



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Wednesday Series 2023/2024
4 October 2023 to 17 April 2024



The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) applicable to Category 7 races.
- 1.2 Any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS recognised yacht club must apply and receive a SailPass before racing to comply with RRS 46, AS prescription.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboards located at RPEYC and RSYS. Notices may also be made available to competitors on each club's website.
- 3.2 The list of entries will be placed on the RPEYC website and notice board no later than two hours before the start of each race.
- 3.3 The race office contact details are:
RPEYC email: sailing@rpeyc.com.au
Telephone: (02)9363 5809
Mobile: 0499 227 413 (race days only)
- 3.4 The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.
- 3.5 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Racing will be conducted on every Wednesday from the 4 October 2023 to the 17 April 2024 excluding 20 and 27 December 2023 for a total of 27 races.
- 4.2 Races abandoned will not be re-sailed.

5. **STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES** (Changes Rule 26)

- 5.1 1350-Warning/Preparatory Signal Division 1. An Orange banner will be displayed from the centre window of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.2 1355-Start Signal for Division 1, Warning/Preparatory signal Division 2. A Blue banner shall be displayed from the centre window of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.3 1400-Start for Division 2, Warning/Preparatory signal for Division 3. A Grey banner shall be displayed from the centre window of the club Veranda for five minutes.
- 5.4 1405-Start signal for Division 3, Warning/Preparatory signal Division 4. A Red banner shall be displayed from the centre window of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.5 1410-Start signal for Division 4, Warning/Preparatory signal for Division 5. A Green banner shall be displayed from the centre window of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.6 1415-Start signal for Division 5, the Green banner will be removed from the centre window of the verandah.

6. **RACING AREA**

- 6.1 Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

7. **COURSES**

- 7.1 Courses are described in Appendix 1.
- 7.2 Courses will be signalled by a numeral board at the western end of the centre veranda opening.

8. **SHORTENED COURSES**

- 8.1 Shortened Courses are described in Appendix 2.
- 8.2 The course for any Division may be shortened after rounding or passing mark WS or SM. The shortening of the course will be signalled by the display of coloured boards in the following locations: -

DIVISION 1	ORANGE	Eastern end of eastern verandah opening
DIVISION 2	BLUE	Centre end of eastern verandah opening
DIVISION 3	GREY	Western end of eastern verandah opening.
DIVISION 4	RED	Eastern end of centre verandah opening
DIVISION 5	GREEN	Centre of centre verandah opening

- 8.3 In the event all Divisions are shortened the five coloured boards will be displayed.
- 8.4 For course 1 only – the Courses for divisions 1 & 2 only may also be shortened before rounding Mark WS. Such shortening of the course will be signalled by the display of a black coloured board at the Western end of the centre veranda opening and the relevant division board in position as above.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks are described in Appendix 3.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Cardinal marks – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by Cardinal Marks.

10.2 Moorings – except for naval moorings, boats shall not sail within mooring areas.

10.3 Shark Island – boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Mark (SM) and the Cardinal Mark south of Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island).

10.4 Garden Island and Chowder Bay – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line is between the Flag Mast of RPEYC and the western edge of the wharf on Shark Island crossing from East to West to start.

11.2 Boats intending to race should manoeuvre with sails up as close as possible to the moored boats in Felix Bay to register sail numbers with the Race Committee.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between the flag mast of RPEYC and the western edge of the wharf on Shark Island crossing from West to East.

12.2 The finish of the leading boat will be acknowledged by the waving of a flag from the club veranda.

12.3 A flashing orange light on the club verandah may be used to draw attention to shorten course or abandonment. An announcement may be made on VHF Channel 73.

13. RECALL

13.1 There will be no recall signal. Any boat over the line at the starting signal and not returning and starting correctly will have its finishing time increased by one minute or more at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS Rule 29.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The race time limit is 1700.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTES FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests are to be lodged, in accordance with RRS 61, at the RPEYC Race Office or by email at sailing@rpeyc.com.au by 1830 on the day of the event.

15.2 Protests will be heard at the RPEYC club house on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the Protest Committee. The hearing date and time will be advised to the parties involved, in accordance with RRS 63.2.

