



NOTICE OF RACE

16 – 20 February 2025
U23 WS Match Racing Event
Sydney Harbour, Australia

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The 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 derailed in the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
 - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.2. Major Alterations to the RRS
 - (a) RRS C6.3 and C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. 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).
- 1.4. (NP) Competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A breach of this rule will be subject to actions by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.
- 1.5. The OA are aiming for a World Sailing (WS) Grade 3 event subject to RFI from international teams. The grading is subject to review by WS. The event may be regraded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.6. An International Umpire (IU) will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the RSYS website at www.rsys.com.au/hardy-cup on 10 February 2025.



3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located at www.rsys.com.au/hardy-cup

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Up to twelve (12) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited will be eligible to enter.
- 4.2. All competitors shall be over the age of 13 and must not have reached their 23rd birthday on or before 31 December 2025.
- 4.3. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of WS Appendix 3 - Eligibility.
- 4.4. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

All skippers entering shall obtain a WS ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/> Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS ID.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Entering

- (a) Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by completing the Request for Invitation Form available at: www.rsys.com.au/hardy-cup
- (b) RFIs will close at 1700 on Saturday 30th November 2024.
- (c) Letters of invitation to compete in the Hardy Cup 2025 will be sent out by the OA no later than Friday 4th October 2024.
- (d) To remain eligible a skipper or team representative shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by completing the provided entry form by the date specified on the letter of invitation and payment of entry fee.
- (e) The skipper/team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.

5.2. Entry Fee

An Entry fee of \$1200AUD shall be paid by registration and before any racing. Fees are non-refundable.

5.3. Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two weeks of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points for that event by WS (WS Regulation 27.2.2(d))

6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT AND INSURANCE

6.1. Damage Deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,300 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) In the event that a deduction is made from the damage deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value 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.



- 6.2. All competitors and coaches are required to have adequate third-party personal liability insurance cover.

7. BOATS AND SAILS

- 7.1. This event will be sailed in Elliott 7s. Up to ten (10) boats will be provided.
- 7.2. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Symmetrical Spinnaker.
- 7.3. Boats will be allocated by and as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate the boats by draw either daily or for each match.
- 7.4. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62

8. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 8.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency
- 8.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute
- 8.5. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. EVENT FORMAT

- 9.1. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the WS rankings list 30 days prior to the event.
- 9.2. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 - Up to two round robins
 - Stage 2 - Quarter Finals
 - Stage 3 - Consolation series (5-12)
 - Stage 4 - Semi Finals
 - Stage 5 - Petite Finals
 - Stage 6 - Finals
- 9.3. 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.



10. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

10.1. Schedule:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 16 February	0900 - 1600	Registration and weigh-in	Sailing Office
	1000 - 1300	Practice Session 1	Sydney Harbour
	1300 - 1600	Practice Session 2	Sydney Harbour
	1800 - 2000	Welcome Function	Careening Cove
Monday 17 - Wednesday 19 February	0900	Briefing	Careening Cove
	1030	First Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1600	Latest Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	ASAP After Racing	Umpires Debrief	Shade Sail
Thursday 20 February	0900	Briefing	Careening Cove
	1030	First Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1600	Latest Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1800 - 2000	Regatta Presentation	Careening Cove

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

10.3. Unless excused by OA, attendance for all competitors is mandatory at the following events:

- (a) Registration and Weigh In
- (b) Briefings
- (c) Welcome Function & Regatta Presentation.

11. COURSE

11.1. Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour, Sydney, Australia

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

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

12. ADVERTISING

12.1. (NP) All races governed by this notice of race are subject to the advertising code as set out in WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules.



13. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 13.1. The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- 13.2. If required by the OA, competitors shall carry media equipment and personnel on board while racing and be available for interviews or press briefings when advised by the OA.

14. COACH BOATS

- 14.1. The OA will provide overnight berthing for coach boats. Teams with coach boats must notify the OA prior to registration, requesting berthing during the event.
- 14.2. (NP) 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.
- 14.3. (NP) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the associated skipper or team.

15. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 15.1. The OA will issue all competitors and officials temporary membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and will have this privilege revoked if they are ignored.

16. SUSTAINABILITY

- 16.1. The RSYS encourages sustainable racing by avoiding; single use water bottles, printing race documents, one off race promotion materials etc.
- 16.2. The RSYS provides water bottle refilling stations and recycling bins on the hardstand area.

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 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 Commercial 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 the sides or stern.

Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal."

- 17.2. (NP) A breach of this rule may be subject to protest by the RC or the umpires.



18. RISK STATEMENT

- 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. PRIZES

- 18.1 The first placed team will be awarded the Hardy Cup perpetual trophy.
- 18.2 There will be prizes for all podium places, subject to funding.
- 18.3 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron using the following contact details...

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