

RPEYC WEDNESDAY SERIES – NOTICE OF RACE

RPEYC Wednesday Series 2018-19
3rd October 2018 to 17th April 2019

The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC)

The 2018-19 Wednesday Race Series will be conducted on the waters of Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour commencing on 3 October 2018.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the current World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as amended herein, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) for Racing Boats, the Boating (Safety Regulations) of NSW, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2. The series is open to all sailing boats of monohull construction. Competitors shall have a current valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form for their boat. 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.
- 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. This is a non-spinnaker series - boats 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. The forestay is as defined in the current World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing. Cousta boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.
- 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. Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.7. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

The series will be subject to the advertising code as set out in the current World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All Competitors helming or crewing shall conform to the AS Prescription to RRS 46.
- 3.2. Helmsperson and Crew – no boat shall start unless there is a minimum of two (2) persons aboard.
- 3.3. To be eligible for a pointscore, a boat must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole series.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Eligible boats may enter for the entire series on the Entry Form which can be found on the RPEYC website and which shall be lodged with RPEYC or the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, or by utilising the online Combined Season Entry Form of the RSYS. The Entry Form must be signed by the owner of the boat.
- 4.2. All entries shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee(s) and attach a current completed and checked Category 7 (or higher) AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form. A boat that does not supply a copy of the boat's current audited AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form to the RPEYC Office prior to starting, shall be scored DNC in that race (amends RRS 78.2 and RRS A5).
- 4.3. Casual entries will be accepted from eligible boats upon lodgement of an entry form nominating the date(s) on which the boat proposes to race and accompanied by the correct casual entry fee for each race by noon of the day preceding the race.
- 4.4. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).

5. ENTRY FEES

Full Series - \$300 incl. GST.
Casual Entries - \$55 per race incl. GST.

6. DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

- 6.1. It is proposed that the following divisions will be formed for the series:
- Division S
 - Division A
 - Division B
 - Division C
- 6.2. Entries will be allocated to divisions at the absolute discretion of the race committee and such determination will not be grounds for redress - amends RRS 60.1.
- 6.3. The Race Committee at its discretion may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 6.4. Divisions will be advised on the official list of entries available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC office.
- 6.5. A boat's handicap will be arbitrary at the discretion of the Race Committee or its delegate and will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. Twenty-six races (26) sailed each Wednesday from 3 October 2018 to 17 April 2019 **excluding** 19 and 26 December 2018 and 2 January 2019.
- 7.2. Racing is scheduled to commence with the first warning signal at 1350 hrs.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC and RSYS clubhouses approximately one month prior to the date of the first race or may be downloaded from the RPEYC Website.

9. RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

10. COURSES

Courses will be around harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions.

12. SCORING

12.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2. Boats which start and are recorded as Retired (RET) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point - amends RRS A9.

12.3. A boat shall drop the worst seven races for the full pointscore series.

12.4. Boats that have not started once in the first eight (8) races will be excluded from the full series pointscore.

13. COMMUNICATION

13.1. The Race Frequency is VHF channel 73.

13.2. Boats that retire from the race before finishing shall notify the Race Committee on VHF 73, or phone 02 9327 3149, within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNE - amends RRS 63.1.

13.3. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency.

13.4. The Race Committee may use the radio (VHF 73) to advise competitors of race information.

14. ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

Any changes to a boat's hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level shall be notified in writing to reach the RPEYC Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. 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.

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.

15.3. The use of any sail displaying a different number to that on the Entry Form shall be notified to the RPEYC Office no later than two (2) hours before the start of the race. A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the RPEYC Office may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

16. RESPONSIBILITIES

16.1. **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, competitors and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the Organising Authority 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 Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in sailing 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.

- 16.2. **Skippers Briefing** – Each nominated helmsman of a boat entered shall attend a safety briefing held by a yacht club located on Sydney Harbour. Entries will not be accepted for any race or the series without a declaration by the person who signs the Entry Form that every nominated helmsman has attended a safety briefing session.
- 16.3. **Competitors Declaration** – It is the responsibility of owners and persons in charge of the boat (RRS 46) to ensure that each boat nominated on the Entry Form complies with the ‘rules’ as defined in RRS.
- 16.4. The person who signs the Entry Form in doing so will 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 including the AS Prescription; and
 - b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
- 16.5. The person who signs the Entry Form that is lodged will warrant to the Organising Authority that the boat entered will 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 separate incident and that all insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- 16.6. The person who signs the Entry Form that is lodged in doing so will warrant to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the risk warning above to the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the Entry Form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 16.7. The person who signs the Entry Form that is lodged will be acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and will be releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 16.8. **Disclaimer of Liability**
- 16.8.1. 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 Organising Authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 16.8.2. The Organising Authority, 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.
- 16.8.3. All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

17. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 17.1. No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 17.2. Boats shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping in Sydney Harbour. The attention of helmsmen 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 ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing boats. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal.* Boats found to have interfered with commercial or defence shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 17.3. All boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any boat 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.
- 17.4. Any boats reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing – amends RRS 63.1 and RRS A5. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor - amends RRS 60.1.
- 17.5. Competitors are required as soon as possible to notify RPEYC of any contact incident (with another boat or obstruction) occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services. RPEYC 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.
- 17.6. 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 RPEYC office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

18. PRIZES & TROPHIES

Prizes will be presented to all eligible place-getters in the RPEYC Clubhouse after each race. All competitors are welcome and a tender service is provided. Prizes not collected within one week will be forfeited.

A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the full series point score in each division.

The names of the full series point score winners will be inscribed on the RPEYC Perpetual Trophies as follows:

Division “S” - Alastair George Memorial Trophy
Division “A” - Vincenza Trophy
Division “B” - Christina II Trophy
Division “C” - Cynara IV Trophy

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the RPEYC office on (02) 9363 5809 or email secretary@rpeyc.com.au.