



Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club



Sailing Instructions

Cavalier 28

NSW State Championships

Saturday 5th April 2025

Organising Authority
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, 2025-2028 (RRS) and the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (RRS) applicable to Category 7 races, except as amended herein.

1.2. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 hours on the day such change(s) will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day prior to such change taking effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at RPEYC. Notices may also be emailed directly to competitors and made available on the club's website at www.rpeyc.com.au.

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) 9 363 5809

Race Day Mobile: 0499 227 413 (Race Day only)

3.4 The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.

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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 Saturday 5th April, 2025.

4.2 Three 'windward / leeward' races are scheduled, each approximately 40 minutes duration.

4.2 Races abandoned will not be re-sailed.

5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES

5.1 1230 – First Warning Signal. The class flag will be code flag C.

5.2 1235 – Start signal for first race.

5.3 The warning signal for races 2 and 3 will be as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished the previous race.

6. RACING AREA

6.1 Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour, between Clarke Island and the Sow and Pigs reef.

7. COURSES

7.1 Courses are described in Appendix 1.

8. SHORTENED COURSES

8.1 The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks shall be red inflatable marks with RPEYC in black lettering.

9.2 The Start / Finish mark shall be a black and white chequered inflatable mark.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Cardinal marks – boats shall not sail within 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.

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11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark.

11.3 Individual or general recalls shall be made in accordance with RRS29.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 80 minutes for each race. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protests are to be lodged, in accordance with RRS 61, at the RPEYC Race Office or by email at sailing@rpeyc.com.au by 1800 on the day of the event.

14.2 Protests will be heard at the RPEYC club house on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the Protest Committee.

15. ARBITRATION

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

16. RETIREMENT

16.1 Boats that retire from the race shall contact the Race Officer on VHF 73 or phone 0499 227 413 within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNE. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

17. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

Each nominated skipper of a boat racing shall have attended a safety briefing held by a yacht club located on Sydney Harbour for the current sailing season. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers to attend a briefing online.

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.

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- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Safety Officers. Any boat directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Safety 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, grounding or significant damage likely to cost more than \$5,000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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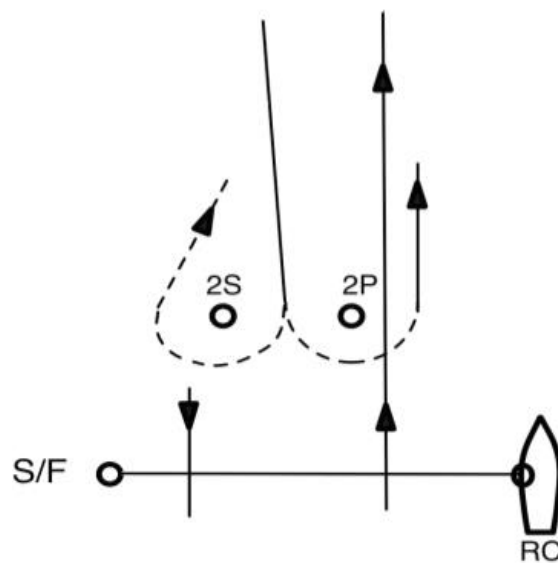
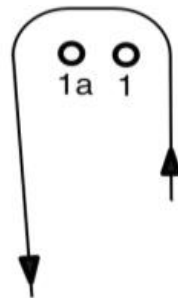


APPENDIX 1 – Courses

Boats are to proceed to all marks named in the course in the order shown below.

The course to be sailed will be signalled with or before the warning signal and indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

Any Course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Courses shall be windward / leeward:



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Mark 1 and mark 1a shall be laid to windward of the starting line. Mark 1a shall be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1. Mark 1 and 1a shall be rounded to Port.

In the event that Mark 1a is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

Mark 2S and 2P may be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line and shall form a gate with either Mark 2S rounded to Starboard or Mark 2P rounded to Port. Note: Marks 2S and 2P may be laid after the starting signal.

Course Configuration:

Course 1 - Start – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 2 - Start – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course 3 - Start – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – 2S or 2P – 1 – 1a – Finish.

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Vessel before the warning signal. The Race Committee may display on the Committee Vessel the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

Courses will be set with the aim to achieve 40-minute elapsed times. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

APPENDIX 2 - Emergency Contact Details

Medical Emergency	000
Marine Rescue	9450 2468 VHF Ch 16
Water Police	9320 7499
RMS	13 12 36

Medical Evacuation Locations:

- **Rose Bay Wharf**
- **Taronga Zoo Wharf**