



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Classic Yacht Regatta

11 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.
- 1.3 RRS 52 is amended so that winches may be adjusted using the boat's electrical or hydraulic systems.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard at RPEYC. Notices may also be made available to competitors on the 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 the race.
- 3.3 The race office contact details are:
RPEYC email: secretary@rpeyc.com.au
Telephone: (02)9363 5809
Mobile: 0460 362 878 (race day only)
- 3.4 The Race Committee will 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 The Regatta will be conducted on Saturday, 11th April 2026.
- 4.2 If the race is abandoned it will not be re-sailed.

5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES (Changes Rule 26)

- 5.1 **1255** - Warning/Preparatory Signal Division 1. An **Orange** banner will be displayed from the centre opening of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.2 **1300** - Start signal for Division 1 and Warning/Preparatory signal Division 2. A **Blue** banner shall be displayed from the centre opening of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.3 **1305** - Start signal for Division 2 and 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 **1310** - Start signal for Division 3 and Warning/Preparatory signal for Division 4. A **Red** banner shall be displayed from the centre opening of the club veranda for five minutes.
- 5.5 **1315** - Start signal for Division 4 and Warning/Preparatory signal for Division 5. A **Green** banner shall be displayed from the centre opening of the club veranda.
- 5.6 **1320** - Start signal for Division 5 and Warning/Preparatory signal for HISTORIC SKIFFS. A **Purple** banner shall be displayed from the centre opening of the club veranda.
- 5.7 **1325** - Start signal for HISTORIC SKIFFS the **Purple** banner shall 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.
- 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 2.
- 8.2 The course for any Division may be shortened after rounding or passing the Shark Island (SM) mark. 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
DIVISIONS 3, 4	GREY	Western end of the eastern veranda opening.
DIVISION 5, HISTORIC SKIFFS	RED	Eastern end 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 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. The 'race sign on' facility in SailSys will be enabled for this Regatta and skippers are requested to sign on in advance of arriving at the starting area.

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. An announcement may be made on VHF Channel 73. This changes RRS Rule 29.

14. TIME LIMIT

The race time limit is 1600.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and Requests for Redress (in accordance with RRS 61) are to be lodged at the RPEYC Office or by email to secretary@rpeyc.com.au by 1700 hours 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. The hearing date and time will be advised to the parties involved, in accordance with RRS 63.1.

16. ARBITRATION

Arbitration may take place in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

17. RETIREMENT

Boats that retire from the race shall contact the Race Officer on VHF 73 or phone 0460 362 878 within the race time limit.

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 the race without a declaration by the person who signs or authorises the entry that the nominated helmsman has attended a safety briefing session. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers to attend an on-line 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 vessel 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 vessel.
 - (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 RRS 63 & A5.
- 19.2 Boats shall report any applicable 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.

20. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

If a board displaying Flag Y is displayed at the western end of the eastern veranda opening with the warning signal, then Rule 40.1 applies for each competitor in that division. No sound will be made. (Changes Rule 40)

Appendix 1 - Courses

Division	Course Number														Approximate Length
1	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	EC	SM	DB	N3	CBS	WS(P)		Finish	10.3 nm
	2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	RB	DB	N3	CBS	WS(P)			Finish	9.9 nm
2	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	NP	SM	N2	N3					Finish	7.8 nm
	2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	SM	DB	N3	TB	WS(P)			Finish	8.0 nm
3, 4	1	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	NP	SM	N2	N3					Finish	7.8 nm
	2	Start	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	SM	DB	N3	TB	WS(P)			Finish	8.0 nm
5 & HISTORIC SKIFFS	1	Start	N3	NP	SM	N2	N3							Finish	5.7 nm
	2	Start	N2	CBS	SM	TB	WS(P)							Finish	5.7 nm

All marks are to be rounded or passed to starboard, unless indicated (P) to port.

Appendix 2 - Shortened Courses

Division	Board Colour	Course Number												Approximate Length
1	Orange	1	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	BB	EC	SM	DB	N3			Finish	8.5 nm
		2	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	RB	DB	N3				Finish	8.0 nm
2	Blue	1	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	NP	SM	WS(P)					Finish	5.9 nm
		2	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	SM	WS(P)					Finish	5.9 nm
3, 4	Grey	1	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N2(P)	NP	SM	WS(P)					Finish	5.9 nm
		2	KP1(P)	KP2(P)	N3(P)	CBS	SM	WS(P)					Finish	5.9 nm
5 & HISTORIC SKIFFS	Red	1	N3	NP	SM	WS(P)							Finish	3.9 nm
		2	N2	CBS	SM	WS(P)							Finish	4.3 nm

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Appendix 3 - Mark Descriptions and Chartlet

Mark Descriptions	Emergency Contact Details:
BB - Beashel Mark - AS buoy, southwest of Sow and Pigs	Medical Emergency 000
CBS - Chowder Bay Mark (South) - AS buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two SA buoys in Chowder Bay)	Marine Rescue 9450 2468
DB Double Bay Mark - Orange inflatable mark between Point Piper and Clarke Island.	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	CYCA, Rushcutters Bay
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.

