



2021-2022 Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series

Notice of Race

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter this series to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising of five (5) pointscore races.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), Manly Yacht Club (MYC), Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC) and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS). Each club will host a race of the series.

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 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations), as they may be amended.
- 1.2 The Sailing Managers of each host club will be the Race Committee for the purposes of and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1.

2. Advertising

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

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7, or higher, Equipment Audit Form.

4. Entry

- 4.1 The series entry fee is \$280.00 or \$60 per race (including GST).
- 4.2 To be eligible for the series point score, boats must enter before race 2.
Eligible boats may enter via the respective host club's online entry process or by selecting this link:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/27/profile?tab=entry>
- 4.3 Entries shall be completed online by 1200 hours on the Thursday prior to each race day.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Sunday 31 October 2021, host is the CYCA
Sunday 21 November 2021, host is the MHYC
Sunday 23 January 2022, host is the RSYS
Sunday 27 February 2022, host is the RPEYC
Sunday 27 March 2022, host is the MYC

- 5.2 There are five (5) races scheduled for the series.
- 5.3 The first scheduled warning signal will be no earlier than 1230 hours on each day.

6. Divisions and Handicaps

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received.
- 6.2 Separate point scores will be conducted for yachts entered with a full female crew and for yachts entered with a female skipper and mixed crew.
- 6.3 Entries will be allocated to divisions at the OA's absolute discretion and such determination will not be grounds for protest or redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

- 6.4 The OA at its discretion may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 6.5 Divisions will be advised on the official list of entries available from the website of the host club for the race.
- 6.6 The handicap 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.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be available for download from any of the participating clubs at least two (2) weeks before the first scheduled race day.
- 7.2 Each of the host clubs will provide an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions outlining the specific race area for the day including course and mark descriptions.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

9. Courses

- 9.1 Courses will be around harbour marks and Islands or windward/leeward as described in the Appendix issued by each of the host clubs and shall be read in conjunction with the sailing instructions.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA of that race.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.3 with the amendments detailed in clauses 11.2 and 11.3.
- 11.2 A boat shall drop any one (1) race, except if three (3) or less races are completed, no score will be discarded.
- 11.3 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

12. Communication

- 12.1 (DP) All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 72 and communicate race information to competitors.
- 12.2 (DP) Boats are required to use the VHF radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from their warning signal until the completion of their race.

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, and 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, class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The OA, sponsors, 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 of the Person in Charge.

14. **Insurance**

- 14.1 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 separate 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.

15. **Other Instructions**

- 15.1 RRS 52: RRS 52 is changed to: the rotation of a boat's rudder shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew.
- 15.2 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 15.3 (NP) **Safety Requirements** – All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including the skipper) into the host club's race management system prior to 1000 hours on each day that the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement may be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63.
- 15.4 **Covid -19 Requirements** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that they have read, understood and comply with the COVID-19 protocols including but not limited to hygiene, distancing and crew recording and tracing requirements.

16. **Rights to Use Name and Likeness**

- 16.1 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 competition for the said events in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said events without compensation.

17. **Prizes**

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA at the conclusion of the regatta.

18. **Further Information**

- 18.1 For further information please contact;

- CYCA email: sailingoffice@cyca.com.au or telephone (02) 8292 7800
- MHYC email: sailing@mhyc.com.au or telephone (02) 9969 1244
- MYC email: womenschallenge@myc.org.au or telephone (02) 9977 4949
- RPEYC email: secretary@rpeyc.com.au or telephone (02) 9363 5809
- RSYS email: sailing@rsys.com.au or telephone: (02) 9017 0152