16. ARBITRATION

16.1 Arbitration may take place in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

17. RETIREMENT

- 17.1 Yachts that retire from the race shall contact the club on VHF 73 or phone 0499 227 413 within the race time limit. Yachts failing to do so maybe scored DNE. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

18. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

- 18.1 Each nominated helmsman of a boat entered shall have attended a safety briefing held by a yacht club located on Sydney Harbour for the current sailing season. Entries will not be accepted for any race or the series without a declaration by the person who signs or authorises the entry that every nominated helmsman has attended a safety briefing session.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall comply with the following regarding commercial shipping.
- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Ports Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship.
 - (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200 metres from the bow, and 30 metres from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
 - (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers because of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
 - (d) Boats reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be scored DNE without a hearing. This changes 63.1 & A5.
- 19.2 Boats shall report any incident involving injury or Significant Damage likely to cost more than \$5,000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Emergency services contact details are listed in Appendix 3.

Appendix 1 - Courses

Division	Course Number														Approximate Length
1	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	LB	WS	N3	CBS	SM	N2	N3		Finish	12.8 nm
	2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	OB	RB	N3	CBS	SM	DB	TB	WS(P)	Finish	13.7 nm
2	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	WS	N2	TB	SM	N2	N3		Finish	11.1 nm
	2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	RB	N3	CBS	SM	DB	TB	WS(P)	Finish	12.2 nm
3 & 4	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	OB	EC	SM	N2	N3				Finish	9.1 nm
	2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CB	RB	SM	DB	CB	WS(P)			Finish	9.5 nm
5	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	SM	N2	N3					Finish	8.4 nm
	2	Start	N2	CBS	SM	TB	SM	DB	TB	WS(P)				Finish	7.9 nm

Appendix 2 - Shortened Courses

Division	Board Colour	Course Number												Approximate Length	
1	Black & Orange	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	LB	WS	N2	N3				Finish	9.3 nm
2	Black & Blue	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	WS	N2	N3				Finish	8.3 nm

1	Orange	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	LB	WS	N3	CBS	SM	WS(P)	Finish	11.4 nm
		2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	OB	RB	N3	CBS	SM	WS(P)	Finish	11.6 nm
2	Blue	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	WS	N2	TB	SM	WS(P)	Finish	8.3 nm
		2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CB	RB	SM	N3	TB	(WS(P)	Finish	7.9 nm
3 & 4	Red	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	OB	EC	SM	WS(P)			Finish	7.8 nm
		2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CB	RB	SM	N3	WS(P)		Finish	8.0 nm
5	Green	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	SM	WS(P)				Finish	7.0 nm
		2	Start	N2	CBS	SM	TB	SM	WS(P)				Finish	5.8 nm

Appendix 3 - Mark Descriptions and Chartlet

Mark Descriptions	Emergency Contact Details:
<p>BB - Beashel Mark - AS buoy, southwest of Sow and Pigs</p> <p>CBS - Chowder Bay Mark - AS buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two SA buoys in Chowder Bay)</p> <p>DB - Double Bay Mark - Red inflatable RPEYC mark between Point Piper and Clarke Island.</p> <p>EC – Eastern Channel Mark – AS buoy approx. 100m north of the Eastern Channel Pile Light.</p> <p>GH – Georges Head – AS buoy approximately 200m southwest of Georges Head.</p> <p>KP1 - Kirribilli Mark 1 - orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS east of Kirribilli Point</p> <p>KP2 - Kirribilli Mark 2 - orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS, approximately 100 metres south of KP1.</p> <p>LB - Lady Bay Mark – AS buoy off northern end of Lady Bay</p> <p>N2 - Naval Buoy No.2 – Approximately 250m NW of Clarke Island</p> <p>N3 - Naval Buoy No. 3 – Approximately 200m North of Clarke Island</p> <p>OB - Obelisk Bay Mark - AS buoy E of Obelisk Bay</p> <p>PP – Point Piper Mark – AS buoy north of Point Piper.</p> <p>RB – Rose Bay Mark – AS buoy approximately 200m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay, in front of the convent.</p> <p>SM – Shark Island Mark - AS buoy approximately 30 metres south-east of the South Cardinal mark at Shark Island, passing Shark Island to starboard</p> <p>TB - Taylor Bay Mark - AS buoy in the middle of Taylor Bay</p> <p>WS - West of Shark Mark – Red inflatable RPEYC mark near Point Piper</p>	<p>Medical Emergency 000</p> <p>Marine Rescue 9450 2468 VHF Ch 16</p> <p>Water Police 9320 7499</p> <p>RMS 13 12 36</p> <p>Medical Evacuation Locations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Rose Bay Wharf</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Taronga Zoo Wharf</p>

NOTE: AS buoys referred to in these instructions may be a yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shape buoys and may be replaced with a different mark without warning.

