



Whisper Mug

Invitation to Compete & Notice of Race Sunday 19 December 2021



You are invited to enter the *49th Whisper Mug* an enjoyable social race from McCarr's Creek to Dangar Island/Juno Point and return followed by festivities and a prize giving in Halyards.

The Whisper Mug has been a tradition in Pittwater since 1972 when the first race was organised by Sue and Neville Fielding in their yacht *Whisper*. Since then the race has prospered with a growing fleet and a reputation for a highly enjoyable day out on the water followed by a social party atmosphere afterwards. The prevailing breeze at this time of year is excellent and expect a moderate North Easterly likely to get everyone around the course nice and quickly; the race has only ever been shortened twice in its 49 year history!

The Whisper Mug is a fun race navigating Scotland Island, Pittwater and Dangar Island so lots of opportunity to set a spinnaker (they are permitted) and enjoy the scenery.

ELIGIBILITY

Monohulls and Multihulls are required to have either a current AS Category 7 Safety Audit or equivalent Inshore Cruising Audit.

DIVISIONS

The fleet may be allocated into 2 divisions. Boats may opt to sail spinnaker or non-spinnaker when they enter.

- Division 1
- Division 2

ENTRY FEES

Free for club Full Members

START & FINISH

The start may be at the mouth of McCarr's Creek by Scotland Island as follows:

- Division 1 – 1100hrs
- Division 2 – 1105hrs

The finish may be in the vicinity of Bayview.

COURSE

To be announced by the Warning Signal.

There are a number of perpetual trophies to compete for:

The Zebulon Plate
The Whisper Mug
The Josie Trophy
The Starter's Cup

Line Honours
1st on handicap
2nd on handicap
3rd on handicap

ENTRY

To enter the race please submit your entry online at <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/regattas-championships/> (Select Whisper Mug) by **close of entries Saturday 18th December** to give sufficient time to issue handicaps.

Enjoy Halyards Bistro and the presentation back at the club as soon as possible after racing.



ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES

- 1.1 **The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club**
- 1.2 The racing is governed by:
 - 1.2.1 Rules as defined by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - 1.2.2 Prescriptions of Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (Category 7) or equivalent cruising Inshore Audit.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the main flag mast on the sun dial lawn.
- 2.2 The Official Notice Board is adjacent to reception.
- 2.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions ashore will be posted two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal. Changes made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag "3rd Substitute" displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.
- 2.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".
- 2.5 The Race Committee intends to broadcast race information on VHF 77 before and during the race.

3. SCHEDULE, DIVISIONS AND START TIMES

Division	Division Code Flag	Scheduled Start Times
1	Numeral Pennant One	1100
2	Numeral Pennant Two	1105

4. THE START

- 4.1 The starting area will be at the mouth of McCarr's creek at Church Point.
- 4.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange inflatable mark at the other end of the line.

5. COURSES

- 5.1 Course A: Start – Dangar Island (S) and Finish.
Course B: Start – Juno; yellow yacht racing mark (P) and Finish.
Course C: Start – Lion Island (P), Patonga; an orange inflatable mark (P) and Finish
Course D: Start – Lion Island (P) and Finish

6. SHORTENED COURSE

- 6.1 RRS 32.2 is amended by adding:
(d) on a leg of the course, between a race committee vessel displaying code flag "S" and a nearby inflatable mark.

7. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 While racing, boats shall not sail within the area of water between the registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline. This includes Police or NSW Maritime moorings. These areas rank as obstructions.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finish line may be in the vicinity of Bayview.
- 8.2 The finish line shall be between a staff on the Race Committee Signal boat displaying a blue flag and an orange inflatable mark.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit shall be 1600hrs.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 The perpetual trophies awarded:
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| The Zebulon Plate | Line Honours |
| The Whisper Mug | 1 st on PHS Handicap |
| The Josie Trophy | 2 nd on PHS Handicap |
| The Starter's Cup | 3 rd on PHS Handicap |
- 10.2 Additional prizes may be awarded for each division.

11. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION

- 11.1 Submission of Protests:
Protests in accordance with RRS 61 will be delivered to the RPAYC Sailing Office within 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat.
- 11.2 Hearing of Protests: Protests may be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible and notified at the time of lodgment of the protest in the Boardroom on RPAYC.
- 11.3 Reopening a Hearing: RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."
- 11.4 Submission of Arbitration: Should all parties agree an arbitration hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 that allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4. Such hearings shall be held as soon as possible and subsequent to a protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
- 11.5 The arbitrator shall decide the time and place of arbitration and such advice may be given orally. One representative of each boat shall attend the hearing and no witnesses shall attend. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing, the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- i) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - ii) The protest shall proceed to a hearing. (This may be because RRS other than Part 2 or Part 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator)
 - iii) There was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - iv) There has been an infringement by one or more boats involved and, if all parties to the protest agree, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to the finishing place midway between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification. If so accepted, the protestor must withdraw the protest. (Half points will be disregarded and the points of other boats will not be adjusted).
- 11.6 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusions of an arbitrator will be subject to appeal or be grounds for requests for redress.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"***.
- 12.2 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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.

13. INSURANCE

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.