



2018-2019 CENTREBOARD SERIES

The Organising Authority (OA) of the 2018-19 Summer Centreboard Series is The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC), 16 Mitala St, Newport 2106.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The 2018-19 Centreboard Summer Series will be sailed in accordance with the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the *Prescriptions and Special Regulations* of Australian Sailing (AS) and the current Class rules of the classes competing (except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions).
- 1.2. All boats must comply with AS *Special Regulations Addendum A Part 2: For Off the Beach Boats* with the exception that Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) Type 3 are deemed non-compliant for all events. Where the current class rules of competing boats are of a lesser standard than the *Special Regulations* then the latter will prevail.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows: Race Signal "AP" is amended in that, when displayed ashore, Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any material from their boat, equipment or clothing which may be in contravention of moral decency or competitive to any event sponsor. There will be no request for redress to any such ruling.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Every boat competing shall be helmed by a current member of The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 3.2. Series and casual entries shall be made on the online entry form (<https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.334>). Any boat competing, which has not entered online, will not receive points, and will not appear in the weekly results.

- 3.3. The OA will allocate entries to divisions.
- 3.4. The minimum number of boats for a class result and/or division will be five (5) boats.
- 3.5. Classes not meeting this minimum requirement will be allocated to The Open Yardstick Division.
- 3.6. Series Entries are required to be submitted by 17:00 hrs on Friday the 31st of August 2018.
- 3.7. Casual entries to an individual Regatta are to be submitted not later than 23:59 on the Friday preceding the intended race day to compete.
- 3.8. Upon entering, all boats confirm they hold adequate Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance to the sum of at least AUD\$10,000,000 (ten million).
- 3.9. All competitors who enter into the series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a Policy as required by clause 3.
- 3.10. Series competitors must volunteer for race management duties twice throughout the season if they are 13 years of age or older on the 1st of September 2018. For those competitors younger than 13 years on the 1st of September 2018 require a parent or guardian to complete 2 duties per season on their behalf.
- 3.11. Series competitors who are 13 years of age or older on the 1st of September 2018 will be automatically entered into the volunteer roster (Dutyman system). Series competitors younger than 13 years on the 1st of September 2018, will automatically have their nominated parent or guardian entered into the volunteer roster (Dutyman system).

4. FEES

The fees for the 2018 – 19 RPAYC Summer Centreboard Series will be as follows for all approved Centreboard Classes:

SERIES ENTRY	\$310.00
CASUAL ENTRY	\$21.00

5. FLEETS AND DIVISIONS

The OA will classify all entered boats into fleets or divisions and reserves the right to re-classify any boat at any time after the completion of a series or Point Score.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as either a Pointscore round or Club Championship round as outlined in NoR part 10. The race schedules are as follows:

Date	Round
2/09/2018	Point Score - 1
9/09/2018	Point Score - 2
16/09/2018	Club Champs - 1
23/09/2018	Super Combined 1 RPAYC - Point Score - 3
21/10/2018	Point Score - 4
28/10/2018	Point Score - 5
4/11/2018	Club Champs - 2
11/11/2018	Point Score - 6
18/11/2018	Super Combined 2 BYRA - Club Champs - 3
2/12/2018	Point Score - 7
9/12/2018	Point Score - 8
16/12/2018	Point Score - 9
3/02/2019	Club Champs - 4
10/02/2019	Point Score - 10
17/02/2019	Point Score - 11
24/02/2019	Super Combined 3 Avalon - Club Champs - 5
3/03/2019	Point Score - 12
10/03/2019	Super Combined 4 TBC - Point Score - 13
24/03/2019	Point Score - 14
31/03/2019	Super Combined 5 TBC - Club Champs - 6
7/04/2019	Point Score - 15

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to Class Rules and that the boat has a valid class measurement certificate.
- 7.2. Any boat may be inspected before or after a race. Any boat found not to be complying with Class rules or AS Special Regulations Part 2: For Off the Beach Boats may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS) or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on Saturday the 1st of September by 17:00 and will be made available on the Club website at: rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard-racing.

9. VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 9.1. The Centreboard Summer Sailing Series is to be conducted by and from The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, 16 Mitala St, Newport, NSW, 2106.
- 9.2. The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The 2017 – 18 Centreboard Series will consist of two separate point scores, the Season Point Score and the Club Championship Point Score.
- 10.1.1. The Season Point Score will consist of up to fifteen (15) rounds.
- 10.1.2. The Club Championship will consist of up to six (6) rounds.
- 10.1.3. For each scheduled round a maximum of three (3) races will be held.
- 10.2. Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply including A9.
- 10.3. Forty-Five (45) races are scheduled for the Point Score series. Ten (10) races are required to constitute a Point Score series.
- 10.4. Eighteen (18) races are scheduled for the Club Championship Series. Four (4) races are required to constitute a Club Championship Series.
- 10.5. Casual entries shall be scored in accordance with Rule A9. Casual entries will not, however, be included, nor are eligible for, Series points.
- 10.6. The following discard of a boat's worst scores provisions will apply to the Season Point Score (Amend Rule A2):

Races Completed	Discards
≤15	1
16 to 24	3
25 to 36	9
≥37	12

- 10.7. The following discard of a boat's worst scores provisions will apply to the Club Championships Point Score (Amend Rule A2):

Races Completed	Discards
≤18	3

- 10.8. Optimist Green Fleet will not be scored.
- 10.9. Competitors wishing to request a review of results must submit their request by completing the *Results Query Form* found on the RPAYC website (<http://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard-racing>) and submitting it to the RPAYC Sailing Office no later than three days after the publication of results for each round.

11. CHANGE OF HELMSPERSON OR CREW

The helmsperson and crew of each boat contesting a series shall be nominated on the online entry form. Change of helmsperson and/or crew may be permitted at the discretion of the OA on written application.

12. ARBITRATION

Arbitration may be used for protests alleging infringements of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31.

13. BRIEFING

- 13.1. A competitors briefing for all helmspersons, crew, race management team members and support and coach boat operators will be held at approximately 1215 hrs each race day on the "Centreboard Lawn" in front of the Jack Gale Training Centre.
- 13.2. It is compulsory for a delegate from each boat to attend the competitors brief.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Boats not finishing must advise the committee vessel and then may be towed back to their respective clubs or another safe location by race support or committee vessels.
- 14.2. Any competitor who is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NOR clause 1.2 will be scored DSQ. This does not limit the ability of the Protest Committee to take action under RRS Part 5, Section C. This amends RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

15. COACHING AND SUPPORT VESSELS

- 15.1. Only persons approved by the OA may coach novice (Green Fleet) competitors.
- 15.2. There may be more than one (1) *Official Club Coach* designated by The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 15.3. It is a condition of entry that all competitors consent to there being designated coach boats within the racing area at any time. Inadvertent interference by such vessels may not be grounds for protest. This amends Rule 24.1. Designated coach boats will be nominated by the OA at its discretion.
- 15.4. Team leaders, coaches (other than those at Instruction 22.1) and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 15.5. All non-Club Support boats are required to complete the *2018-19 Centreboard Series Coach and Support Boat Registration Form*.
- 15.6. All coach and support boats shall monitor VHF channel 77 whilst on water.
- 15.7. All coach and support boats shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 15.8. When the Committee Vessel displays code flag 'W' with one warning sound, all support boats must remain on water and provide safety assistance until such time that code flag 'W' is lowered. The Race Officer will endeavour to notify support boats by radio if code flag 'W' is hoisted or lowered.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Season Prizes and Perpetual Trophies (where appropriate) may be awarded to first, second and third place getters. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 16.2. Prizes may be allocated for Point Score and Club Championship.
- 16.3. Should there be 3 boats or less sailing in a class, only a first place prize may be given, should there be four boats in a class, a first and second place prize may be given. Five or more boats within a class, place prizes may be awarded for first, second and third.

17. RISK WARNING

This Risk Warning is issued, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. 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. 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.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- The possible presence of dangerous marine life.

The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10 million (10, 000, 000) per incident or the equivalent.

19.2. All competitors who enter into the series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a Policy as required by Clause 3.8 and 19.1.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. A post-race sausage sizzle will be held in the RPAYC Club House, Halyards annex. Additional food and beverages are available on the day for competitors and non-competitors. *NB the sausage sizzle is included in a **series** entrant's fees.*

20.2. Visitor parking is available at Crystal Bay Street Carpark, contact Reception at the boom-gate to gain access.

20.3. For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office on:

Phone 9998 3761

Email sailing@rpayc.com.au

21. AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF RACE

21.1. This Notice of Race may be amended.

21.2. Any such amendment will be posted to the Official Notice Board and the RPAYC website, <http://www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard-racing/centreboard-program> before 10:00hrs on the day it will take effect.

21.3. Any change in the schedule of races will be made at least four days prior to the race it will affect.