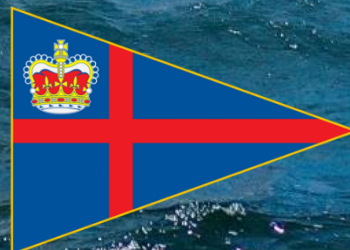


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**HARKEN International
Youth Match Racing
Championship**

4 – 8 DECEMBER 2023



**ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED
YACHT CLUB**

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Welcome!

Welcome to the HARKEN International Youth Match Racing Championship! Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is pleased to welcome local and international youth match racing teams to Pittwater for this annual regatta, that is a highlight on the club's calendar.



This year's 'HARKEN' is scheduled from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December 2023, and is recognised by World Sailing as a Grade 3 Youth Match Racing event. Consisting of four days of Match racing, Youth teams (under 23) will compete for the *Rockin' Robin Perpetual Trophy*, racing on the RPAYC's Elliott 7 performance keelboats, with a crew of four or five. 10 teams are invited to compete.

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is pleased to welcome the continuing support of HARKEN Australia as its naming rights sponsor. HARKEN Australia has proudly supported RPAYC and this event for over 26 years, making this partnership one of the most recognisable in youth sailing sponsorships in Australia.

Regatta Schedule

Subject to change. Refer to the Sailing Instructions & Official Noticeboard.

Monday 4th December	09:00 – 16:00	Regatta office open for crew registration & weigh-in
	10:00 – 13:00	Practice session 1
	13:00 – 16:00	Practice session 2
	18:00 – 19:30	Welcome function (including dinner)
Tuesday 5th December	08:00 – 08:30	Club open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
	08:30 – 08:45	Competitor briefing
	10:00 – 17:00	Racing
Wednesday 6th December	08:00 – 08:30	Club open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
	08:30 – 08:45	Competitor briefing
	10:00 – 17:00	Racing
Thursday 7th December	08:00 – 08:30	Club open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
	08:30 – 08:45	Competitor briefing
	10:00 – 17:00	Racing
Friday 8th December	08:00 – 08:30	Club open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
	08:30 – 08:45	Competitor briefing
	10:00 – 17:00	Racing
	18:00 – 19:00	Regatta presentation (including dinner)



About Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is situated on Green Point on the pristine body of water called Pittwater, on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

"The Alfred's", as it's known by members and locals, has a long and colourful history and is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious yacht clubs. The Club is currently home to the Admiral's Cup, one of yachting's most sought after trophies.

The Club offers members and their guests one of the finest facilities in Australia; with state-of-the-art floating marina, a modern boat yard with 50 tonne travel lift, two hard stand areas, on-site marine services, tender service, gymnasium, multi-level secure parking, dining restaurant, casual waterfront bistro and function facilities.

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club takes pride in its past achievements and dedication to its future success. The Alfred's has an ongoing commitment to providing the best facilities and conditions for its members and their guests and, a warm and friendly welcome to local and international sailors.

The Club provides inshore and offshore racing, cruising events, centreboard racing, social activities, a successful sailing academy for youth development, year round sail training programs, a school sailing program, and looks forward to its premier offshore racing events, the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race and the Sydney to Auckland Ocean Race.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Club.

HARKEN Australia

HARKEN is the leading manufacturer of sailboat hardware & accessories for over 50 years.



HARKEN Australia has a long history of supporting Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club for over 26 years! Their generosity includes providing hardware and equipment support for the club's fleet of Elliott 7 keelboats, sponsorship of the HARKEN International Youth Match Racing Championship, and equipment for our Youth Development sailors.

ABOUT THE REGATTA

Established in 1992, the Harken International Youth Match Racing Championship has grown into a world-renowned international youth event. The original aim of the event was to provide Club members under the age of twenty the opportunity to experience an international competition against some of the best youth skippers from around the world including the United States, Japan, New Zealand, Italy, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The event was first sailed in the *Yngling* class before the club purchased a fleet of six *Elliott 5.9's* in 1994. The introduction of the *Elliott 5.9's* received unreserved praise from the skippers and crews and it became obvious that the International Youth Match Racing Championships would be recognised as the one of the premier events on the World Youth Match Racing circuit. In the interest of being at the forefront of youth sailing and the match racing discipline, the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club introduced a new fleet of purpose built Youth Match Racing boats, the '*Elliott 7*' performance keelboats.



