



# ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Sunday Series 2025/2026



**28 September, 2 November 2025**  
**18 January, 8 February and 15 March 2026**

#### **1, RULES**

- 1.1. 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 races for Category 7 and above.
- 1.2 Any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS affiliated sailing club must apply and receive a Sail Pass 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 noticeboard located at RPEYC. Notices may also be made available to competitors on the club's website at, [www.rpeyc.com.au](http://www.rpeyc.com.au).
- 3.2 The list of entries will be placed on the RPEYC website no later than two hours before the start of each race.
- 3.3 The race office contact details are:  
RPEYC email: [secretary@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:secretary@rpeyc.com.au)  
Telephone: (02) 9363 5809 – Monday to Friday  
Race Day Mobile: 0460 362 878
- 3.4 The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 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 28 September 2025, 2 November 2025, 18 January 2026, 8 February 2026 and 15 March 2026.
- 4.2 Races abandoned will not be re-sailed.

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

- 5.1 1125 – Preparatory Signal - An Orange banner shall be displayed from the centre window of the club veranda.
- 5.2 1130 – Start signal - The orange banner will be removed.

## **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 may be shortened after rounding or passing mark SM. The shortening of the course will be signalled by the display of an orange-coloured board at the eastern end of centre verandah opening.
- 8.3 A flashing orange light on the club verandah may be used draw attention to shorten course or abandonment. An announcement may be made on VHF Channel 72.

## **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 East to West.
- 12.2 The finish of the leading boat may be acknowledged by the waving of a flag from the club veranda.

### **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 1400.

### **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protests are to be lodged, in accordance with RRS 61, at the RPEYC Office or by email at [secretary@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:secretary@rpeyc.com.au) by 1500 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.

### **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 72 or phone 0460 362 878 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 Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

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## Appendix 1 – Courses

Course Number											Approximate Length
1	Start	N3	BB	SM	PP	NP	SM			Finish	7.1 nm
2	Start	N3	CBS	RB	SM	PP	TB	RB	SM	Finish	7.4 nm

All marks shall be left to starboard.

## Appendix 2 - Shortened Courses

Board Colour	Course Number							Approximate Length
Orange	1	Start	N3	BB	SM	Finish		4.6 nm
	2	Start	N3	CBS	RB	Finish		4.2 nm

All marks shall be left to starboard.

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## APPENDIX 3 RPEYC – Harbour Marks & Buoys

**BB** - Beashel Mark - AS Buoy, southwest of Sow and Pigs.

**CBS** - Chowder Bay Mark South - AS Buoy, approx. 200m south of the naval wharf.

**EC** – Eastern Channel Mark – AS Buoy approx. 100m west of the Eastern Channel Pile Light.

**LB** - Lady Bay Mark – AS Buoy off northern end of Lady Bay.

**N3** - Naval Buoy No. 3 – Approximately 200m North of Clarke Island.

**NP** – Neilsen Park – AS Buoy northwest of Neilsen Park beach.

**PP** – Point Piper mark – AS Buoy of Point Piper.

**RB** – Rose Bay Mark – AS Buoy approximately 200m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay, in front of the convent.

**SM** – Shark Island Mark - AS Buoy approximately 30 metres south of the South Cardinal mark at Shark Island, passing Shark Island to starboard.

**TB** - Taylor Bay Mark - AS buoy in the middle of Taylor Bay

### Note:

- AS buoys – Australian Sailing buoys referred to in these Sailing Instructions will be yellow cylindrical or spar shaped buoys and maybe replaced with a different mark without warning.

### Emergency Contact Details:

- **Medical Emergency** 000
- **Marine Rescue** 9471 8300 & VHF Ch 16
- **Water Police** 9320 7499
- **RMS** 13 12 36
- **Medical Evacuation Locations:**

**Rose Bay Wharf**

**Taronga Zoo Wharf**