

RPEYC WEDNESDAY SERIES - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Wednesday Series 2018/2019 3 October 2018 to 17 April 2019

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

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 Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. The series is open to all sailing boats of mono hull construction with a current valid 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.
- 1.3. All boats must carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio should be switched on at all times during the race and tuned to the 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. Couta boats or similar craft with the forestay integrated into the headsail luff are exempt. 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.
- 1.5. A boat may use prohibited propulsion after the Preparatory Signal to arrive at the start line provided it shall carry out a minimum 180 degree turn, keeping clear of all other boats, after ceasing to use such propulsion and before starting (amends Rule 42.1).
- 1.6. A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its Entry Form. Sail numbers shall be clearly legible and the boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails. 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.
- 1.7. Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.8. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, these SIs will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at RPEYC. Notices may also be available to competitors on the RPEYC website.
- 2.2. The List of Entries may be published on the RPEYC website.

3. CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to change the schedule of events should it be deemed necessary. Changes will be available to all entrants as per SI 2.1.

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- 3.3. Any change to the SIs will be posted by 1000 hrs on the day prior to the race. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day prior to the race.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. Racing will be conducted on every Wednesday from 3th October 2018 to 17th April 2019 excluding the 19th and 26th December 2018 and 2nd January 2019, for a total of 26 races.
- 4.2. Races abandoned will not be resailed.

5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES (changes RRS 26)

- 5.1. 1350-Preparatory Signal “S” Division. An Orange Flag shall be displayed from the centre window of the RPEYC verandah for five minutes.
- 5.2. 1355-Start Signal for “S” Division + Preparatory Signal “A” Division. A Blue Flag shall be displayed from the centre window of the RPEYC verandah for five minutes.
- 5.3. 1400-Start Signal for “A” Division + Preparatory Signal “B” Division. A Red Flag shall be displayed from the centre window of the RPEYC verandah for five minutes.
- 5.4. 1405-Start Signal for “B” Division + Preparatory Signal “C” Division. A Green Flag shall be displayed from centre window of the RPEYC verandah for five minutes.
- 5.5. 1410-Start Signal for “C” Division. The Green Flag will be removed from the centre window of the RPEYC verandah.
- 5.6. There will be no sound signals.

6. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

- 6.1. Off the RPEYC Clubhouse, Felix Bay, Point Piper, between the RPEYC Flag Mast and the westernmost edge of the wharf on Shark Island crossing from east to west to start and from west to east to finish, keeping outside all moored boats in Felix Bay.
- 6.2. NOTE - the finish of the leading boat in each division will be acknowledged not by sound signal but by the waving of a flag from the RPEYC verandah. In the event of a close finish, this signal may be delayed.

7. RECALL (changes RRS 29)

There will be no recall signal. Any boat over the line at the starting signal and not returning and starting correctly will have its finishing time increased by one minute or more at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. “S” Division: Start–KP1(P)–KP2(P)–N2(P)–LB–WS–N2–CB–SM–N2–N3–Finish (approx. 13 nm).
- 9.2. “A” Division: Start–KP1(P)–KP2(P)–N2(P)–BB–WS–N2–TB–SM–N2–N3–Finish (approx. 11 nm).
- 9.3. “B” Division: Start–KP1(P)–KP2(P)–N2(P)–OB–BB–SM–N2–N3–Finish (approx. 9 nm).

- 9.4. "C" Division: Start – KP1(P)–KP2(P)–N2(P)–BB–SM–N2–N3–Finish (approx. 8 nm).
- 9.5 Boats are to proceed to all marks shown in these courses in the order listed and are to round un-suffixed marks to starboard and suffixed marks (P) to port. Mark descriptions are as per SI 12.1.

10. SHORTENING THE COURSE (Changes RRS 32)

- 10.1. The course for any division may be shortened after rounding Mark SM. Such shortenings of the course will be signalled by the display of the following coloured boards in the following locations:

Division S – Yellow, centre of the eastern RPEYC verandah opening.

Division A – Bright Blue, western end of the eastern RPEYC verandah opening.

Division B – Day-glow Orange, eastern end of centre RPEYC verandah opening.

Division C – Bright Green, centre of the centre RPEYC verandah opening.

