



NOTICE OF RACE

FOR THE

34th TRANS TASMAN CHALLENGE

2-4 May 2008

**CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
CLANSMAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE
NSW DRAGON ASSOCIATION**

2008 Trans Tasman Challenge

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008* (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended.

In the event of conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

- 1.2 The event is classified as Category C, in accordance with RRS Section II, Appendix 1 of the ISAF Advertising Code.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be contested in Clansman and International Dragon class yachts.
- 2.2 Each team will consist of an equal number of boats comprising Clansman and International Dragon class boats.
- 2.3 A youth team consisting of three people under the age of 21 years from each club will conduct a mini match racing series in Elliott class boats. The youth teams will also compete in windward leeward races on Friday 2 May.
- 2.4 The New Zealand Team will be nominated by Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS). The Australian Team will be nominated by Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).
- 2.5 All helmspersons and crew members shall be financial members of a Yacht or Sailing Club and shall comply with RRS 46 and 55.
- 2.6 The helmsperson nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsman shall be made without the prior written consent of the Race Committee, except for those nominated on the roster (see clause 2.7).
- 2.7 A roster for the allocation of boats for the New Zealand Helmsperson will be placed on the Official Notice Board before the Regatta commences.
- 2.8 Entries on the attached Entry Form shall reach the RSYS Sailing Office by 1700 on Monday 28 April 2008:

The Sailing Office
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
PO Box 484 Milsons Point, NSW, 1565, AUSTRALIA
FAX: +61(0)2 - 9955 3404 Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3.1 The proposed schedule of events is set out below and may change depending on the number of entries received.

Date	Event	Proposed Warning Signal
2/05/08	Race 1	1055
2/05/08	Race 2	As soon as practicable after Race 1
2/05/08	Race 3	As soon as practicable after Race 2
3/05/08	Race 4	1055
3/05/08	Race 5	As soon as practicable after Race 4
3/05/08	Race 6	As soon as practicable after Race 5
4/05/08	Race 7	1055
4/05/08	Race 8	As soon as practicable after Race 7

- 3.2 Any race abandoned or postponed will be re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 A mini match racing series between youth teams representing the RNZYS and RSYS will take place at the conclusion of the day's racing on Saturday 3 May.

4. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 4.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction).

5 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 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 conducted by the Organising Authority of whatever nature. 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.
- 5.2 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 RRS.

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. 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 of 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;
- 5.3 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, 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 Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

6 SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The YA Safety Regulations – Part 1, Section 2.01 Category 7 shall apply.
- 6.2 Any boat not currently racing with the RSYS shall lodge a copy of a current completed YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form Category 7 or higher with the RSYS Sailing Office by 1700 hours on Thursday 1 May 2008

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions for the Trans Tasman Challenge and the mini match racing series will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office from Monday 28 April 2008.

8 REGATTA SITE

- 8.1 The Regatta Office shall be the RSYS Sailing Office, situated at:
33 Peel Street Kirribilli
Telephone: 612 – 9017 0152 Fax: 612 - 9955 3404 Email: sailing@rsys.com.au
- 8.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

9 RACING AREA

Races shall be conducted on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour).

10 COURSES

The Courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A, will apply, except as modified by clauses 11.2 and 11.4.
- 11.2 The series will consist of 8 races, all to count (amends RRS Appendix A).
- 11.3 A minimum of 4 completed races shall constitute the series.
- 11.4 In the event of a tie, each team's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the team with the better score. If a tie remains, the aggregate of elapsed times shall be used and for this purpose the elapsed time of a non-finisher shall be deemed to be that of the last boat to finish plus 30 minutes.
- 11.5 A skippers score will be the total of the points he or she scored. Where a skipper does not sail in a race, he or she will receive points for DNS for that race.

12 HAULING OUT

Boats may be hauled out during the regatta.

13 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 13.1 The Trans Tasman Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the winning team with the lower total points.
- 13.2 Trophies shall be awarded for the top placing Australian helmsperson and New Zealand helmsperson.
- 13.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 13.4 All prizes will be presented at a function to be held at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on the evening of Sunday 4 May 2008.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 **Competition Temporary Membership** - Visiting Temporary Membership of the RSYS will be extended to all visiting competitors during the Regatta.

14.2 **Parking** - The Squadron has an underground carpark and street parking is available (take note of certain parking restrictions in Peel Street). Visiting competitors are allowed only 1 car per competing boat in the carpark.

14.3 **Functions**

Thursday 1 May 2008	Welcome function RSYS Careening Cove Terrace - 1930hrs
Friday 2 May 2008	Competitors Briefing RSYS Careening Cove Terrace - 0900hrs
Sunday 4 May 2008	Presentation & Dinner RSYS Dining Room - 1900hrs

14.4 **Pond and Boatshed Facility** - The Pond and Boatshed area are located on the waterfront of the Squadron and accessible via the upper carpark entrance in Peel Street. The Dockmaster and Tender Drivers are on duty Saturday and Sunday 8.00am to 5.00pm. The Boatshed hours of operation are 7.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

14.5 Competitors are invited to deliver their yachts to the Squadron from Tuesday 29 April, and are requested to remove their yachts by Friday 9 May. Arrangements for use of Squadron facilities outside these dates must be made with the Boatshed and are subject to availability. No charges will be made to competitors for mooring during the regatta. **All other storage, maintenance procedures, anti-fouling and related hardstand charges shall be at the individuals' expense.** Facilities are limited and advance bookings are essential with the Boatshed Manager. The Boatshed may be contacted on (02) 9017 0161 or through the RSYS Switchboard on (02) 9955 7171. Boats in the local area, subject to space, may be asked to use their own moorings or hardstand.

15 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information is available from the Sailing Office of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
Ph: (02) 9017 0152 Email: sailing@rsys.com.au



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2 - 4 May 2008

RACE ENTRY FORM

Boat Name:	_____	Class of Boat	_____
Sail Number:	_____	Number of Crew:	_____
Owner's Name	_____	Helmsman's Name	_____
Mailing Address:	_____	Mailing Address:	_____
Phone Number	_____	Phone Number	_____
Mobile Number	_____	Mobile Number	_____
Email:	_____		

I have included the following:

- Entry Fee \$A100.00 per boat Presentation Function ___ @ \$A43.50 per person
- Cheque (*Payable to Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron*)
- HOUSE A/C No: _____ (RSYS Members only)
- VISA MC _____ exp _____
- Copy of 2005-2008 YA Special Regulation Equipment Compliance Cat 7 Form (if not held by RSYS)

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) and by all other rules that govern the event and I acknowledge that Rule 4 – Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility for deciding to participate in a race or to continue racing is the boat's alone.

I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the YA Special Regulations Part 1 – 1.02 Owners Responsibility.

I certify that the vessel entered is covered by an insurance policy as specified in NOR Clause 5.3.

Signed : _____ **Date** _____

(Entering Helmsman or Owner)