



# **SQUADON ELLIOTT 7s SERIES 2023-24**

## **Match Racing Notice of Race**

### **1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

### **2. RULES**

- 2.1. This Event will be governed by
  - (a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including RRS Appendix C.
  - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply. Class rules will not apply.
  - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2. The RSYS Elliott 7s Handling of Boats rules will also apply. Class rules will not apply.
- 2.3. Major Alteration to the RRS:
  - (a) RRS C6.3 and C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 2.4. Add to RSS 41 (e): help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approx. location of the recovery position.
- 2.5. The notation '(NP)' in a rule of the notice of race or sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.6. (NP) Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. At all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS C6.2.
- 2.7. This event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade 5. The grading is subject to review by WS. The event may be regraded when there is clear reason to do so.

### **3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the RSYS website at [www.rsys.com.au/skp/](http://www.rsys.com.au/skp/) on the 17 August 2023.

### **4. COMMUNICATION**

- 4.1. Notice to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located at [www.rsys.com.au/skp/](http://www.rsys.com.au/skp/)

### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1. Up to eight (8) skippers can enter each race day.
- 5.2. At least one member of each team shall be a Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron member.
- 5.3. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of WS Appendix 3 - Eligibility.
- 5.4. The registered skipper shall helm the boats at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.5. All skippers entering shall obtain a World Sailing ID by registering online [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailor ID.

### **6. ENTRY**

- 6.1. Entering



- (a) Skippers can enter for the event online at; [www.rsys.com.au/skp](http://www.rsys.com.au/skp)
- (b) Each scheduled racing day entries close 7 days prior.
- (c) The skipper/team shall be entered on completion of registration, weigh in and the payment of all fees and deposits.

#### 6.2. Entry Fee

An Entry fee of \$200.00 AUD for each race day shall be paid by registration and before any racing. Fees are non-refundable.

### 7. DAMAGE DEPOSIT & INSURANCE

#### 7.1. Damage Deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,100 AUD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum deposit payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

7.2. All competitors and coaches are required to have adequate third-party insurance.

### 8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1. This event will be sailed in Elliott 7s. Up to four (4) boats will be provided.
- 8.2. The following sails will be provided for each boat, Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker
- 8.3. Boats will be allocated by draw for each stage as decided by the RC.

### 9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2. Crew Weighing
  - (a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350.0 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
  - (b) Crew weight may be checked during the race day. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
  - (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute
  - (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 9.3. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency
- 9.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute
- 9.5. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.



## 10. EVENT FORMAT

10.1. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the WS rankings list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2. The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - Round Robin

Stage 2 - Semi Finals

Stage 3 - Petite Finals

Stage 4 - Finals

10.3. The RC may change the format or terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

## 11. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

11.1. Race Days:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 19 August 2023	0830	Registration	RSYS Youth Room
	0900	Regatta Briefing	Shade Sail
	1000	First Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1500	Latest Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour
Saturday 7 October 2023	1230	Registration	RSYS Youth Room
	1300	Regatta Briefing	Shade Sail
	1400	First Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1730	Latest Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour
Saturday 20 January 2024	1230	Registration	RSYS Youth Room
	1300	Regatta Briefing	Shade Sail
	1400	First Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1730	Latest Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour

11.2. The OA reserves the right to alter the race schedule.

## 12. COURSE

12.1. Racing will be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney, Australia

12.2. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding's, finishing downwind. It is the intention of the RC to use a leeward gate.

12.3. The intended course area will be in the general area between Kirribilli Point and Bradleys Head.

## 13. ADVERTISING

13.1. 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) and any restrictions stated in class rules.



13.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

#### **14. PRIZES**

14.1. The prizes will be awarded at the OA's descension.

14.2. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of a team's misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

#### **15. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

15.1. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

#### **16. COACH BOATS**

16.1. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal for each flight until the last boat has finished that flight.

16.2. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the OA to the associated skipper or team.

#### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1. Boats shall not interfere with the commercial or defence shipping of the port. The attention of competitors is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime regulations specify: "Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal".

17.2. A breach of this rule may be subject to protest by the RC or the umpires, but not by other boats.

#### **18. DISCLAIMER**

18.1. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. By entering the event competitors acknowledge this and release the OA, its sponsors and respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability.

18.2. The OA draws specific attention to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

#### **19. INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Claudia Thackray (E: [claudia@rsys.com.au](mailto:claudia@rsys.com.au)).