The event has proven to be a fine training ground for outstanding young sailors who have gone on to sail in the America's Cup, World Match Racing Tour, Volvo Ocean Race, World Championships and Olympics.

It goes without saying the climate, the pristine waterways, the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Clubs vision to be at the forefront of Youth Development and the match racing discipline, attracts many of the most talented youth crews from around the world. The popularity of the event is reflected in the demand for places in the team line-ups and in the ever broadening geographic spread of competing nations.

ROCKIN' ROBIN TROPHY



Robyn Wiltshire presented the Club with a perpetual trophy named the 'Rockin'-Robin Trophy', in memory of her husband Grant and son Robert, Andrew Young & Jeff Smith, all Club members who tragically lost their lives at sea aboard the yacht 'Rockin' Robin' whilst on passage to Fiji in 1990. Many Club members provided financial assistance and volunteered their time to help with the Search & Rescue, after the group was spotted next to their partially submerged yacht approximately 200 nautical miles off the Australian Coast. Even after an extensive Search & Rescue lasting more than one month, the sailors or the vessel were never sighted again.

Contact Information

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OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS & ADDRESSES

Emergency: Police, Ambulance Fire Service

Phone: 000

RPAYC Security

Phone: 0411 072 362 (*After hours emergency only*)

Mona Vale Hospital

For minor injuries & illnesses

Address: Coronation Street, Mona Vale NSW
Phone: (02) 9998 6300

Northern Beaches Hospital

Address: 105 Frenchs Forest Road West, Frenchs Forest NSW
Phone: (02) 9105 5000

Facilities Information

HALYARDS BAR & BISTRO

Halyards Bistro and Bar has spectacular views of Pittwater and is open 7 days a week. Serving fresh barista coffee and a selection of beverages and milkshakes. Open for breakfast every weekend, lunch daily and for dinner on selected nights throughout the week.

Please note, there will be a limited selection of roll s& toasted sandwiches for lunch on Monday (Practice day). The full Bistro menu is available from Wednesday.

TOILETS, CHANGEROOMS & LAUNDRY

RPAYC has large changeroom, shower, and laundry facilities located in the main clubhouse building. Members and guests can store bags and personal belongings in the secure lockers by requesting a key from reception. Toilets, showers and changeroom facilities can also be accessed externally out of hours for people staying on a boat on the marina.

CHANDLERY & MARINE STORES

RiggTech Bosun's Locker is a chandlery onsite at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. *RiggTech Bosun's Locker* is located adjacent to the entrance to the lower carpark, and stocks a large variety of equipment and sailing gear (clothing, lifejackets, accessories etc.) that you may need.

There are also other marine clothing and supply stores in the area, such as Road Tech Marine (Narrabeen) and Whitworths Marine & Leisure (Mona Vale).

PARKING

Parking is available for visiting teams, coaches and officials on the roof-top carpark. The entrance to this carpark is located immediately to the right upon entrance to the club grounds.

Overflow parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport. There is a walkway through the yacht hardstand storage area and a footpath to the main club building (3 minute walk).

Please be respectful of our neighbours if you are parking on the street and/or if you are arriving or departing after hours.





Regatta & Club Information

TEAM REGISTRATION & WEIGH-IN

The regatta office will be open from 09:00 hrs on Monday 4th December. Teams must complete all registration requirements and weigh-in before allocated practice session periods. The regatta office will be open from 08:00 hrs on all other racing days (Tue to Fri).

PRACTICE SESSIONS

Each competing team will be allocated a single practice session by the Organising Authority.

- Practice Session 1 10:00 – 13:00 hrs
- Practice Session 2 13:00 – 16:00 hrs

RIB's and training marks will be available for coaches to use on the practice day; however these resources are to be shared amongst all teams. Vessel drivers must wear a lifejacket and a kill cord.

WELCOME FUNCTION

All teams will be required to attend the Welcome Function, to be held in in the main club house. Teams will have the opportunity to meet fellow competing teams, race officials, umpires and Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club flag officers and members. Families who are billeting teams are also invited to attend and join in the festivities!

We request teams to wear uniform representing the club or country they are representing and be prepared to introduce their team!

