

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program – 01 September 2007 to 26 July 2008

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and/or the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 - 2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) except as amended herein.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the *rules* or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 RRS 52 does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

2. AMENDMENTS TO CLASS RULES

The Rules of the J24 Class will be altered as follows:

- Rule 3.6.1, to allow one (1) spare spinnaker to be carried but only to be used in the event of the original spinnaker being damaged beyond use.

3. ADVERTISING

All races governed by this Notice of Race are classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79 except when advertising is prohibited under class rules.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 **Harbour and Offshore Racing** - The Organising Authority reserves the right to create or delete classes or divisions dependent on entries received and with reference to entries for the previous season. As a general guide, five (5) entries may be required for boats to complete as a separate class or division.
 - 4.1.1 The Short Inshore Series (SIS) is for Mixed Division boats, including the Non-spinnaker Division, wishing to race in a limited inshore series on Saturdays spread throughout the season. All inshore Mixed Division block entries in the MAIN Series are eligible to enter this pointscore for a reduced fee.
 - 4.1.2 Mini Regatta Series are open to entries from:
 - Etchells and Dragon classes (MINA)
 - J24 and Yngling classes (MINB)
 - Sydney 38 and Sydney 32 classes (MINC)
- 4.2 **Ladies Tuesday Twilight Series** - From five (5) minutes before a boat's start time until it finishes, a lady shall helm the boat. If the owner or the owner's representative is obliged to intervene, solely to avoid a collision, the boat must fly a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and report details to the Race Committee at the Clubhouse.
- 4.3 **Non-Spinnaker Races** – Boats competing in the Tuesday Twilight Series (TUE), Friday Twilight Series (FRI), RPEYC Wednesday Series (WED) and the Non-Spinnaker Division 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.
- 4.4 **Helmsperson & Crew** - Competitors helming or crewing a boat while racing shall conform to RRS 46 and 55, except for the Friday Twilight Series (FRI) and the Tuesday Twilight Series (TUE) for which dispensation from the YA Prescriptions to RRS 46 and 55 was obtained on 15 May, 2007.

5. ENTRIES

- (a) **Block Entries** - Entry Forms are available from the RSYS or RPEYC Sailing Office. For a valid entry competitors shall:
 - lodge the Entry Form by the date and time stated thereon
 - include the entry fee as detailed on the Entry Form
 - attach a current completed Yachting Australia Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form.

All Competitors block entered in the MAIN, SIS or SOPS are automatically entered in the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta on 1-2 March 2008. All Competitors block entered in a Mini Regatta pointscore are

automatically entered in the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta on 1-2 March 2008 and the Autumn Championship Regatta on 5-6 April 2008.

- (b) **Casual Entries** - All documentation listed above in 5.1 (a) and the entry fee must be lodged at the RSYS or RPEYC Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the start of the race.

5.2 **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.

5.3 **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 2005-2008.

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 Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46 and the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 55;
- (b) the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- (c) 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 \$5,000,000 (five million), recommended \$10,000,000 (ten million), for the RPEYC Wednesday Series. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) the person who signs and 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 signs and 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;

5.4 **Responsibilities**

- (a) 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 RSYS, RPEYC, 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, RPEYC, 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 Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1 Racing for the 2007-08 Sailing Season is scheduled to begin on 1 September 2007.

6.2 The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal, unless notified otherwise, will be:

- 1245 hours for Spring (SPR) & Summer (SUM) series
- 1155 hours for Short Ocean Pointscore (SOPS) series
- 1220 hours for Mini Regatta (MINA, MINB & MINC) series
- 1155 hours for Winter (WIN) series
- 1350 hours for Wednesday (WED) series.

6.3 For the FRI series no boat will start before 1730 hours except that for the five races scheduled from 12 October, 2007 to 16 November, 2007 and the five races scheduled from 29 February, 2008 to 04 April, 2008 when the first boat will start half an hour earlier but not before 1700 hours. For the TUE series no boat will start before 1715 hours. For the SUN series no boat will start before 1200 hours.

6.4 Full details of fixtures will be available in the RSYS/RPEYC 2007-08 Sailing Handbook (Handbook).

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be in the Handbook which will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office prior to the first race of the 2007-08 Sailing Season.

8. **RACING AREA**

8.1 **Harbour** – will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as illustrated in the Handbook.

8.2 **Offshore** – will be as described and illustrated in the Short Ocean Pointscore Sailing Instructions in the Handbook.

9. **COURSES**

The courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions for each series in the Handbook.

10. **SCORING**

10.1 **Scoring System** - the Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies except for WED, TWI and TUE series, subject to the following amendments:

10.1.1 Non Starting

A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS or DNC) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in that race plus one point.

10.1.2 Non Finishing

For one design fleets (Etchells, Dragon, Yngling, J24, Sydney 38 and Sydney 32), boats which are scored Retired After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore starters in the race plus one point.

For mixed fleet divisions (Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Non-spinnaker Division and Offshore), boats which are scored Retired After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point.

10.1.3 Disqualification

Boats which are disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in the race plus two points.

10.1.4 Abandonment

When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

10.1.5 The scoring system for WED, FRI and TUE series will be as detailed in the relevant series Sailing Instructions.

10.2 **Pointscores** - Pointscores and the number of races discarded will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each series.

10.2.1 For Dragon and Yngling classes competing in Mini Regattas, including the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta and the Autumn Championship Regatta, the first race will be the SPR, SUM and MAIN series pointscore race for that day.

For the Etchells class no Mini Regatta race will count towards the SPR, SUM, MAIN or Handicap series pointscores.

10.2.1 All series pointscores are open to block entries only.

10.2.2 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after the number of discard races for that pointscore has been sailed.

10.3 **Boats competing in other events** - Upon written application to the RSYS Sailing Committee prior to the regatta, a boat which starts in its State, National or World Championship may receive points for any series race thereby missed equal to the boat's average points. The number of races eligible will be determined by the Sailing Committee (Amends RRS 62). Average points will be based on points in all the races in the series, including discards, except the race or races in question.

10.3.1 All other requests for redress shall be made under RRS 62.

11. ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

11.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level should be notified in writing to reach the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes or to RPEYC not later than the start of the race for WED series. 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.

11.2 Supplying a new rating certificate to RSYS or RPEYC will not be accepted as compliance with the requirement of clause 11.1.

11.3 When rating changes apply, the altered rating certificate must be lodged with the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the start of the race affected by the change. A boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2

11.4 It is the Skippers obligation to declare any change in or addition to the sail wardrobe including new and replacement sails.

12. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR HELMSMAN

12.1 To be eligible for pointscores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of the series.

12.2 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 RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

13. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

13.1 Harbour Racing – Category 7 (YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2).

13.2 Offshore - Category 4 (YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2).

13.3 Random equipment audits may be made throughout the Season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

13.4 It is required that boats remove their bow anchors when racing.

14. RADIO CONTACT

The Race Committee and Sailing Office may be contacted on VHF Channel 73 during racing.

15. PRIZES

RSYS & RPEYC prizes and trophies will be as described in Appendix 2 of the Handbook.

16. CLASSIFICATION

16.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated at any time during the season.

16.2 Such determination shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 & 62)

17. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Skippers and crew are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while racing. The minimum standard of dress is shorts and T-shirt.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office on (02) 9017 0150 or email sailing@rsys.com.au.