



Organising Authority
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

55th Annual Cruise Invitation

&

Notice of Race

12 – 18 April 2025





The 55th Cruise dates have been set and see a change in the racing program. The cruise will start on Saturday 12 April, with the traditional offshore race and finish in Pittwater on Good Friday 18 April. There will be no offshore race to return to Sydney. This will allow those entrants who wish to continue their Easter break cruising the waterways of Pittwater to do so. This change also allows those entrants who have commitments elsewhere over Easter the opportunity to head back to Sydney in a timely manner.

The Cruise offers something for all entrants, both racing and cruising in company. You are guaranteed to have a great time, catch up with old friends and meet new ones in what is arguably the best cruising grounds on the east coast of Australia.

For those without their own boat, whether racing or cruising, look at chartering from one of the many companies on Pittwater. We will be following previous years' formats with some minor changes that consider tides and feedback from participants.

For racing participants, there is a program of up to six races. You may wish to compete in both inshore and offshore race or just inshore depending on your crew availability. Competitors are always looking for crew during the week so there are opportunities to join a crew for all or some of the races.

For the cruising in company entrants, a busy week is planned with visits to local restaurants, cafes and places of interest.

The Cruise has a long tradition of bringing families and friends together. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring their families along to enjoy the experience of racing and cruising and just mucking around in boats. Many of the children who have participated in previous cruises have made long term friendships that continue today.

The social program provides the opportunity to assemble in a different location almost every evening. There is something for everyone: a welcome sausage sizzle at Halletts beach "Vikings" theme, a progressive dinner on board, a Squadron catered carvery lunch at the Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club (KMYC) at Cottage Point on the lay day, and canapes afloat. The last night's causal get together is still waiting to be confirmed and we will advise location as we get closer to the date.

The Squadron provides support in the form of MV Mischief which doubles as the race committee boat and base for the management of all activities. The Squadron also provides a RIB with driver for limited tender service to scheduled events.

The Cruise is not limited to RSY members, so if you are from another club or have friends with a boat in another club, please consider joining us for a great week of boating on some of the best cruising grounds in Australia.

Please note the closing date for entries is Monday 24 March 2025 and be sure to submit a boat profile for the Cruise Handbook by the same date. Entries will open soon.

Richard Chapman

Cruise Captain

Addendum A

Annual Squadron Cruise 2025 - Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Activity	Location/Anchorage
Wednesday, 9 April	1800	Skippers Cruise & Weather Briefing (compulsory)	Carabella Room
	1900	Welcome Dinner	Careening Cove Anchorage
Saturday, 12 April	1030	Passage Race - Offshore Race 1	Port Jackson to Broken Bay
	1630	Sausage Sizzle on the beach (provided & hosted by the Cruise Committee). BYO drinks. Vikings Theme!	Hallets Beach
Sunday, 13 April	0930	Welcome to new Cruise Participants	0930 – 1030 Onboard 'Nand V'
	1230	Inshore Race 1	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1530	Progressive Dinner	Mushroom Bay
Monday, 14 April	1200	Cruising Group Lunch	TBA – weather dependent
	1230	Inshore Race 2	Broken Bay/Pittwater Yeomans Bay
Tuesday, 15 April		Lay Day	Yeomans Bay
	1000	Stand-up paddle board competition	On the Sand Flats
	1230	Lunch with carvery & vegetarian option (BYO drinks, glasses, plates, and utensils)	Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club
Wednesday, 16 April	1230	Inshore Race 3	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1700	Casual Raft Up	Refuge Bay
Thursday, 17 April	1200	Cruising Group Lunch	TBA – weather dependent
	1230	Inshore Race 4 – Alternate Helm	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1530	'Canapé Cookoff' Afloat	Smith Creek
Friday, 18 April	1230	Inshore Race 5	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1800	Casual Raft-up	TBA – weather dependent
Friday, 2 May	1830	Cruise Presentation Dinner	Carabella Room

Notice of Race – Invitation to the Annual Squadron Cruise 2025

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, (RSYS) as the Organising Authority (OA), will conduct the Annual Squadron Cruise 2025 on the waters between and including Port Jackson and Broken Bay.

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). (DP) denotes that a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 - 2028 (RRS) of World Sailing as amended,
- the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) as amended,
- the Notice of Race (NoR), and
- the Sailing Instructions (SI,) as amended.

1.2 In the event of conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.3 All non-racing participants agree to be bound by the following rules:

- The requirements of the Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW, and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea,
- The Notice of Race,
- The Sailing Instructions as amended.
- The RSYS Code of Conduct.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions (SI) will be available at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 72.

3.2 The Race Committee intends to monitor and transmit and receive race information on VHF channel 72.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 A racing entry may be of non-foiling mono or multi hull construction.

4.2 (NP),(DP) For the ocean/passage races, all participants shall have a minimum of three (3) crew, two of whom shall be over the age of 18 years.

4.3 (NP) (DP) For all inshore racing, all participants shall have a minimum of two (2) crew.

4.4 Entries will only be accepted from members of an Australian Sailing affiliated sailing club.

4.5 At least one member of the crew shall hold a radio operators' certificate.

4.6 Boats entering inshore races shall submit, with its entry, a current AS Special Regulations compliance form, minimum, [Category 7](#).

4.7 Boats entering the offshore/passage race shall submit with its entry a current valid AS Special Regulations compliance form, [Category 4](#).

- 4.8 Boats entering the offshore/passage race shall have a serviceable engine capable of sustaining a speed of 5 knots in smooth water and sufficient fuel for 10 hours motoring at 5 knots.
- 4.9 Boats shall not set any sails forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Any sails set forward of a mast shall be attached to a stay in the centreline of the boat and only one such sail may be boomed (sails such as a Gennaker or Code Zero are not permitted).
- 4.10 The race committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated.
- 4.11 The determination of racing divisions shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 60.1 & 62).

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Eligible boats may enter by using this link - [Enter here](#)
- 5.2 A maximum of 55 entries will be accepted and RSYS members will be prioritised.
- 5.3 Availability for non-member entries will be available from the 3 March 2025.
- 5.3 The closing date for all entries is 24 March 2025.
- 5.4 Entries are required to complete a boat profile which includes a description/comment on your boat and a photo to be submitted for the Cruise Handbook. Profiles must be submitted no later than Monday 24 March 2025 to ensure inclusion in the handbook - [Click here](#)

6 FEES

	Member	Non-Member
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6.1 Offshore Race & Inshore Series	\$660	\$695
Inshore Series	\$575	\$605
Cruising in Company / Mother Ship	\$340	\$360
Casual Entry	\$150	\$160
6.2 Other Fees if required:		
Squadron Cruise Flag	\$ 40	
Racing Division Flag	\$ 65	
Carvery (vegetarian option) KMYC pp	\$ 50	
Cruise Medallion (optional)	\$ 40	

7 ADVERTISING

All races governed by this NoR are subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code).

8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Details of the schedule of events are set out in Addendum A.

9 RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted between and including the waters between Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) and Broken Bay (Pittwater/Hawksbury).

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will consist of an Offshore Passage Race and an Inshore Series. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Alternative courses will be provided for changes in the program.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies as detailed in RRS Appendix A5.2 and the amendments below in clauses 11.2 and 11.3.
- 11.2 The inshore series, open to block entries only, will consist of 5 races. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. (This changes RRS Appendix A2.1). These races will be contested in three separate divisions.
- 11.3 The Offshore/passage race (Sydney Harbour to Broken Bay) will be contested as one division. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

12 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the said events in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said events without compensation.

13 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 13.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the OA.
- 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.
- 13.2 **Competitors' Declaration** – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:
- (a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above; and
 - (b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA 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 OA.
 - (c) declaring to the OA that the nominated boat has not been grounded during the past twelve (12) months.
- 13.3 **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 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The organising authority, sponsors, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (b) The OA, sponsors, 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 AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

14 CATERING AND PROGRESSIVE DINNER

- 14.1 This is essentially a self-catered cruise with many boats sharing the catering at the various raft ups. The exception is the Hallets Beach BBQ on Saturday 12 April where the cruise committee will provide a Sausage Sizzle (BYO beverages).
- 14.2 Sunday 13 April, you may like to participate in the progressive dinner where the cruise committee allocates groups of 3 boats to share entree, main-course and desert together. Indicate on the entry form if you would like to participate – it's a great way to meet fellow cruise participants
- 14.3 Tuesday 15 April, a lunch time carvery with a vegetarian option will be available at the KMYC (order on the entry form, BYO drinks, glasses, plates, and utensils).

15 CREWING OPPORTUNITIES

Racing boats are often short of crew. Individuals are warmly encouraged to participate in the cruise for single days. It's a great way to experience sailing on different boats and get to know other Members. Please register your interest by emailing the Sailing Department at sailing@rsys.com.au

16 CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats have limited availability. Companies offering charter boats include:

- All Sail: <https://allsail.com.au/charter/>
- Skipper A Clipper: <https://www.skipperclipper.com.au>

17 NON-RACING ACTIVITIES

All participants will be welcomed at the traditional Hallets Beach BBQ. Various optional events include the canapé cooking competition, the progressive dinner night, stand up paddle board racing and the lunch at KMYC. For non-racing participants, two additional lunch destinations have been planned.

18 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 18.1 (DP) Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 18.2 (NP) (DP) All participating entries are required to fly the Squadron Cruise Flag and if racing, their division flag continuously from their backstays from first joining until leaving the cruise.

19 INSURANCE

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, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded for the following events:

Event	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Inshore series	Windsong Trophy	Bob Tinning	New York Yacht Club Trophy
Offshore/Passage Race	Allan Payne Memorial Trophy - Combined Division Prize		
Spirit of the Cruise	William Brian Northam Memorial Trophy		
TBA	Erica J Trophy		

20.2 For each division there will be one prize awarded for five starters, two prizes for ten starters and three for fifteen or more starters.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Squadron Cruise Home Page - [Click here](#)

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