
W3 (3 laps)	START – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – FINISH
W4 (4 laps)	START – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – FINISH
OPTIMIST CLASSES	COURSE DESCRIPTION
W1 (1 lap)	START – 2 – FINISH
W2 (2 laps)	START – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – FINISH
W3 (3 laps)	START – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – FINISH
W4 (4 laps)	START – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – FINISH

Mark 1

Mark 2



MARK	DESCRIPTION
MARK 1	ORANGE Inflatable mark
MARK 2	PINK Inflatable mark
MARK 3S/3P	ORANGE Inflatable marks
START	YELLOW Inflatable mark
FINISH	GREEN Inflatable mark