



ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Sunday Series 2026/27

27 September, 1 November 2026
17 January, 28 February and 14 March 2027

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 of Category 7 and above.
- 1.2 Any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS affiliated sailing club must apply for and receive a Sail Pass before racing to comply with RRS 46, AS prescription.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1000 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 SailSys is the Official Notice Board. Notices to competitors, including the list of entries and race documents, will be posted on the SailSys series notice board, which can be found by clicking the series 'Entries and Results' tab on the RPEYC website. Notices may also be displayed on the notice board in the clubhouse.
- 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 (Monday to Friday)
 - Race Day Mobile: 0460 362 878
- 3.4 The Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF 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 27 September 2026, 1 November 2026, 17 January 2027, 28 February 2027 and 14 March 2027.
- 4.2 The race on 28 February 2027 will be the RANSA Regatta and will be sailed under the Sailing Instructions applicable to that Regatta. The result will count as Race 4 of the series. Series entrants will be automatically entered in the RANSA Regatta, and their RPEYC series handicap will be applied to their elapsed times. Clause 1.3 of the Notice of Race will continue to apply to series entrants.
- 4.3 Races abandoned will not be resailed.

5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES

- 5.1 1125: Warning Signal. An orange banner shall be displayed from the centre window of the club verandah.
- 5.2 1130: Start Signal. The orange banner will be removed.
- 5.3 This changes RRS 26.

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 verandah 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 board at the eastern end of the centre verandah opening.
- 8.3 A flashing orange light on the club verandah may be used to draw attention to a shortened 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 Shark Island 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 verandah.

13. RECALL

- 13.1 There will be no recall signal. Any boat on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal that does not return and start correctly will have two minutes added to its finishing time, without a hearing. This changes RRS 29, 63.1 and A5.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The race time limit is 1400.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. There will be no discards.
- 15.2 Results will be calculated on corrected time using each boat's Time Correction Factor (TCF).
- 15.3 For Race 4 (the RANSA Regatta), each series entrant's RPEYC series handicap will be applied to its elapsed time.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered in accordance with RRS 60 and 61 to the RPEYC Office or by email to secretary@rpeyc.com.au by 1500 on the day of the race.
- 16.2 Hearings will be held at the RPEYC clubhouse on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the Protest Committee.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Arbitration may take place in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

18. RETIREMENT

- 18.1 Boats that retire from a race shall contact the club on VHF Channel 72 or by phone on 0460 362 878 within the race time limit. Boats failing to do so may be scored DNE. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

19. SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

- 19.1 The skipper of each boat shall have attended a safety briefing for the 2026/27 season held by a sailing club on Sydney Harbour. Arrangements will be made for visiting skippers to attend an online briefing prior to the first race.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 Boats shall comply with the following regarding commercial shipping:
- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority of NSW 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 Transport for NSW (Maritime) Boating Safety Officers. Any boat directed to stop or alter course by a Boating Safety Officer because of an anticipated breach of the above rules, an incident, a collision or a complaint shall do so immediately.
- (d) Boats reported by Transport for NSW (Maritime) as having contravened maritime regulations shall be scored DNE without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

20.2 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.

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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: Harbour Marks and Buoys

- BB Beashel Mark:** AS buoy southwest of Sow and Pigs.
- CBS Chowder Bay Mark South:** AS buoy approximately 200 metres south of the naval wharf.
- EC Eastern Channel Mark:** AS buoy approximately 100 metres west of the Eastern Channel Pile Light.
- LB Lady Bay Mark:** AS buoy off the northern end of Lady Bay.
- N3 Naval Buoy No. 3:** Approximately 200 metres north of Clarke Island.
- NP Nielsen Park Mark:** AS buoy northwest of Nielsen Park beach.
- PP Point Piper Mark:** AS buoy off Point Piper.
- RB Rose Bay Mark:** AS buoy approximately 200 metres 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 Taylors Bay Mark:** AS buoy in Taylors Bay.

Note: AS buoys referred to in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Sailing buoys. They will be yellow cylindrical or spar shaped buoys and may be replaced with a different mark without warning.

Emergency Contact Details

Medical Emergency	000
Marine Rescue	(02) 9450 2468 and VHF Channel 16
Water Police	(02) 9320 7499
Transport for NSW (Maritime)	13 12 36
Medical Evacuation Locations	Rose Bay Wharf
	Taronga Zoo Wharf