



2026 Elliott 7 Series

Notice of Race - Match Racing

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

22 August & 13 October 2026

World Sailing Grade 5

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron : Elliott 7 Series Match Racing NOR

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. VENUE

The event will be held at the RSYS, at 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, NSW

3. RULES

- a. The Event will be governed by:
 - i. The rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C The rules for the handling of boats will apply. Class rules will not apply
 - ii. Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board
- b. Major Alterations to the RRS
 - i. RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
 - ii. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on board, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS C6.2

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- a. Schedule:

Saturday 22nd August 2026 (AM Racing)

Registration from 0830hrs until 0900hrs in the RSYS Youth Room

Briefing held at 0900hrs under the CCA Shade Sail

First attention signals at 1000hrs unless specified by the RC

The latest attention signal will be 1300hrs

The prize giving will be ASAP after racing

After racing lunch/drinks in the CCA ASAP after prize giving

Saturday 31st October 2026 (PM Racing)

Registration from 1215hrs until 1245hrs CCA Shade Sail

Briefing held at 1245hrs under the CCA Shade Sail

First attention signals at 1315hrs unless specified by the RC

The latest attention signal will be 1730hrs

The prize giving will be ASAP after racing

After racing dinner /drinks in the CCA ASAP after prize giving

- b. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

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- i. Registration
- ii. Briefing & Boat Draw
- iii. Prize Giving
- iv. After racing lunch, dinner/drinks
- c. The OA reserves the right to alter the race schedule

5. ELIGIBILITY

- a. A maximum of 8 (eight) teams can enter each race day
- b. Entry priority is given to teams where at least one team member is a Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Member
- c. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of WS Regulation 19.2
- d. The registered skipper shall helm the boats at all times while racing, except in an emergency
- e. All skippers entering shall obtain a World Sailing ID by registering online (<https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing ID

6. ENTRIES

- a. Entering
- i. Skippers can enter the event online at [Registration & Entry HERE](#) (<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rsys/events/366645>)
- ii. Each scheduled racing day entries close seven days prior
- iii. The skipper/team shall be entered on completion of registration, weigh in and the payment of all fees and deposits
- b. Entry Fee
- i. An Entry Fee of \$190 AUD for each race day shall be paid prior to registration and before any racing. Fees are non-refundable
- c. Damage Deposit
- i. An initial damage deposit of \$1250 AUD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper per incident.
- ii. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event
- iii. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event

7. BOATS & SAILS

- a. The event will be sailed in Elliott 7s. Up to four boats will be provided

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- b. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker (Symmetrical)
- c. Boat allocation will be via draw as decided by the OA

8. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- a. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three, four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races
- b. Crew Weighing
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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
 - iii. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute
 - iv. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Released no later than the briefing on the race day

10. FORMAT & SCORING SYSTEM

- a. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the WS rankings list two days prior to the event
- b. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - i. Stage 1 - Up to two round robins
 - ii. Stage 2 - Semi-Finals
 - iii. Stage 3 - Petite Finals
 - iv. Stage 4 - Finals
- c. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or 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

11. COURSE

- a. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding's, finishing downwind
- b. The intended course area will be in the general area between Kirribilli Point and Bradley's Head

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12. COMMUNICATION, MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND

- a. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- b. Official event communications with competitors will be conducted via the designated WhatsApp group. All competitors are responsible for joining the group and monitoring it throughout the event. https://chat.whatsapp.com/GXI0jsciLH4T1LZj5gSvV?mode=gi_t

13. PRIZES

- a. The prizes will be awarded at the OA's decision
- b. 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

14. COACH BOATS

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

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Boats shall not interfere with the commercial or defence shipping of the port. The attention of competitors is drawn NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime regulations specify: "Priority over Sail - some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal"
- b. A breach of this rule may be subject to protest by the RC or the umpires, but not by other boats

16. DISCLAIMER

- a. 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
- b. 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

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Dan Smith (E:Academy@rsys.com.au)