



ONE DESIGN & SPORTS BOAT REGATTAS

SEASON NOTICE OF RACE

INCLUDING

Spring Regatta & Melges Classes East Coast Championship	4 & 5 November, 2017
Summer Regatta	10 & 11 February 2018
Autumn Regatta	21 & 22 April 2018
Mid-Winter 'Mick Hole 'Regatta	7 & 8 July 2018

Event Website

www.rpayc.com.au/yacht-racing/regatta-and-championships

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NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC)

2 RULES

The regattas shall be governed by:

- 2.1 The rules as defined in the current World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS):
- 2.2 Boats must comply with the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations equipment requirements for Category 7, except that lifejackets must be a minimum of Level 50 or PFD Type 2 and branded as complying with AS1512, AS4758, ISO 12402-3 or an equivalent overseas standard. In addition the following Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) specified items *should* be carried on board at all times; Navigation Lights (fixed or removable), V-sheet, Compass and appropriate chart/map of the area, 2 x red flares and 2 x orange flares, 2L water per person.
- 2.3 The rules of each One Design Class;
- 2.4 RRS 50.2 and 50.3 will be amended so that fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purposes of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.5 All competing boats shall carry a functional hand held or cockpit mounted VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication on VHF Channel 72.
- 2.6 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules.
- 2.7 Other rules that will apply to boats competing in the One Design Regatta are as follows:
- 2.7.1 The Australian Sports Boat Association rules and constitution. (www.asba.org.au)
- 2.7.2 Rule 49.1 of RRS shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25 Sports Boats if racing in compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the Sports Boat's SMS Certificate that the racing incorporates hiking devices.
- 2.7.3 The ASBA Constitution requires that boats must carry an operable motor of at least 3hp however the motor may be stowed.
- 2.7.4 ASBA Constitution section 4.1.13 shall not apply to Elliott 7s if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules.
- 2.7.5 Substitution of skippers will not be allowed unless in extreme circumstances with written approval of the race committee.
- 2.7.6 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 2.7.7 Each boat shall maintain the same number of crew for all races in the series.
- 2.7.8 Substitution of equipment (damaged, lost or otherwise) will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

3 ALTERATION TO RACING RULES:

- 3.1 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows:
Race Signals 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.
- 3.2 Penalty System refer to NoR 10.0.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor adjacent the Sailing Office of RPAYC.

5 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1 Each regatta is open to One Design classes and Sports boats (that comply with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) Rules). Eligible boat classes include (but are not limited to): Etchells, Dragons, Couta boats, Elliot 7s, Stars, 5.5ms, 11ms, J70s, Vipers and Melges 20-24s. Additional One Design Classes may be included subject to approval by the Race Committee and with more than six (6) entrants registered at the close of entries.
- 5.2 The East Coast Championship Regatta is open to all Melges 24 and 32 Class design boats.

- 5.3 All skippers and crew must be members of a Club affiliated to a MNA and be an Australian Sailing Card Holder.
- 5.4 All boats must have appropriate marine Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance for the period of the regatta, policy stating the name of the boat, in sum not less than AUD 10 million for any one event.
- 5.5 Eligible boats must enter via the TopYacht Online Entry system available at <http://www.rpayc.com.au/yacht-racing/regatta-and-championships> and pay the required fees no later than close of entries as per the schedule of events.
Boats must provide the RPAYC Sailing Office with a copy of the boat's **current AS Special Regulations Equipment Category 7 Audit Certificate**, copy of the boat's insurance policy coverage as per NoR 20 if not already held on file by the RPAYC and for SMS handicap scored entrants in accordance with ASBA constitution section 15.7, all entrants shall provide a valid SMS Measurement Certificate. Certificates can be emailed to sailing@rpayc.com.au or faxed to 02 9997 8620.
Boats requiring an AS Cat 7 audit are requested to contact the RPAYC Sailing Office by 1600 hrs **prior** to the close of entries.
- 5.6 Entry fee per regatta (including GST), is payable at the time of entering is:
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| RPAYC Member Hardstand Facility Holder | \$ Free |
| RPAYC Member Fee | \$ 130.00 / (\$180.00 late fee) |
| Non Member Fee | \$ 180.00 / (\$250.00 late fee) |
- 5.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the RPAYC Race Committee. A late fee shall apply at the close of entries as listed above.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 One Design Classes and Sports Boat Regattas

