



ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED
YACHT CLUB



2025 Pittwater Off-the-Beach Regatta

8th & 9th March 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC), in conjunction with Avalon Sailing Club (ASC) and Bayview Yacht Racing Association (BYRA)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than Disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing Prescriptions (AS).
- 1.2 The Class Rules of each Class will apply.
- 1.3 All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats.

2. ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES OF SAILING

- 2.1 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 2.2 [NP] Rule 63.7 is amended so that on the last race day of the Regatta, a request to re-open a hearing shall be made within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of being informed of the decision, whichever is the latest.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available: Thursday 6th March 2025 on the event website:
<https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>

4. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The Official Notice Board is online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>.
- 4.2 SMS and email communications may be sent to competitors via the Race Management System (*SailSys*).
- 4.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4.4 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.4(b)(1) and 61.4).

5. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all Centreboard off-the-beach Class boats.
- 5.2 The minimum number of boats for a one design Class Division will be five (5) boats. This will be determined by the close of entries 1700hrs 3rd March 2025.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class (NoR 5.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 5.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 5.5 Eligible boats shall enter by completing an online entry and paying the entry fee (see NoR 5.6), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



5.6 Entry fees (incl. GST) are as follows:

Regatta	Youth (under 23years)	Adult
Regatta Entry Fee	\$25	\$50
Additional Late entry fee (after 1700hrs 3 rd March 2025)	\$10	\$25

6. CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

6.1 There will be no refunds.

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'Sail Pass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 A complete and accurate crew list, for each race, shall be submitted through the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race may result in a boat's score of DSQ without a hearing. Changes RRS60.5(b) & A5.

8. ADVERTISING

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

9. REGATTA SCHEDULE

9.1 Dates of racing:

Schedule	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 8 March 2025	1130hrs	Race Management Briefing	Whats App
	1255hrs	First Warning Signal	Pittwater (see SI)
	After Racing	Social	Avalon Sailing Club
Sunday 9 March 2025	1255hrs	First Warning Signal	Pittwater (see SI)
	After Racing	Presentations	Royal Prince Alfred YC

- 9.2 A maximum of **six (6)** races shall be scheduled for each class/division of the regatta.
- 9.3 A maximum of **four (4)** races may be sailed each day.
- 9.4 On each scheduled day of the regatta, the first warning signal is scheduled for **1255hrs**.
- 9.5 On the last scheduled round of racing, no warning signal shall be made after **1530hrs**.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing 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.

11. RACE AREA

- 11.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR Addendum 1 displays the location of the racing areas.

12. COURSES

12.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SCORING

13.1 RRS A5.3 shall apply.

13.2 **Two (2)** races shall constitute a series.

13.3 A boat's Regatta score shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) When fewer than **six (6)** races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When **six (6)** races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

14. DATA PROTECTION

14.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 Competitors participate in a Regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, 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 Regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$5 million per incident or the equivalent.
- 16.2 All competitors who enter the Regatta or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Regatta prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport. Please do not park trailers in the lower, middle or upper-level car parks.

18.2 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

Addendum 1 – Racing Area

