# ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

# Centenary Cup Race

# Spinnaker Divisions

# 18 November 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 or above.

1.2 Any person on board who is not a financial member of an AS recognised sailing club must apply 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 takes effect.

## 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RPEYC 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 RPEYC office contact details are:

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| Email: | secretary@rpeyc.com.au |
| Telephone: | (02)9363 5809 |
| Mobile: | 0460 362 878 (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 RACING

4.1 The race will be conducted on Wednesday 18 November 2026.

4.2 If the race is abandoned, it will not be re-sailed.

## 5. STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES (Changes Rule 26)

5.1 1345 – Warning/Preparatory Signal for Divisions 1S and 2S. A Purple banner will be displayed from the centre opening of the club veranda for five minutes.

5.2 1350 – Start Signal for Divisions 1S and 2S. The Purple banner will be removed and the Orange banner will be displayed for the Warning/Preparatory Signal for Division 1 of the Wednesday Series (Wednesday Series SI 7.1).

## 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 signaled by a numeral board at the western end of the centre veranda opening.

## 8. SHORTENED COURSES

No shortened courses are available for this race.

## 9. MARKS

Marks of the courses 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 maneuver 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 an orange flag from the club veranda.

12.3 A flashing orange light on the club verandah may be used to draw attention to an abandonment. An announcement may be made on VHF Channel 73.

## 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, to the RPEYC Office or by email at 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 may be 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 2.

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

# Appendix 1 – Courses

| Division | Course Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Approximate Length |
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| 1S | 1 | Start | N2 | LB | WS | N2 | CBS | SM | N2 | N3 | Finish | | | | 12.0 nm |
| | 2 | Start | N2 | OB | RB | DB | CBS | RB | DB | TB | WS(P) | Finish | | | 12.3 nm |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2S | 1 | Start | N3 | BB | EC | WS | N3 | BB | EC | DB(P) | Finish | | | | 10.1 nm |
| | 2 | Start | N2 | CBS | RB | DB | CBS | SM | TB | WS(P) | Finish | | | | 9.5 nm |

## Appendix 2 - Mark Descriptions and Chartlet

| | Mark Descriptions |
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| **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 AS buoys in Chowder Bay). |
| **DB** | Double Bay Mark – Orange inflatable mark between Point Piper and Clarke Island. |
| **EC** | Eastern Channel Mark – AS buoy approx. 100 m north of the Eastern Channel Pile Light. |
| **LB** | Lady Bay Mark – AS buoy off northern end of Lady Bay. |
| **N2** | Naval Buoy No. 2 – Approximately 250 m NW of Clarke Island. |
| **N3** | Naval Buoy No. 3 – Approximately 200 m North of Clarke Island. |
| **NP** | Neilsen Park Mark – AS buoy approximately 100 m 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 200 m 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. |

## Emergency Contact Details:

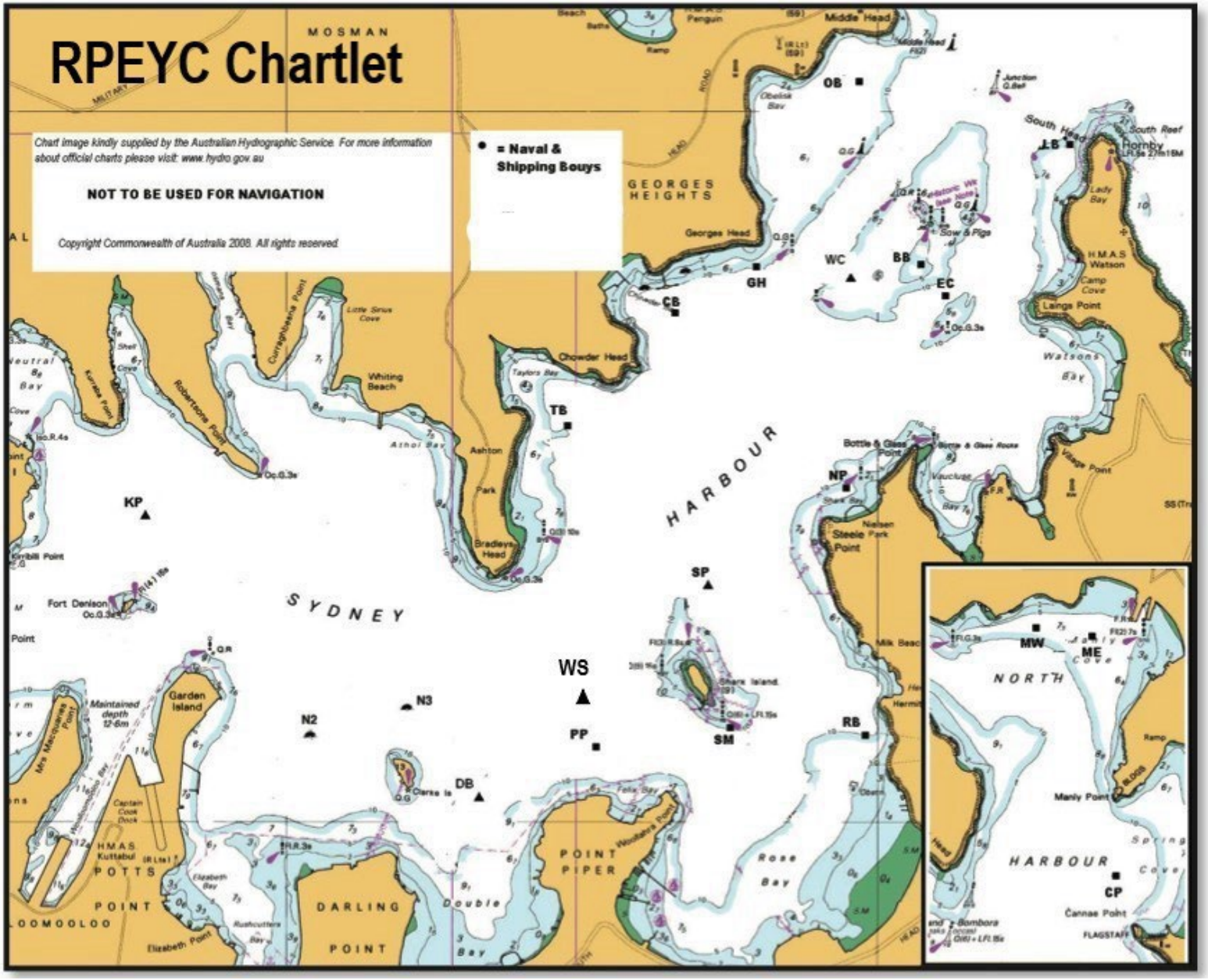
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| **Medical Emergency** | **000** |
| **Marine Rescue** | **9471 8300** |
| | **VHF Ch 16** |
| **Water Police** | **9320 7499** |
| **RMS** | **13 12 36** |

**Medical Evacuation Locations:**

**Rose Bay Wharf**

**Taronga Zoo Wharf**

**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.


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NORTH HARBOUR
Middle Head
Georges Head
Chowder Head
Bradleys Head
Fort Denison
Garden Island
Clarke Is
Shark Island
Steele Point
Bottle & Glass Point
Camp Cove
Laings Point
Hornby
South Head
Manly Point
Cannae Point
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