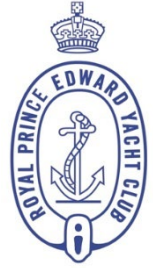




ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Wednesday Series 2025/2026
8 October 2025 to 22 April 2026



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 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) applicable to races of Category 7 and above.
- 1.2 Any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS recognised sailing club must apply for and receive a SailPass before racing to comply with RRS 46, AS prescription.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (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 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
Telephone: (02) 9363 5809
Mobile: 0460362878 (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 8 October 2025 to the 22 April 2026 excluding 24 December 2025 and 31 December 2025 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 opening 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 opening of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.3 1400-Start signal for Division 2, Warning/Preparatory signal for Division 3. A Grey banner shall be displayed from the centre opening 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 opening 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 opening of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.6 1415-Start signal for Division 5, the Green banner will be removed from the centre opening of the club veranda.

6. **RACING AREA**

Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

7. **COURSES**

- 7.1 Courses are described in Appendix 1.2
- 7.2 Courses will be signalled by a numeral board at the western end of the centre opening of the club veranda.

8. **SHORTENED COURSES**

- 8.1 Shortened Courses are described in Appendix 1.2
- 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 the eastern veranda opening
DIVISION 2	BLUE	Centre of the eastern veranda opening
DIVISION 3	GREY	Western end of the eastern veranda opening.
DIVISION 4	RED	Eastern end of the centre veranda opening
DIVISION 5	GREEN	Centre of the centre veranda opening

- 8.3 In the event all Divisions are shortened the five coloured boards will be displayed.

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

9. MARKS

Marks are described in Appendix 2.

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 in each division may be acknowledged by the waving of a flag from the club veranda opening.

13. RECALL

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

The race time limit is 1700.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and Requests for Redress are to be lodged, in accordance with RRS 61, at the RPEYC Office or by email to secretary@rpeyc.com.au by 1000 hours on the first working day after 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

Arbitration may take place in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

17. RETIREMENT

Yachts that retire from the race shall contact the Race Officer on VHF 73 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

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.
- 19.3 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

Appendix 1.2 - Courses

Division	Course Number														Approx Length	Aim length
1	1	Start	N2	LB	WS	N2	GH	SM	N2	N3				Finish	12.0 nm	13
	1 short	Start	N2	LB	WS*	N2	N3							Finish	8.2 nm	8
	2	Start	N2	OB	RB	DB	N3	GH	RB	DB	N3	TB	WS(P)	Finish	11.6 nm	13
	2 short	Start	N2	OB	RB*	DB	N3	GH	WS(P)					Finish	9.2 nm	8
2	1	Start	N2	BB	EC	WS	N2	TB	SM	N2	N3			Finish	10.5 nm	11
	1 short	Start	N2	BB	EC	WS*	N2	N3						Finish	7.3 nm	6.5
	2	Start	N2	GH	RB	DB	N3	GH	SM	DB	N3	TB	WS(P)	Finish	10.2 nm	11
	2 short	Start	N2	GH	RB*	DB	TB	WS(P)						Finish	7.1 nm	6.5
3	1	Start	N3	BB	EC	WS	N3	BB	EC	DB(P)				Finish	9.0 nm	10
	1 short	Start	N3	BB	EC	WS*	N2	N3						Finish	6.8 nm	6
	2	Start	N2	GH	RB	DB	N3	GH	WS(P)					Finish	8.3 nm	10
	2 short	Start	N2	GH	RB*	WS(P)								Finish	5.0 nm	6
4	1	Start	N2	OB	BB	EC	SM	N2	N3					Finish	8.0 nm	9
	1 short	Start	N2	OB	BB	EC	SM*	WS(P)						Finish	6.1 nm	5.5
	2	Start	N2	GH	RB	DB	N3	GH	WS(P)					Finish	8.2 nm	9
	2 short	Start	N2	GH	RB*	DB								Finish	5.6 nm	5.5
5	1	Start	N2	BB	EC	SM	N2	N3						Finish	7.3 nm	8
	1 short	Start	N2	BB	EC	SM*	WS(P)							Finish	5.5 nm	4.5
	2	Start	N2	GH	SM	TB	SM	TB	WS(P)					Finish	7.7 nm	8
	2 short	Start	N2	GH	SM*	WS(P)								Finish	4.3 nm	4.5

* Indicates the mark after which shortened course may be signalled

Appendix 2 - Mark Descriptions and Chartlet

Mark Descriptions	Emergency Contact Details:
BB - Beashel Mark - AS buoy, southwest of Sow and Pigs	
CBS - Chowder Bay Mark (South) - AS buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two SA buoys in Chowder Bay)	
GH - AS Mark Chowder Bay North, Located south-west of Georges Head.	Medical Emergency 000
DB - Double Bay Mark - Orange inflatable mark between Point Piper and Clarke Island.	Marine Rescue 9450 2468 VHF Ch 16
EC – Eastern Channel Mark – AS buoy approx. 100m north of the Eastern Channel Pile Light.	Water Police 9320 7499
KP1 - Kirribilli Mark 1 - Red inflatable mark east of Kirribilli Point	RMS 13 12 36
KP2 - Kirribilli Mark 2 - Red inflatable mark approximately 100 m south of KP1.	Medical Evacuation Locations:
LB - Lady Bay Mark – AS buoy off northern end of Lady Bay	Rose Bay Wharf
N2 - Naval Buoy No.2 – Approximately 250m NW of Clarke Island	Taronga Zoo Wharf
N3 - Naval Buoy No. 3 – Approximately 200m North of Clarke Island	
NP - Neilsen Park Mark – AS buoy approximately 100m N of Steele Point	
OB - Obelisk Bay Mark - AS buoy E of Obelisk Bay	
PP – Point Piper Mark – AS buoy north 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-east 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	
WS - West of Shark Mark – Orange inflatable mark near Point Piper	

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.