- 10.2. In the event that all divisions are shortened the four colour boards will be displayed.
- 10.3. Boats in divisions sailing the shortened course shall proceed to the WS Mark rounding to port and then return to cross the finishing line as described in SI clause 6.
- 10.4. The courses for S and A Divisions only may also be shortened before rounding WS Mark. Such shortenings of the courses will be signalled by the display of a black coloured board at the western end of the centre RPEYC verandah opening and the relevant Division board in position as above. Boats shall round WS Mark and proceed to N2 Mark, then N3 Mark and then return to cross the finishing line as described in SI clause 6.
- 10.5. The Race Committee may abandon racing before the Start or during the race if the weather conditions are deemed to be unsuitable for racing, or for any other reason. A strong wind forecast, actual strong wind conditions or severe thunderstorm activity may be grounds for abandonment.
- 10.6. The display of Code Flag C in the centre of the centre RPEYC verandah opening at the start, together with the Division B board in position as above means for Division B only, OB Mark is deleted from the course.
- 10.7. The display of Code Flag C in the centre of the eastern RPEYC verandah opening at the start means that for all Divisions SM Mark is changed to WS Mark. Boats shall not pass between Steel Point and Shark Island.
- 10.8. A flashing orange light at the RPEYC verandah may draw attention to shorten course or abandonment signals. In the event of shortened course or abandonment, an announcement may be made on VHF Channel 73.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 11.2. **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

- 11.3. **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Island Mark (SM) and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.
- 11.4. **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

12. ROUNDING MARKS AND BUOYS

12.1. Mark Descriptions

- BB** - Beashel Mark - AS Buoy, south west of Sow and Pigs.
- CB** - Chowder Bay Mark - AS Buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two AS Buoys in Chowder Bay).
- KP1** - Kirribilli Mark - orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS east of Kirribilli Point.
- KP2** - Kirribilli Mark 2 - orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS, approximately 100 metres south of KP1.
- LB** - Lady Bay Mark – AS Buoy off northern end of Lady Bay.
- N2** - Naval Buoy No.2 – approximately 250m NW of Clarke Island.
- N3** - Naval Buoy No. 3 – approximately 200m N of Clarke Island.
- OB** - Obelisk Bay Mark - AS Buoy E of Obelisk Bay.
- SM** – Shark Island Mark - AS Buoy approximately 50 metres south of the South Cardinal Mark at Shark Island, passing Shark Island to starboard.
- TB** - Taylor Bay Mark - AS Buoy middle of Taylor Bay.
- WS** - West of Shark Mark – red inflatable RPEYC mark near Point Piper.
- 12.2. NOTE: AS Buoys referred to in these instructions may be a yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shape buoys and may be replaced with a different mark without warning.

13. RETIREMENT

Yachts that retire from the race shall contact RPEYC on VHF 73 or phone 9327 3149 within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNE (amends RRS 63.1 & RRS A5).

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit is 1700 hours and no boat shall be finished after this time (changes RRS 35). All boats that have not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 below.
- 16.2. Protests should be lodged on the WS prescribed form available from the RPEYC website and office. All protests shall be lodged with the race officer of the day.
- 16.3. The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1830 hours on the day of the event.
- 16.4. Protests will be heard at the RPEYC clubhouse on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

16.5. Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2. 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).

17.3. Boats that are disqualified (DSQ) will be awarded points equal to the number of series entrants plus two (amends RRS A9).

17.4. A boat shall drop any seven races for the full pointscore.

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

18. COMMUNICATIONS

18.1. The Race Frequency is VHF channel 73.

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

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

19. HANDICAPS

19.1. Handicaps will be arbitrary and will be at the Race Committee's discretion and will not be subject to Request for Redress (amends RRS 60.1 (b) & RRS 62.1(a)).

19.2. Any changes to a boat's hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to on-board 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.

20. RESPONSIBILITIES

20.1. **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.

20.2. **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.

20.3. **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and persons in charge of a boat to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in RRS.

- 20.4. The person who signs the entry form that is lodged 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.
- 20.5. 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.
- 20.6. The person who signs the entry form that is lodged 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.
- 20.7. The person who signs this 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.
- 20.8. **Disclaimer of Liability**
- 20.8.1. 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.
- 20.8.2. 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.
- 20.8.3. 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 Person in Charge

21. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 21.1. No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 21.2. 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 shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 21.3. 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.

- 21.4. 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 RRS60.1).
- 21.5. 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.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Prizes will be presented to all eligible place-getters in the RPEYC Clubhouse after each race. All competitors are welcome and prizes not collected within one week will be forfeited.
- 22.2. A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the full series point score in each division.
- 22.3. The names of the full 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

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

