



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
E30 & Wet Etchells Invitation Regatta



Friday 14th November 2025

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to races in Category 7 or above.
- 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.
- 1.3 For the non-spinnaker division, 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

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. All boats shall be an Etchell Class boat.
- 2.2. E30s are Etchells Class boats that have been modified for cruising.
- 2.3. Wet Etchells Class Boats are Etchells Class Boats that are stored permanently on the water.
- 2.4. No boat will be allowed to start unless there are a minimum of two people aboard.
- 2.5. To be eligible for series point-scores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of the series.
- 2.6. Any change of helmsman from those listed on the Entry must be notified to the RPEYC Office not later than 1500 hours on 13th November 2025. Change in helmsman may result in a change of handicap.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Eligible boats should enter online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process into the SailSys system.
- 3.2. All boats entering shall upload a copy of a current completed Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit Form and a current third-party insurance certificate (refer to paragraph 15 below) to the boat's Compliance page in SailSys, or forward to the RPEYC Sailing Office at secretary@rpeyc.com.au by the entry closing date and time.

- 3.3. Entries must be received by 1700hr on Friday 7th November 2025. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 3.4. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).
- 3.5. The Entry Fee for the Regatta on the 14th November 2025 will be \$55 including GST.

4. FORMAT & SCHEDULE

Racing will be conducted on Friday 14th November 2025.

The number of divisions will be determined by the number of entries. It is envisaged that there will be four divisions:

- Division 1, E30 Spinnaker
- Division 2, E30 non-spinnaker
- Division 3, Wet-Etchells Spinnaker
- Division 4, Wet-Etchells non-Spinnaker

The first warning signal will be at 1255.

Div 1 & 3 START AT 1300 hours

DIV 2 & 4 1305 hours

A maximum of two races shall be conducted on the day for each division. The second race will start as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished the first race.

The completion of one race shall constitute the series.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions for all races will be available at least two weeks prior to the date of each event date and will be available from the RPEYC Office or may be downloaded from the RPEYC Website.

6. RACING AREA

All races will be sailed on Sydney Harbour.

7. COURSES

The races will be around harbor marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, shall apply as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. There will be no discards.

10. HANDICAPS

- 10.1 Handicaps will be arbitrary and will be at the discretion of the Race Committee, or their nominee. They will not be subject to Request for Redress (amends Rules 60.1 (b) and 62.1(a)).
- 10.2 Handicaps will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) that will be applied at the finish. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal marine international channels. While racing, the radio must be switched on and tuned to the correct race committee frequency, VHF Channel 73.

12. PRIZES & TROPHIES

Prizes will be awarded to the handicap point score, first, second and third place getters in each division.

There will be a prize for first over the line in each division.

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

Matt Mitchell Memorial Trophy - awarded to the overall handicap winner of both E30 divisions.

Wet Etchells Trophy - awarded to the overall handicap winner of the Wet Etchells divisions.

The prize winners for the E30, Matt Mitchell Memorial Trophy and the Wet Etchells Trophy 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.

Prizes will be presented at the RPEYC Clubhouse after racing concludes on 14th November 2025. All competitors are welcome to attend. Temporary moorings and a tender service will be provided.

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 people in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

14. DISCLAIMERS

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. INSURANCES

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 (Australian dollars ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

16. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 16.1 **Skippers Briefing** – At least one person on each boat shall have attended a safety briefing for the 2025/26 season held by a Yacht Club on Sydney Harbour. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers or crew to attend an online briefing prior to the first race.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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