



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race

Classic Yacht Regatta

11th April 2026



**The Organising Authority is
the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club**

1 RULES

- a) 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 and above races, as amended.
- b) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply.
- c) In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2 ELIGIBILITY

- a) The series is open to all boats of monohull displacement construction built to a pre-1975 design or boats with a conventional profile in the spirit of Classic Yachts. This includes boats such as Dragons, Etchells, Solings, Couts Boats that may have been built after 1975. Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the RPEYC Race Committee.
- b) No boat shall start unless there is a minimum of two (2) persons on board.
- c) All competitors helming or crewing shall conform to RRS 46. Any person 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.
- d) The helmsperson nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the boat. No change of helmsperson shall occur without the prior written consent of the RPEYC Race Committee.
- e) This race is subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- a) The Classics Regatta race will be run on Saturday 11 April 2026. The time of the first warning signal will be 1255.
- b) It is intended that there will be two divisions using PHS and optional IRC handicaps:
 - Division 1
 - Division 2
- c) The Race Committee will allocate boats to Divisions.
- d) The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers. These divisions may be class based, eg for E30 class.
- e) IRC handicaps will be based on the IRC Time Correction Calculation (TCC) displayed on the boat's IRC certificate. Either IRC Standard or IRC Measured certificates will be accepted. Racing under an IRC handicap is an additional option to the PHS handicap. Entrants using an IRC handicap should be familiar with the current RORC IRC Yearbook and its Rules.
- f) PHS handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee based on previous performances in other events and will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) applied to a boat's elapsed time
- g) Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- h) Divisions and handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC office.
- i) Prior to the regatta, a Cocktail Party and Dinner will be held at the RPEYC Clubhouse on the evening of Friday 10th April 2026.
- j) At the completion of the race, all crew members are invited to the RPEYC Clubhouse for a BBQ and presentation of the prizes. A limited number of RPEYC moorings will be available for visiting boats and a tender service will be provided.

4 ENTRY

- a) Eligible boats may enter for the race online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process into the SailSys sailing race management software.
- b) The race is a spinnaker event; however boats may enter as 'non-spinnaker' and will be handicapped accordingly. Boats entered as 'non-spinnaker' are not permitted to 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. Couta boats or similar craft are

exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.

- c) All boats entering shall upload a copy of a current completed Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit Form, a current third-party insurance certificate and IRC Certificate (if applicable) to the boat's Compliance page in SailSys, or forward to the RPEYC Sailing Office at secretary@rpeyc.com.au
- d) Entries must be received by 1700hr on Wednesday 8th April 2026.
- e) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for this race is \$88.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC website or the RPEYC clubhouse by 30 March 2026.

7 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour. The Starting Line and Finishing 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 SYSTEM

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

10 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, defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 EQUIPMENT

RRS 52 is changed so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

12 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails including any modified, new, or replacement sails in the previous six months 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

- a) 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.
- b) As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
 - The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - 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.
 - The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
 - The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- c) 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.
- d) 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

Prizes shall be awarded at the conclusion of the race to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division at the discretion of RPEYC.

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

- a) Overall PHS handicap winner.
- b) Overall IRC handicap winner.

The overall prize winners will be calculated by standardising each applicable boat's corrected time (i.e., elapsed time multiplied by the boat's PHS or IRC handicap) to a standard course length, based on the course lengths published in the Sailing Instructions.

In addition, there will be a prize for boat elegance and will be awarded through a Concours d'Elegance process. Boats will be judged on their pristine condition, traditional rigging, lines and overall beauty.

The trophies will be presented at the RPEYC Annual Prizegiving on Friday 15th May 2026.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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