



OK Icebreaker Regatta 2026

11 – 12 July 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
in conjunction with The International OK Association of NSW, Inc.

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 a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2. Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in Special Regulations 5.01 Personal Flotation Devices, are maintained and in good condition.
- 1.3. The class rules of the OK Dinghy International Association (OKDIA) shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Penalty Turns is replaced by a single (one) Penalty Turn.
- 1.5. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event website prior to 11th July 2026.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 6.1 applies [DP].

3. Eligibility and Entry Fees

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International OK Dinghy Class that comply with the Rules of the OK Dinghy Class International Association. Crews must be financial members of any state OK association affiliated with International OK Association Australia (IOAOA). All competitors must be a current member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. Entry fee \$135.00 per boat
- 3.3. Entries, payment of the applicable fees shall be made online. Entry link available here: [Online Entry](#)
- 3.4. Entries will be accepted until 0900hrs 30 June 2026. After this time a \$35 late entry fee will apply.
- 3.5. No entries will be accepted after 0900hrs on 10 July 2026.



4. Schedule

- 4.1. Up to six races total scheduled
- 4.2. Three races per day
- 4.3. First warning signal made no earlier than 0900hrs Saturday & 0800hr Sunday
- 4.4. No warning signals made after 1200hrs

5. Venue

- 5.1 Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, 2061
RSYS Sailing Office
Ph: 9017 0152
Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

6. Courses

- 6.1. The courses will be a windward-leeward
- 6.2. Approximately 35-40 minutes race duration
- 6.3. Alpha Course – Vicinity of Athol Bay
- 6.4. Bravo Course – Vicinity of Shark Island & or Clarke Island
- 6.5. The final course area shall be determined by the Principal Race Officer

7. Penalty System

- 7.1. Appendix T, Arbitration may apply
- 7.2. T1 (b) 30% Scoring Penalty is changed to 20% Scoring Penalty.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 8.2. The number of races to count will be as follows:
 - (a) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from four to six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.3. All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.

9. Prizes

- 9.1. A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed competitor.



10. Safety

- 10.1. Attention is drawn to RRS 1.1 and RRS 3
- 10.2. RRS 41 – Outside Help. Actions by the Race Committee in retrieving crews and returning them to their boats may not be penalised. [DP]

10. Other Instructions

- 10.1 [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 (non-excludable disqualification) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 10.2 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or significant damage likely to cost more than \$5000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11. Media

- 11.1 RSYS reserves the right to use photographs, video and other media captured during the event for promotional, marketing, historical and reporting purposes.
- 11.2 Competitors grant permission for their image and vessel to be used for these purposes without compensation.

12 Facilities

- 12.1 Access to the RSYS pond ramp for launching and retrieval
- 12.2 Limited mast-up storage (subject to availability)
- 12.3 Limited trailer storage (subject to availability)
- 12.4 Access to Squadron amenities during the event

13 Support Boats

- 13.1 RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.

14 Catering & Social Activities

- 14.1 Informal class brunch following racing on Saturday (pay-as-you-go basis)



- 14.2 Breakfast rolls and coffee available through the Club Café on Sunday morning
- 14.3 All catering arrangements remain subject to RSYS food and beverage policies and operational requirements.

15 Event Cancellation

- 16.1 Should weather, safety concerns, government restrictions or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of either party prevents the event from proceeding; the parties will work together to determine whether postponement is possible.

16 Responsibilities

- 17.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises owners, 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.
- 17.2 **Competitors' Declaration** – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:
 - (a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above; and
 - (b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA and International OK Association Australia (IOAOA) 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 OA.
- 17.3 **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, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (b) The OA, sponsors, International OK Association Australia (IOAOA), 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.

18 Insurance

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall 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, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is valid.

19 Further Information

- 19.2 All regatta communications & notices will be posted on the Online Notice Board, available by clicking on the following link - [ONB](#)
- 19.3 Daily entrants sign on and sign off procedures will be facilitated through the Royal Sydney Yachting Squadron SailSys mobile application. This method will accommodate those sailors that choose to transit to the racecourse from their home clubs via the harbour each day.
- 19.4 A race briefing will be held on Friday 10 July 2026 at 1430 hours AEST via [OK Ice Breaker Regatta | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#) This forum will accommodate those sailors that choose to transit to the racecourse from their home clubs via the harbour each day.

20 Event Sponsors

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