



Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program 12 August 2023 to 12 April 2024.

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

The notation '(NP)' in a rule of the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '(DP)' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations except as amended herein or in the notice of race.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be placed on the official notice board underneath the RSYS Careening Cove Room stairs and may be posted on the RSYS website.
- 2.2 A list of entries will be available to all entrants, and copies will be placed on the RSYS official notice board and posted on the RSYS website no later than two (2) hours before the start of the event.

## 3. CHANGES TO CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The OA reserves the right to change the calendar of events and the sailing instructions. Changes will be available in writing to all entrants as per RRS 90.2.
- 3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 For the Yngling class, the mini regatta on Saturday 18 November will form part of the Yngling Australian Championship. Separate sailing instructions will be issued for the Yngling Australian Championship.
- 3.4 For the Yngling class, the mini regatta on Saturday 17 February will form part of the Yngling NSW State Championship. Separate sailing instructions will be issued for the Yngling NSW State Championship.
- 3.5 For the Etchells class, the mini regatta on 2 March will be included as part of the Sydney Harbour Regatta.

## 4. SPECIAL SIGNALS

- 4.1 **Signals made ashore** - will be displayed on the RSYS club flag mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 4.3 Flags N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for classes competing in the mini regatta has been abandoned for the day. This changes RRS 27.3 and Race Signals.
- 4.4 **Signals made on the committee vessel** - will be displayed on the respective committee vessel.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races for each mini regatta are as scheduled in the calendar of events posted on the RSYS website.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for each class will be as follows:

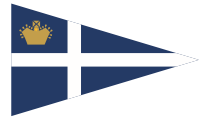
### Mini regattas on 2 and 16 September 2023

- Etchells class 1230 hours
- Yngling class 1235 hours
- J/70 class 1330 hours

### Mini regattas from 7 October 2023 to 16 March 2024

- Yngling class 1230 hours
- Etchells class 1330 hours
- J/70 class 1335 hours

- 5.3 The class flag for the Etchells and Yngling classes will be a white flag with the respective class logo, and the class flag for the J/70 class will be flag J.
- 5.4 Three (3) races are scheduled for each class in each mini regatta.
- 5.5 After the start of the first race of each day all other races will start as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.



## 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as illustrated in the chartlet included in Appendix 3 – Harbour Marks, Buoys and Chartlet posted on the RSYS website.

## 7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Mark 1 will be to windward of marks 3P/3S, and mark 1a will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1. Marks 2 and 2a will be to leeward of marks 1 and 1a, and mark 2a will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 2. Marks 3P/3S are a gate and will be approximately 50m to windward of the starting and finishing lines. The diagram shown is not drawn to scale.

### 7.2 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS for Ethehls

#### 7.2.1 One Lap

START – 1 – 1a – FINISH

#### 7.2.2 Two Laps

START – 1 – 1a – 3P/3S – 1 – 1a – FINISH

#### 7.2.3 Three Laps

START – 1 – 1a – 3P/3S – 1 – 1a – 3P/3S – 1 – 1a – FINISH

### 7.3 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS for J/70 and Ynglings

#### 7.3.1 One Lap

START – 2 – 2a – FINISH

#### 7.3.2 Two Laps

START – 2 – 2a – 3P/3S – 2 – 2a – FINISH

#### 7.3.3 Three Laps

START – 2 – 2a – 3P/3S – 2 – 2a – 3P/3S – 2 – 2a – FINISH

- 7.4 Marks 1, 1a, 2 and 2a shall be left to port.

- 7.5 In the event that mark 1a or mark 2a is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

- 7.6 Marks 3P/3S are a gate. When a boat passes through the gate it shall leave either mark 3P to port or mark 3S to starboard.

- 7.7 In the event that either mark 3P or mark 3S is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

- 7.8 Number of laps – the number of laps shall be indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed no later than the warning signal for each race.

- 7.9 The approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed no later than the warning signal for each race.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 1a, 3P and 3S will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

- 8.2 Marks 2 and 2a will be an orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

- 8.3 The start and finish marks will be black and white checked inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

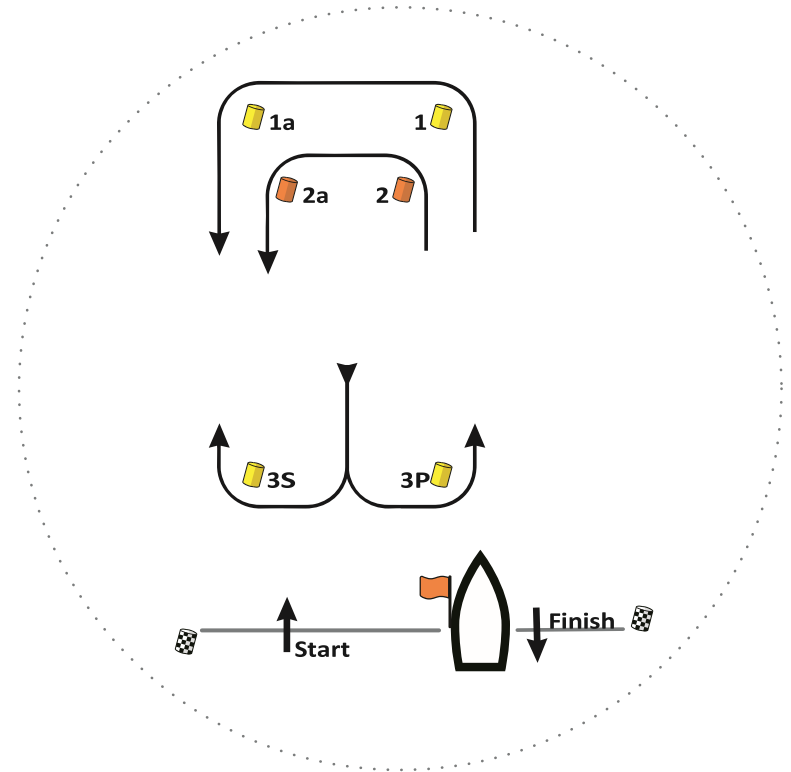
- 8.4 New marks as provided in clause 13 will be yellow or orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and black bands.

