



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race

The Centenary Cup

16 November 2022



1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats of monohull construction.
- 2.2 The race will include three sub-races with the following eligibility criteria:
 - a. **Team Trophy** – entry is open to one team of three boats nominated affiliated and on the register of a Club affiliated with Sailing Australia. Each boat may be entered in any division of the race.
 - b. **Commodores' Trophy** – entry is open to any boat in the race helmed by a current or past commodore of a club affiliated with Sailing Australia.
 - c. **Nettle Gold Cup** – entry is open to any boat on the RPEYC boat register and helmed by a RPEYC club member.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The event will consist of a race on the 16th November 2022 to commemorate the Club's first sailing race in November 1922.
- 3.2 It is intended that there will be five divisions:
 - Division 1,
 - Division 2
 - Division 3
 - Division 4
 - Division 5
- 3.3 The Race Committee will allocate boats to Divisions.
- 3.4 The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 3.5 Boats shall not fly spinnakers. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device. The forestay is as defined in the current World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing. Coutu boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.
- 3.6 Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee based on performance and will be by a Time Correction Factor (TCF) applied to a boat's elapsed time. Handicaps will be reviewed considering all previous races sailed and may be subject to arbitrary adjustment.

- 3.7 Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.8 Divisions and handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website, SailSys or the RPEYC office.
- 3.9 Scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1350.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats entered in the RPEYC Wednesday Series for 2022/2023 will be automatically included in the Centenary Cup race at no additional cost. Casual entries can enter online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process in the SailSys system.
- 4.2 Entries for the Team Trophy, Commodores Trophy and the Nettle Gold Cup may be made using the 'sub-series' entry process on SailSys or by email to the RPEYC office (see paragraph 17 below).
- 4.3 All casual entrants are required to upload a copy of a current Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit Form and a current third-party insurance certificate (refer to paragraph 15 below) to the boats Compliance page in SailSys, or forward to the RPEYC Sailing Office at sailing@rpeyc.com.au by the relevant entry closing date and time.
- 4.4 Closing date and time for casual entries is 1700 on Monday 7th November 2022.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for a casual entry for the Centenary Race is \$45

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC Clubhouse by 14th October 2022.

7 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour. The Start and Finish Line will be between the RPEYC Clubhouse and Shark Island.

8 COURSES

Courses will be around Sydney Harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEMS

Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2 only. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 and RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 10.2 Results for the Wednesday Series entrants in the Centenary Race will be transferred to the Wednesday Series pointscore after the event.

11 COMMUNICATION

All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal marine international channels. The radio must be always switched-on during racing and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.

12 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails including any modified, new, or replacement sails shall be notified in writing to RPEYC no later than 15:00 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.

13 RISK WARNING

- 13.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 13.2 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - b. The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - c. The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning or exposure injury.
 - d. The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
 - e. The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - f. Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 13.3 Participants are also advised that although the Organising Authority is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.
- 13.4 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

14 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority and its race officials accept no liability for any damage or injury in connection with the event and Owners release the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury in connection with the event.

15 INSURANCE

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 incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 **RPEYC Centenary Cup** – awarded to the handicap winner in the race.
- 16.2 **Commodores' Trophy** – awarded to the handicap winner helmed by a current or past commodore of a club affiliated with Sailing Australia.
- 16.3 **Nettle Gold Cup** – awarded to the handicap winner of a boat on the RPEYC Boat Register and helmed by a RPEYC Club member.
- 16.4 **Team Trophy** – awarded to the Club team with the lowest aggregated standardised corrected times in the race.
- 16.5 In addition to the above, RPEYC Voucher Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd on handicap in each division.

16.6 The prize winners for paragraphs 16.1 to 16.4 will be calculated by standardising each applicable boat's corrected time (i.e., elapsed time multiplied by the boat's TCF) to a standard course length, based on the course lengths published in the Sailing Instructions.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club on (02) 9363 5809 or sailing@rpeyc.com.au