



Trans-Tasman Challenge

26 - 28 April 2024



Notice of Race (NoR)

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

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 race committee or chief umpire.

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, including the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 (DP) Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available for download from the regatta website at least seven (7) days before the first scheduled race.

3. Communication

- 3.1 (DP) All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio (as supplied by the OA) 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 74 and communicate race information to competitors.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The regatta is open to the General Committees of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS) and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), and any substitutes nominated by each club.

5. Advertising

- 5.1 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).

6. Schedule of Events

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Date	Event	Time
Thursday 25 April	Welcome dinner TBA	1830 hrs
Saturday 27 April	Competitors briefing	0930 hrs
Saturday 27 April	Racing commences - from	1000 hrs
Saturday 27 April	Welcome drinks - Formal Dinner	1800 hrs
Sunday 28 April	Spare race day if required	1000 hrs
	Function and prizegiving (asap after racing)	TBA

7. Event Format

- 7.1 As many races as reasonably practicable will be contested on any given day.
- 7.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1300 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

8. Boats, Sails and Vessel Allocation

- 8.1 The series shall be contested in either the Elliott 7 class or J/70 class or a combination of both as supplied by the OA.
- 8.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, jib and an asymmetrical spinnaker.
- 8.3 The OA shall determine the allocation of boats. A roster for the allocation of boats and skippers will be placed on the Official Notice Board/Electronic Notice Board by 0800hrs on the day.

9. Crew (Including Skipper)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five.
- 9.2 An additional crew member will be available from the RSYS Senior Keelboat Program for each boat.
- 9.3 The crew will rotate in each position with each crew member helming at least one race and no crew member helming a second race before all crew members have helmed at least once. This applies to RNZYS and RSYS committee members only.

10. Racing Area

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

11. Courses

- 11.1 The courses will be a combination of windward/leeward and a harbour course.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 Scoring

- 13.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2 with the amendments detailed in clauses 13.3 and 13.4.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 All races will count.
- 13.4 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

14. Safety Regulations

- 14.1 (NP) Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.
 - (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship
 - (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
 - (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
 - (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (Did Not Enter) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 14.2 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or Significant Damage likely to costs more than \$5000 to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. Responsibilities

- 15.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises 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.

15.2 **Competitors' Declaration** – It is the responsibility of skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The skipper declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing shall comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the skipper:

- (a) will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in this 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 them, or by any person claiming through them, in any event conducted by the OA.

15.3 **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, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) 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 AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

16. **Insurance**

14.1 The OA shall ensure each participating boat is 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. The OA will ensure all insurance cover is maintained during the period of racing.

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

15.1 In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and the sponsors of this event 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.

16. **Prizes**

16.1 The Trans-Tasman Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the winning club.

16.2 The awarding of prizes shall be at a function hosted by the OA on Sunday 28 April 2024.

17. **Further Information**

17.1 For further information please contact.

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