## 9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 (NP) (DP) The following areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Boats infringing this rule will be subject to protest:

(a) **Other Starting and Finishing Lines** – the starting or finishing line of another class or division or another club's race.

(b) **Cardinal Marks** – the areas bounded by cardinal marks.





(c) **Moorings** – mooring areas. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

(d) **Shark Island** – the areas between the AS Shark Island Mark (SM) and Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light north of Shark Island. .

(e) **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.

## 10. ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS

10.1 Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the committee vessel prior to their starting sequence for their first race to assist identification of starters in all events. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence or in the process of finishing.

## 11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the start mark at the port end.

11.2 The start sequence for each class in each race will be a separate procedure, and the warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the start signal of the preceding class. The race committee may advise over VHF channel 74 starting times and sequences prior to the warning signals for races.

11.3 The race committee may change the line by moving one of the starting line marks up to the lowering of the preparatory flag. This changes RRS 27.2.

11.4 There may be more than one RSYS or RPEYC committee vessel on the water. It is the obligation of each skipper to identify the location of the mini regatta committee vessel. An orange "REGATTA" banner may be displayed to identify the mini regatta race committee vessel.

11.5 At least five (5) boats from a class will be ready to start each race or racing for that class may be abandoned for the day.

## 12. RECALLS

12.1 The race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF channel 74. This changes RRS 29.

12.2 When a black flag or flag U has been displayed, and there is no general recall, any boat identified as BFD or UFD may be advised on VHF channel 74. This changes RRS 30.3 and 30.4.

12.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clauses 12.1 and 12.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

## 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 The race committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the amendments in clauses 13.2 and 13.3.

13.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee will lay a new mark(s) as described in clause 8.4 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.

13.3 In the event that the position of Mark 1 or Mark 2 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1, and Marks 2 and 2a may be replaced by a new single Mark 2. Boats will round the new Mark 1 or Mark 2 as appropriate and proceed directly to Marks 3P/3S or to the finishing line as appropriate. Similarly, in the event that the position of Marks 3P/3S is changed and there is only one new mark in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

## 14. RETIREMENT

14.1 (DP) Boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the race committee by direct contact or on VHF channel 74 or by phoning the Sailing Office on 9017 0152.

## 15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark.

15.2 When the committee vessel is on station, it will be on the starboard end of the line when viewed from Mark 1a or Mark 2a.

## 16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 90 minutes. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored DNF.



- 16.2** If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have started and not finished by the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 17.1** Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61, and requests for redress in accordance with RRS 62, as amended by clauses 17.2 and 17.3.
- 17.2** Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing at the RSYS Sailing Office or by electronic means. If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests or requests for redress may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.
- 17.3** The time limit for the lodging of protests, and requests for redress based on an incident in the racing area, will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event.
- 17.4** Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Tuesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant race committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.
- 17.5** Any boat which lodges a protest or request for redress and which is not represented at the hearing without informing the protest committee by 1000 hours on the day of the hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest or request for redress is related. This changes RRS 63.1 and 63.3 (b).
- 18. SCORING**
- 18.1** The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.3 subject to the amendments detailed below and in clause 15 of the notice of race.
- 18.2** Point scores
- Results will be based on scratch results. Additional point scores based on PHS handicap results will be awarded at the discretion of the race committee in conjunction with the respective fleet representatives.
  - RRS Appendix A is changed so that boats shall discard:
    - their worst three (3) scores once fifteen (15) races are completed
    - their worst six (6) scores once twenty-four (24) races are completed.
- 19. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**
- 19.1 NSW Roads and Maritime Services Regulations**
- 19.1.1** (NP) Boats shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to Roads and Maritime Services (NSW RMS) regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW RMS regulations specify *"Priority over Sail – Some Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Sailing vessels must keep a minimum distance from these ferries of:*
- 200 metres from the bow
  - 30 metres from sides or stern.
- Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal".*  
Attention is drawn to the guidelines published in the appendices posted on the RSYS website.
- 19.1.2** (NP) Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 19.1.3** (NP) All boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers and NSW Port Authority. 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.
- 19.1.4** (NP) Any boats reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS Regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 19.1.5** (NP) Reporting of Incidents - Competitors are required to notify the Sailing Office of any marine incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a race protest or a report to NSW RMS. The attention of competitors involved in an accident is drawn to the requirements of NSW RMS published in Appendix 5 – NSW RMS Requirements in Case of Accident posted on the RSYS website.
- 20. RESPONSIBILITIES**
- 20.1** The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the notice of race clauses 18.1 – Risk Warning, 18.2 – Competitors' Declaration, 18.3 - Disclaimer of Liability and 19.1 – Safety Requirements.