



# Notice of Race

## Hardy Shield Open Regatta

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WS Grade 4, Open 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 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.
- 1.2. Major Alterations to the RRS
  - (a) RRS C6.3 and C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. (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.
- 1.4. 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).
- 1.5. This event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade 4. The grading is subject to review by WS. The event may be regraded when there is clear reason to do so.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the RSYS website at <https://www.rsys.com.au/hardy-shield> prior to the event.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

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

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Up to eight (8) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited will be eligible to enter.
- 4.2. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of WS Appendix 3 - Eligibility.
- 4.3. 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) 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 \$750 AUD (if applicable) 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)

## **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 four (4) boats will be provided.
- 7.2. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker (Symmetrical).
- 7.3. Boats will be allocated 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 – Double Round Robin  
 Stage 2 – Semi Finals  
 Stage 3 – Petite Finals  
 Stage 4 – 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. PROVISINAL PROGRAM

### 10.1. Schedule:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 27th September	0800 - 0830	Registration and weigh-in	Youth Training Room
	0900	Briefing	CCA Shade Sails
	1000	First Warning Signal	Sydney Harbour
	ASAP After Racing	BBQ & Umpires Debrief	CCA Shade Sails
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	0800	Briefing	CCA Shade Sails
	0900	First Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1600	Latest Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	ASAP After Racing	Prizegiving	CCA Shade Sails

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

10.3. Unless excused by the 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 Port Jackson, 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 e 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.
- 15.2. The RSYS encourages sustainable racing by avoiding; single use water bottles, printing race documents, one off race promotional materials etc.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. 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."

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

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. 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.

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1 The first placed team will be awarded the Hardy Shield perpetual trophy.
- 18.2 Other prizes may be awarded.
- 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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