

Re-Scheduled RPAYC Lion Island Series 2020

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions – replaces 2019-2020 Sailing Handbook for the series

Saturday 6th, 13th 20th and 27th June 2020

Organised by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. Rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended below;
 - 1.1.1. RRS51 is amended to “a boat with movable or variable ballast (within the terms of AS SR) may move the ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
 - 1.1.2. RRS 52 Manual Power is deleted, however autohelm systems are only permitted to be used in the two-handed division.
 - 1.1.3. RRS 41 is amended by adding the following clauses:
 - (e) oral advice from coaches appointed by the RPAYC
 - (f) help from the Race Committee (RC) which may be solicited.
 - 1.1.4. RRS62.1 is amended so that failure to receive VHF communication from the RC shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.2. Prescriptions of Australian Sailing;
- 1.3. Appendix T of the RRS (Arbitration);
- 1.4. ORC Rating System Rules 2019, if applicable;
- 1.5. Australian Sailing Special Regulations (AS SR) Category 7 plus RPAYC special equipment requirements.
- 1.6. The RPAYC Lion Island Series races are non-spinnaker races;
 - 1.6.1. Boats shall use only a mainsail and one headsail (as defined by RRS50.4) at a time. The headsail shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay.
- 1.7. VHF Radio – All boats are required to carry a VHF radio. The VHF Radio shall be switched on and tuned to VHF Channel 77. All boats, where capable, should maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 at all times. Not protestable by a boat. Changes RRS60.1.

2. REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENT TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- 2.1. Club activities, including racing can resume as long as the Public Health Order is complied with;
- 2.2. It is recommended that crew limits are adhered to; however, no boat shall carry more than 10 persons on board at any time;
- 2.3. Practise good hand hygiene before and after sailing;
- 2.4. Avoid physical contact;
- 2.5. Changerooms, canteens and kitchens will remain closed – arrive dressed and ready to sail, meet at the boat;
- 2.6. Stay home if you are unwell;
- 2.7. Don't share drinks or towels;
- 2.8. Sharing of equipment should be avoided and if necessary, it should be kept to a minimum;
- 2.9. Shared equipment, if any, should be regularly wiped down and sanitised, as practicable after use;
- 2.10. Keep a distance of 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable; and
- 2.11. All competitors shall follow the one person per 4 square metres rule ashore to ensure sufficient physical distancing between people;
- 2.12. The RPAYC encourages all competitors to use the COVIDSafe App whilst at the club.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1. The minimum waterline length (LWL) of a boat shall be 5.5m.

3.2. Crew limitations

3.2.1. The minimum number of crew on a boat shall be 2

3.2.2. The maximum recommended number of crew shall be:

LOA/Boat Type	Max Recommended Crew
More than - 12.00m (39ft)	8
10.00-11.99m	6
8.00-9.99m	5
11m OD Class	4
Less than - 8.00m	3
Etchells/Int5.5m/Elliott7/Sports Boats	2

3.3. Crew Lists

3.3.1. A complete and accurate crew list shall be submitted through the online entry system TopYacht.

3.3.2. An SMS will be sent, before each race, to the primary contact for the boat. The SMS will contain a link that will prompt you to update your crew list. Alternatively, crew lists can be updated and maintained through your TopYacht entry.

3.3.3. The crew list shall contain the following information for each crew:

Full Name

RPAYC Member No.

AS No.

Telephone No.

Email address

Person to contact in the event of an emergency (Name and Telephone Number)

3.3.4. Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race shall result in a score of DSQ without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

3.4. Entry

3.4.1. Entry fees

3.4.1.1. Full Member (must be financial) – free

3.4.1.2. Non-Member - \$200 Series / \$75 per race

3.4.2. A boat shall enter via the online electronic entry system, TopYacht, at www.rpayc.com.au

3.4.3. Entry documentation must be received at least 24hours prior to the start of the race, except crew lists, which may be completed or updated prior to the scheduled start of each race.

3.4.4. A boats entry is not accepted until the required documentation is complete and has been approved by the Sailing Office.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1. At times of heightened risk and when Code Flag Y is displayed from the Committee Vessel or main club flagstaff, lifejackets shall be worn by all crew members
- 4.2. Boats shall comply with AS SR Part 1, section 2 Category 7
- 4.3. In addition to AS SR Category 7, boats shall comply with the following RPAYC additional Special Regulations requirements and the RMS regulations for vessels operating in "Open Waters":
 - 4.3.1. Navigation Lights (fixed or removable);
 - 4.3.2. VHF transceiver (fixed or waterproof handheld);
 - 4.3.3. V-Sheet;
 - 4.3.4. Magnetic Compass;
 - 4.3.5. Flares: 2 x Orange, 2 x Red;
 - 4.3.6. Water; minimum 2L per person;
 - 4.3.7. Lifejackets; AS4758-2015 (min level – 100) or AS1512-1996 (Type 1) or equivalent; minimum one per person onboard;
 - 4.3.8. Sound Signal e.g. Foghorn;
 - 4.3.9. Thermal Blanket;
 - 4.3.10. Emergency Contact Sticker for Pittwater
 - 4.3.11. Chart of the Sailing Area (Pittwater and Broken Bay).
- 4.4. For AS SR compliance; the number of people onboard shall not exceed the maximum number specified on the boat's approved audit form.
- 4.5. Where a change of boat ownership occurs; any existing AS SR compliance audit form approved prior to the change of ownership is void. The new owner shall arrange for a re-audit prior to competing in the series.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the website: www.rpayc.com.au and a text message may be sent to all entrants to notify them of a new notice.
- 5.2. Notifications not received shall not be subject to protests or constitute grounds for redress. Changes RRS60.2 & 62.

6. SIGNALS

- 6.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole located on the Sundial lawn in front of the RPAYC Clubhouse.

7. AMENDMENTS

- 7.1. Amendments to the NoR & SI made ashore shall be posted on the website: www.rpayc.com.au before 0930hrs on the day they shall take effect, except amendments to the schedule shall be posted by 1700hrs on the day before they take effect.
- 7.2. Amendments to the NoR & SI made on-water, for that race shall be communicated on VHF Ch. 77. The Race Committee Vessel shall display flag "3rd Sub" to indicate an amendment has been made.

8. DIVISIONS

- 8.1. The Race Committee shall allocate all eligible boats to a Division as it considers appropriate. A list of entries including their allocated divisions will be published online prior to the first race in the series.
- 8.2. Two-handed Division
 - 8.2.1. There will be a separate Two-handed division provided there are at least 5 entries.
 - 8.2.2. Boats racing two-handed are permitted to use autohelm systems.

8.3. A boat shall sail in the division allocated by the Race Committee.

9. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 9.1. Performance Handicap System (PHS). A handicap shall be allocated to all boats entered into the series. The PHS shall be arbitrary where the Time Correction Factor (TCF) for the boat is determined by the Race Committee. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute ground for redress. Changes RRS60.1 & 62.
- 9.2. The appropriate Time on Time ORCi or ORC Club Rating shall be used for boats with a valid 2019 ORCi or ORC Club certificate.
- 9.2.1. Rating shall be applied for the date submitted to the sailing office and shall not be back dated.
- 9.2.2. The Race Committee or Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat.

10. CHANGE OF HELM & ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 10.1. Any change to the Helmsperson shall be notified in writing to the Sailing Office at least 24hrs before the race affected along with all updated eligibility documents that may be required.
- 10.2. Any modifications to a boat's hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or any other alterations to the boat shall be notified in writing along with an updated / amended rating certificate to the Sailing Office at least 24hrs before the race affected.

11. SCHEDULE OF RACES

11.1.

Date	Race	Series
Saturday 6 th June 2020	1	Lion Island Series
Saturday 13 th June 2020	2	Lion Island Series
Saturday 20 th June 2020	3	Lion Island Series
Saturday 27 th June 2020	4	Lion Island Series

12. RACING PENNANT & DIVISION PENNANT & SIGNAL FLAG

- 12.1. RPAYC members shall prominently display the Club Racing Pennant. Visiting boats shall display their club's burgee.
- 12.2. Boats shall also display their division pennant as allocated by the Race Committee.
- 12.3.

Division	Colour Pennant	Signal Flag
1	Blue	Numeral Pennant 1
2	Green	Numeral Pennant 2
3	Pink	Numeral Pennant 3
4	Yellow	Numeral Pennant 4

13. INTENTION THE RACE

- 13.1. Notification of your intention to race shall be done by your submission of a crew list for the race.

14. PROHIBITED WATERS (WHICH RANK AS AN OBSTRUCTION)

- 14.1. Boats shall not sail within the water bounded by the registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline.
- 14.2. Navigational marks shall be passed on their designated side.
- 14.3. In accordance with RMS regulations, boats shall keep at 30m from any mooring or structure in Pittwater and a minimum of 200m from all islands, headlands and charted hazards when in open waters. This is not protestable by a boat. Changes RRS60.1.
- 14.4. After starting, boats shall not cross a RPAYC starting line;
- 14.5. Unless finishing or rounding a mark of the course that has become a finishing line for another division, boats shall not cross a RPAYC finishing line.

15. STARTING TIMES

15.1.

Division	Scheduled Start Time
1	1200hrs
2	1205hrs
3	1210hrs
4	1215hrs

16. THE START

- 16.1. The starting line shall be between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of an orange inflatable mark on the other end of the line.
- 16.2. Late at the Start
 - 16.2.1. A boat that has not otherwise arrived at the starting area before her Preparatory Signal may use her engine or be towed to the starting area. The boat shall, before starting, stop her engine or drop the tow and complete a 720 (2 turns in the same direction) before starting. Changes RRS42.
 - 16.2.2. Boats starting more than 10 minutes after their start shall be scored DNS.
- 16.3. Laid Windward Mark
 - 16.3.1. If flag “V” is displayed on the Race Committee Vessel with a course number, the first mark of the course shall be a laid inflatable mark approximately to windward of the starting line. Boats shall round this mark to Port if a “red” flag is also displayed and to Starboard if a “green” flag is displayed with flag “V”.
 - 16.3.2. When an inflatable windward mark is laid, second mark of the course shall be the first mark as described in the course list.

17. THE FINISH

- 17.1. The finishing line shall be between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of an inflatable mark nearby.

18. THE COURSE

- 18.1. The courses to be sailed may be selected from the list of contained on the RPAYC Course sheet and the numbers displayed on the Race Committee Vessel prior to the First Warning Signal.
- 18.2. All marks are to be rounded to starboard unless indicated (P), denoting a port rounding.

- 18.3. If Course 0 (zero) is displayed from the Race Committee Vessel, the course to be sailed will be broadcast over the VHF Radio. Requests for a repeat of the course shall not constitute a breach of RRS42.

19. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 19.1. RRS32.2 is amended by adding:

(d) on a leg of the course, between the Race Committee Vessel displaying flag "S" and an inflatable mark nearby.

20. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 20.1. RRS41.1 is amended in that the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 within the zone as described by RRS shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.
- 20.2. The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS64.1.

21. TIME LIMIT

- 21.1. The Time limit shall be 3.5hours from the starting time of each division or official Sydney sunset (AEST), whichever is the earlier.
- 21.2. A boat still racing when the time limit expires shall be scored one (1) more place than the number of boats finishing with in the time limit. Such boats shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). Changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

22. SCORING

- 22.1. 1 race shall constitute the series.
- 22.2. There shall be no discards.

23. ARBITRATION

- 23.1. Should all parties agree, an arbitration hearing as per RRS Appendix T may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS61 that allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4.

24. PROTESTS

- 24.1. The Protest Time Limit shall be 1 hour after the protesting boats finishing time.
- 24.2. Protests may be heard via video conference due to Social Distancing requirements.
- 24.3. To satisfy the requirements of RRS63.2 notification of the time and platform (Zoom/Skype/Microsoft Team etc) shall be by email and/or text message. Failure to receive such communication shall not be grounds for redress.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 25.2. Prizes may be awarded for each race; winners will be contacted and be able to arrange collection of any prizes they may have won.
- 25.3. Perpetual Trophies may be awarded at the Annual Presentation – the date is currently TBA.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officers, employees, volunteers, members and sponsors will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

- 26.2. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 26.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4.0 'Decision to Race'.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1. All boats shall have a current Marine Legal Public Liability Insurance Policy for the duration of the series, with a sum insured of not less than AUS\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).

28. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 28.1. Each entrant in to this series consents to the Organising Authority distributing information to the entrant and crew regarding, racing, marketing and associated event information including social events. This information may be distributed by email, web, mail, fax, mobile phone messaging and telephone.
- 28.2. Conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and crew;
- 28.3. Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the series and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,
- 28.4. Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the Regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance and strategy of boats entered or participating in the series, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its Officers and Employees, the Race Committee, Measurers or Current Sponsors of the Championship or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.