



RSYS CHRISTMAS CUP 4-5 December

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. VENUE

The venue will be the RSYS, at 33 Peel St, Kirribilli NSW 2061. Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour, Sydney, Australia.

3. GRADING

This event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade 4. The grading is subject to review by WS. The event may be regarded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISINAL PROGRAM

4.1. Schedule:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 4 December	1230	Registration and weigh-in	RSYS Youth Room
	1300	Regatta Briefing	Shade Sail
	1400	First Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	ASAP	Umpires Debrief	Shade Sail
Sunday 5 December	0900	Regatta Briefing	Shade Sail
	1000	First Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	1600	Latest Attention Signal	Sydney Harbour
	ASAP	Umpires Debrief and Presentation	Shade Sail

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

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1. Up to eight (8) skippers will be invited for each race day. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter.

5.2. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of WS Regulation 19.2.

5.3. The registered skipper shall helm the boats at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.4. All skippers entering shall obtain a World Sailing ID by registering online www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailor ID at registration.

6. ENTRIES

6.1. Entering

(a) Skippers may apply for an invitation by registering for the event online at; www.rsys.com.au/skp



- (b) Entries close 13 November 2021.
- (c) The skipper/team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.

6.2. Entry Fee

An Entry fee of \$250.00 AUD shall be paid by registration and before any racing. Fees are non-refundable except if the event is unable to be conducted due to COVID-19 related restrictions.

6.3. Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation for a match racing day 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 World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4. Damage Deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,000 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) 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.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

6.5. Insurance

All competitors and coaches are required to have adequate third-party insurance.

7. RULES

7.1. The Event will be governed by

- (a) The rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2. Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. At all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A breach of this rule is not open to protest by boats but is subject to actions by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

8.1. This event will be sailed in Elliott 7s.

8.2. Up to four (4) boats may be provided.



- 8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat, Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each stage as decided by the RC.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2. 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.
 - (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute
 - (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the WS rankings list 3 weeks prior to the event.
- 10.2. The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 – Up to two round robins
Stage 2 – A Semi-Finals
Stage 3 – Consolation series (5-8)
Stage 4 – Petite Finals
Stage 5 – A Finals
- 10.3. 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.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1. 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) and any restrictions stated in class rules.



12.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

13. PRIZES

13.1. The prizes will be awarded at the OA's descension.

13.2. 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. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

14.1. If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

14.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15. COACH BOATS

15.1. The OA will provide overnight berthing for coach boats. Teams with coach boats must notify the OA at registration, requesting berthing during the event.

15.2. 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.

15.3. 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.

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 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".

16.2. A breach of this rule may be subject to protest by the RC or the umpires, but not by other boats.

16.3. All commercial vessels including ferries shall be considered as an obstruction.



17. DISCLAIMER

- 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. INFORMATION

For further information please contact Jack Littlechild (E: keelboats@rsys.com.au).