



# International 5.5m World Championship Practice and Australian Gold Cup Selection Regatta NOTICE OF RACE

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Event Website

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### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).  
2.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing.  
2.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulations equipment requirements for Category 7, except that lifejackets must be a minimum of Level 50 and branded as complying with AS4758 or an equivalent overseas standard. In addition, the following Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) specified items *shall* 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.  
2.4. International 5.5m Class Rules. Competitors shall be paid up members of the Australian 5.5m Class Association and all sails used must have a 5.5m registration sticker.

### 3. EVENT ADVERTISING

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

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1. Skippers and crew must be members of a club affiliated to their MNA.
- 5.2. The helmsman and at least one other member of the crew shall be nationals or residents of Australia to be eligible for selection for the Scandinavian Gold Cup.
- 5.3. Eligible boats must enter via the TopYacht Online Entry system available at <http://www.rpayc.com.au> and pay the required fees no later than close of entries as per the schedule of events.
- 5.4. 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 if not already held on file by the RPAYC and a valid SMS Measurement Certificate where applicable. Certificates can be emailed to [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au)
- 5.5. 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. Regatta entry fee (including GST), payable at the time of entering is: \$250.00.
- 5.7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the RPAYC Race Committee. A late fee of \$350.00, shall apply after the close of entries as listed above.

### 6. CREW AND EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION

- 6.1. Changes of crew may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and only with prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 6.2. Substitution of equipment (damaged, lost or otherwise) may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and only with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event	Event Date	Time	Location
Entry Opens	Entry is open		Sailing Office
Entry Closes / Late fee Applies	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 19	1700hrs	Sailing Office
RPAYC Happy Hour	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	1800-1930hrs	Edinburgh Bar, RPAYC
Race Briefing	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	0900hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
First Warning Signal	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	1155hrs	Palm Beach Circle
Daily Prizegiving	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	ASAP after racing	Halyards, RPAYC
First Warning Signal	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	1155hrs	Palm Beach Circle
Gold Cup Selection – see NoR 13			
Prize Giving	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	ASAP after Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

- 7.1. Up to 4 races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 7.2. There will be no warning signal after 1500hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

### 8. MEASUREMENT & COMPLIANCE

- 8.1. Full measurement is not required, but all boats shall conform to the class rules.
- 8.2. The Class Association or its representative 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.

### 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from RPAYC Sailing Office and on the RPAYC website by the Closing Date.

### 10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1. Racing will be conducted offshore in Palm Beach Circle or the waters of Pittwater.

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

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty. Infringements in the Zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

## **12. SCORING AND HANDICAPS**

12.1. Two (2) races shall constitute a series.

12.2. A maximum of four (4) races shall be held for each scheduled Regatta.

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

12.4. Boats competing in the RPAYC Saturday Sprint Series: A boat's race scores from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December shall be included in her Sprint Series Scores.

## **13. GOLD CUP SELECTION** (as per The Scandinavian Gold Cup Rules)

13.1. After 3 races, a boat which has not won a race shall no longer compete.

13.1.1. Boats no longer eligible to be selected for the Scandinavian Gold Cup shall race the 4<sup>th</sup> race together with a scheduled start 5 minutes after the start of the final Gold Cup Selection Race, to be confirmed by the Race Officer.

13.2. The first boat to win 3 races shall be selected as the Australian Representative at the Scandinavian Gold Cup.

13.2.1. If after 3 races a boat has been selected as the Australian representative for the Scandinavian Gold Cup then the 4<sup>th</sup> race shall be a fleet for all boats, to be confirmed by the Race Officer.

13.3. If at race 4 no boat has won 3 races, the boats that remain eligible shall race separately and the winner shall be the boat that either wins the final race or is the first to win 3 races and shall be selected as the Australian representative at the Scandinavian Gold Cup.

## **14. SUPPORT VESSELS**

14.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall get within 50m of any boat racing from the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished, without the approval of the Race Committee.

14.2. The penalty for failing to comply with 13.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats. (Addition to RRS 60.2).

## **15. MARINA BERTHING AND HARD STAND FACILITIES**

15.1. 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.

15.2. Facilities must be pre-booked by phoning Waterfront on 02 9998 3741 or [waterfront@rpayc.com.au](mailto:waterfront@rpayc.com.au) no later than the close of entries.

15.3. Hardstand storage outside of this period will be subject to a \$15 per day fee.

15.4. Marina or Mooring storage outside of this period will be subject to casual berthing rates.

## **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

16.1. All boats shall be afloat from 1000hrs on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and in accordance to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **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. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

18.1. 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.

## **19. PRIZES**

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

19.2. 1<sup>st</sup> Australian boat in the regatta may be selected to represent Australia at the Int 5.5m Gold Cup in January 2020.

- 19.3. Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third.
- 19.4. Additional prizes may be awarded by the Class Association.

## **20. MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER**

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. 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.
- 20.3. 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 20.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 21.1. 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"*.
- 21.2. 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.
- 21.3. 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.

## **22. INSURANCE**

- 22.1. 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.

## **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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