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is provided to teams and officials on racing days (Tuesday to Friday) from 0800 hrs in the Halyards Bistro. A selection of breakfast cereals, tea and coffee will be provided, as well as a hot breakfast item. Barista coffee can be purchased from Halyards Bistro.

LUNCHES

Lunch packs will be provided teams and officials on racing days (Tuesday to Friday). Lunch packs will include a sandwich roll, fruit and muesli bars.

Teams are responsible for collecting their lunch pack from Halyards Bistro in the morning. At the conclusion of each day, teams are responsible for cleaning out and returning their lunch bag to the Bistro area.

DINNER

Dinners will be provided on the following nights of the regatta:

- Monday evening at the Welcome Function (from 18:00 hrs).
- Friday evening, at the presentation, following racing.

The Alfred's Halyards Bar & Bistro will be open on Thursday evening, following the club's Twilight Yacht Racing.

PRIZE GIVING

The regatta presentation will be held on Friday 8th December, following racing. The regatta presentation may be held before or after dinner depending on when racing concludes.



Racing Information

REGATTA DOCUMENTS & NOTICES

All Notices to competitors and Race Documents will be available on the Regatta Webpage. Notices and amendments will also be posted on the Official Notice Board, located at Reception.

<https://rpayc.com.au/harken-international-youth-match-racing-championship/>

Competitors will receive a copy of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as part of the welcome pack. Match Racing pairing lists will be handed out to competitors following the briefing on the first day of racing.

RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted in Pittwater, either directly to the north-east or south-east of Scotland Island. The racing area is located approximately 1 to 2 nautical miles from the Yacht Club.

Surrounded by National Parks, Pittwater is a stunning body of water that presents ideal sailing conditions for match racing, with flat water and very little tide effect. Pittwater is renowned for being a location that can offer a steady north-easterly breeze throughout summer, but also light and shifty winds making racing a challenge for teams.



Elliott 7 Yachts

The *Elliott 7* is an exciting class of boat, well-suited for match racing. Crewed by 4 or 5 people, the *Elliott 7*'s are fast, light and manoeuvrable. RPAYC has eight *Elliott 7* yachts, berthed on marina arm 'D'.

Refer to the Sailing Instructions for the list of Prohibited and Permitted Items and Actions.

- Lifejackets must be worn by all crew at all times while onboard (competitors to provide their own)
- Consumption of alcohol onboard is prohibited
- Skippers are liable for damages up to \$1000 (incl. GST) for each incident that may occur

RIGGING & LEAVING THE MARINA

The yachts will be available to rig following the daily briefing and boat draw. Teams are not permitted to depart the marina until the Organising Authority releases the boats. This will be a verbal instruction from an OA representative.

- Sails are numbered to the corresponding yacht. Ensure these are correct before rigging
- Sail bags must remain onboard the yacht (not left on the dock). The HARKEN sponsor flags on the forestay must also be kept onboard.
- Mainsails are only to be hoisted when the yacht is head to wind. The lock will 'click' into place as you 'squeeze' the halyard tight.
- Leave the marina under headsail, or request a tow, if you cannot hoist the mainsail in the marina. The OA may issue an instruction for yachts to be towed out of the marina to the race course.
- The bow sprit will extend as the tack line is pulled on. To retrieve the bow sprit, pull the pole retrieval cord that is above the forward hatch on the bulkhead.

It is the responsibility of skippers to check that the yacht, sails and equipment are working prior to racing. A green flag (signalling breakdown) should be displayed at the earliest opportunity if technical support is required from the repair boat.



DE-RIGGING & PACK UP PROCEDURE

Upon return to the club, please ask for assistance if you are not comfortable with sailing into the marina. Yachts will be towed in to reduce congestion.

- Hoist the HARKEN Regatta Flag on the forestay using jib halyard
- Take the tiller extension off and place below deck
- Attach the mainsail halyard to the red cord on the back of the boom. Hoist to the horizontal position, and cleat mainsheet and traveller.
- Coil jib & spinnaker sheets and hang them up on the front of the boom
- Bail water out of the hull, and close forward and aft hatches
- Hose the boat, remove all rubbish, tape marks, and personal belongings
- Leave sails on the deck
- Teams that return a boat to the marina must complete the damage report form via the QR code. This is a requirement as listed in the Sailing Instructions.



Accommodation & