



Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Thursday Twilight Series

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November 2018

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St Kirribilli NSW 2061.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ADVERTISING

In accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to the following classes; Etchells, Dragons, J70, Yngling and Elliott class yachts. Other classes may apply to be included. A minimum of five entries are required to contend as a division.
- 3.2 Each boat shall have a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment compliance for Category 7 or higher.
- 3.3 Eligible boats shall complete the online entry form available at;
<https://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/documents/regattas/thursdaytwilight> and pay the applicable entry fee.
- 3.4 Entries close at 1700hrs on Thursday 25th October 2018.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee is \$200.00
- 4.2 Regatta entry fee is \$160.00 (four race series, Etchells only)
- 4.3 Casual race day entry fee is \$50.00 per race.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 A maximum of five (5) races, (four (4) for the Etchells class) are scheduled for the series.
- 5.2 Schedule of Events;

Date	Event	Scheduled Warning Signal
Thursday 1 November	Race 1 (no Etchells Class)	1745hrs
Thursday 8 November	Race 2	1745hrs
Thursday 15 November	Race 3	1745hrs
Thursday 22 November	Race 4	1745hrs
Thursday 29 November	Race 5	1745hrs

6 MEASUREMENT

All classes/divisions shall comply with their respective class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for download at;
<https://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/documents/regattas/thursdaytwilight> from October 25, 2018.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 Races shall be conducted on Port Jackson, in the general area between Kirribilli Point and Cannae Point.
- 8.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to relocate the course should conditions require.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions and classes, except as amended in clause 9.2 below.
- 9.2 For the Etchells, Dragon, Yngling, J70 and Elliott classes, 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. This changes RRS 44.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 A boats series score will be the total of all her race scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 10.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 RSYS has limited ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the series. Prior written approval is required.

12. BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats competing in the regatta shall be stored or berthed free of charge at RSYS upon written approval.
- 12.2 To allow for ample competitor parking, no boat trailers of any description shall be allowed in any RSYS car parking facility without prior written approval.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Boats may haul out without restrictions.
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.
- 14.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 14.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes, based on the Scratch Pointscores, will be awarded for the first three places if 15 or more entries received; 1st and 2nd places if between 10 and 15 entries and 1st place only if less than 10 entries are received in each Class and/or Division.
- 15.2 Prizes will be awarded at the end of season prize giving to be held on Friday 31st May 2019.

16. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING & FERRIES

- 16.1 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”*. Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.

17. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1 **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.

17.2 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 2017-2020.

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) 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, recommended. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) the person who 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 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.

17.3 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 Fundamental Rule 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, 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, 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.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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