Event		Event Race Date	Time	Location
Regatta Racing dates	Spring Regatta Summer Regatta Autumn Regatta Mid Winter Regatta	4 & 5 November 2017 10 & 11 February 2018 21 & 22 April 2018 7 & 8 July 2018	Not earlier than 1100hrs	Waters of Pittwater
Close of entries	Spring Regatta Summer Regatta Autumn Regatta Mid Winter Regatta	1 November 2017 7 February 2018 18 April 2018 4 July 2018	late fee applies	Sailing Office
Welcome Event	Spring Regatta Summer Regatta Autumn Regatta Mid Winter Regatta	3 November 2017 9 February 2018 20 April 2018 6 July 2018	From 1800 hrs	Edinburgh Bar
Race Briefings	Spring Regatta Summer Regatta Autumn Regatta Mid Winter Regatta	4 November 2017 10 February 2018 21 April 2018 7 July 2018	0930 hrs 0930 hrs 0930 hrs 0930 hrs	Halyards
Presentations	Sunday		Post Racing	Halyards

6.2 Melges East Coast Championship schedule of events

Event		Date	Time	Location
Regatta dates		4 & 5 November, 2017	Not Earlier than 1000hrs	Waters of Pittwater
Close of entries		1 November, 2017	late fee applies	Sailing Office
Race Briefing	Saturday	4 November, 2017	0830 hrs	Halyards
Presentation	Sunday	5 November, 2017	Post Racing	Halyards

6.3 Subsequent races for each scheduled day of racing will commence as soon as practical after the last and may not be in the same starting order.

6.4 No warning signal shall be made for the Spring, East Coast Championship, Summer, Autumn and Mid-Winter Regattas after 1530hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

7 RACING AREA AND COURSES

7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Pittwater.

7.2 Courses will be windward/leeward and as described in the sailing instructions.

8 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

8.1 Where possible the International Class Flag for each Class shall be used or the alternative Code Flag shall be used as described in the sailing instructions.

8.2 In the event that less than five (5) entries are received by the close of entries for any class, competitors entered in that class will be required to start with another class or merged into a division and will be scored under a rating method as per NoR 11.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from RPAYC Sailing Office and on the RPAYC website.
<http://www.rpayc.com.au/yacht-racing/regatta-and-championships>

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction). Infringements in the Zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two Turn Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

11 SCORING AND HANDICAPS

11.1 Two (2) races shall constitute a series.

11.2 A maximum of six (6) races shall be held for each scheduled Regatta.

11.3 A maximum of nine (9) races shall be held for the Melges 20, 24 and 32 Classes in the East Coast Championship Regatta.

11.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (No discards shall apply).

11.5 One Design Classes may be scored on scratch placings (refer to NOR 8).

11.6 Sports Boat Measurement System (SMS) handicaps will be those supplied by the Australian Sports Boat Association.

11.7 An Event Handicap (EHC) may be used for boats not holding a current SMS rating and not meeting the rules of the ASBA.

11.8 A Performance Handicap (PHS) will be used for boats not holding a current SMS rating and not meeting the rules of the ASBA and for mixed divisions.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be presented at a post race presentation at The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

12.2 Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third in each Class or Division.

12.3 The Mick Hole Memorial Trophy will be awarded during the Mid-Winter Regatta.

12.4 Additional prizes may be awarded by individual Class Associations.

13 MEASUREMENT & COMPLIANCE

- 13.1 Full measurement is not required, but all boats must conform to the class rules of its Class Association.
- 13.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat prior to or during the regatta to establish whether or not the boat complies with the appropriate measurement restrictions.

14 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 14.1 Each boat may be required to display event advertising.
- 14.2 The event advertising will be provided by the Organising Authority.

15 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 15.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel or boats must not approach closer than 50 metres to any boat racing from the time of the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished, without the approval of the Race Committee.
- 15.2 The penalty for failing to comply with 15.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats. (Addition to RRS 60.2).

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 Boats entered in the One Design & Sports Boat Regattas may be hauled out for cleaning and storage after each scheduled race day during the regatta.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

18 MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

- 18.1 By entering this regatta, the person in charge and crew members on competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their boat in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organising Authority.
- 18.2 Competitors and crew members' names, voices, image, likenesses and biographical material shall not be used by the Organising Authority, Host Club, or any event sponsors in a way which constitutes an endorsement of sponsors' products by said competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by the sponsor to endorse said products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.
- 18.3 By participating in this regatta the person in charge and crew members shall acknowledge and accept the granting of media rights referred to in this paragraph 18.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.
- 19.2 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, and the Host Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 19.3 The Organising Authority, and its Officers, Members, Staff and Agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 All boats shall have current Marine Third Party Liability Insurance with a racing cover considered by the insurer as adequate for the risks involved. Minimum AUD\$10 million or equivalent thereof for any incident.

21 MARINA BERTHING AND HARD STAND FACILITIES

- 21.1 Berthing and hard stand facilities may be available either one day prior to and one day post the schedule regatta dates at no additional fee.
Facilities **MUST** be pre-booked by phoning Waterfront on 02 9998 3741 or waterfront@rpayc.com.au no later than the close of entries for each regatta.
- 21.2 Hardstand storage outside of this period will be subject to a \$15 per day fee.
- 21.3 Marina or Mooring storage outside of this period will be subject to casual berthing rates.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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