ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race

Centenary Cup Race

Spinnaker Divisions

18 November 2026

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

1 RULES

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.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The race is open to all boats of monohull construction.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

a) The Centenary Cup Race for Spinnaker Divisions is open to any boat already entered in the RPEYC 2026-27 Wednesday Series, including classic yachts and boats that have elected to compete under IRC, and to any other boat wishing to sail in the race as a casual entry. The race will be run on Wednesday 18 November 2026, in conjunction with Race 7 of the RPEYC 2026-27 Wednesday Series.

b) It is intended that there will be two spinnaker divisions:

- Division 1S
- Division 2S

c) Classic yachts will sail in the division they would normally occupy: in Division 1S or 2S if flying a spinnaker, or in the appropriate non-spinnaker division of Race 7 of the RPEYC 2026-27 Wednesday Series if not. Classic yachts shall identify themselves at entry to be considered for the Classics Prize. Eligibility for the Classics Prize will be determined by the Race Committee.

d) The Race Committee will allocate boats to Divisions.

e) The Race Committee may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.

f) Performance Handicaps (PHS) will be the default handicapping system applied to all boats entered. Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee based on performance and will be by a Time Correction Factor

(TCF) applied to a boat's elapsed time.

g) Handicaps will be reviewed considering all previous races sailed and may be subject to arbitrary adjustment.

h) Boats can elect to compete under the International Rating Certificate (IRC) and:

   i) must hold a valid IRC Standard (or endorsed) certificate for the current year;

   ii) the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C current at the time of the race shall apply;

   iii) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply;

   iv) Standard certificates rely on owner-declared data, and the Race Committee retains the right to conduct random equipment inspections or event measurements.

   Owners should ensure that their IRC certificate reflects whether the boat will sail with or without a spinnaker.

i) Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

j) Divisions and handicaps will be advised on the list of entries available from the RPEYC website.

k) Scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1345.

4 ENTRY

a) Eligible boats may enter for the race as a casual entry. Enter online by using the RPEYC website Race Entry process into the SailSys system.

b) **Existing series entrants in the RPEYC 2026-27 Wednesday Series who wish to enter a Spinnaker Division must email secretary@rpeyc.com.au so they can be entered manually at no charge. Such entries will be awarded average points for the race in the pointscore of their usual Division.**

c) 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 Office at **secretary@rpeyc.com.au** by the relevant entry closing date and time.

d) Race entries should be received by 1700 on Monday 16 November 2026.

e) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is as follows:

- Casual entry fee for this race is $60.

- Entry fee is waived for existing entrants in the RPEYC 2026-27 Wednesday Series (see paragraph 4(b) above).

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPEYC website.

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 COMMUNICATIONS

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.

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 the hull, propeller, trim, spars, sails or significant changes to onboard skill level shall be notified in writing to RPEYC via email to secretary@rpeyc.com.au, no later than 15:00 hours on the day prior to the race. 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 to 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 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 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

16 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division at the discretion of RPEYC. IRC prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd if sufficient entries are received.

The following trophies and prizes will be awarded:

RPEYC Centenary Cup - awarded to the overall PHS handicap winner of the Centenary Cup Race.

Windward Shield - awarded to the best PHS handicap performance in the Centenary Cup Race for a boat on the RPEYC Boat Register and helmed by a RPEYC member.

Classics Prize - awarded to the best PHS handicap performance by a classic yacht across all divisions.

Overall IRC Winner - awarded to the best IRC performance across all divisions.

Overall IRC Winner (Classics) - awarded to the classic yachts placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd on IRC across all divisions, if at least three classic yachts holding a valid IRC

certificate start.
Prize winners for the RPEYC Centenary Cup, the Windward Shield and the Classics Prize will be determined on PHS, and the Overall IRC Winner and Overall IRC Winner (Classics) placings on IRC. As the divisions sail courses of different lengths, each eligible boat's corrected time (elapsed time multiplied by the boat's PHS TCF or IRC TCC) will be standardised to a standard course length, using the course lengths published in the sailing instructions that apply to the division sailed. Ties will be decided in favour of the boat with the better place in her own division and then the boat with the shorter elapsed time.

All prizes will be presented at the post-race prizegiving and BBQ at the RPEYC clubhouse.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the RPEYC on
(02) 9363 5809 or secretary@rpeyc.com.au