



# 51<sup>st</sup> Whisper Mug

## INVITATION TO COMPETE & NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Organised by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

You are invited to enter the *51<sup>st</sup> Whisper Mug* an enjoyable social race to Dangar Island 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 three times in its 50-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.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 1.2. The AS Special Regulations Equipment requirements of Cat 7 or equivalent Cruising Audit.

### 2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Eligible boats shall enter via the RPAYC online entry system:  
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/entry?tab=entry>
- 2.2. A crew list containing the details of skipper and crew along with each of their person to contact in the event of an emergency; submitted through the online entry system.
- 2.3. Boats shall submit a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Form of at least Category 7 or equivalent cruising audit.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. The Race is free for RPAYC members.



**4. COMMUNICATION & SIGNALS**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made from the club flagpole located in front of the clubhouse on the Sundial Lawn.
- 4.2. The Race Committee may make broadcasts of race information on VHF Ch.77 before and during the race.

**5. SCHEDULE**

Event	Location	Time/Date
Entry Opens	RPAYC Online Entry	0900hrs / 1 Nov 2023
Entry Closes	RPAYC Online Entry	1700hrs / 15 Dec 2023
First Warning Signal	Salt Pan Cove	1055hrs / 16 Dec 2023
Presentations	RPAYC, Halyards Bar	ASAP after Racing

**6. DIVISIONS, FLAGS & SCHEDULED STARTING TIMES**

Division	Flag	Starting Time
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2	1100hrs
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1	1120hrs

**7. RACE AREA**

- 7.1. The racing area is Pittwater, Broken Bay and Dangar Island

**8. COURSE**

- 8.1. Start (vicinity Salt Pan Cove) – Lion Island (P) – Dangar Island – Scotland Island (P) – Finish (vicinity Bayview). Distance Approx. 21nm

**9. SCORING**

- 9.1. Boats will be allocated a PHS Handicap. The handicap shall not be subject to protest or redress. Changes RRS 61.
- 9.2. Boats will be ranked in the order of corrected time, lowest first and so on, once the PHS handicap is applied to the boats elapsed time.
- 9.3. Boats with a valid ORCi or ORCc rating shall also be scored under ORC using the All Purpose ToT number.

**10. TROPHIES**

- 10.1. The Zebulon Plate – Line Honours
- 10.2. The Whisper Mug – First Boat on Handicap (PHS) in each division.



10.3. The Josie Trophy – Second on Handicap (PHS) in each division.

10.4. The Starters Cup – Third on Handicap (PHS) in each division.

## **11. RISK STATEMENT**

11.1. 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 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. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

## **12. INSURANCE**

12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

### 12.2. FURTHER INFORMATION

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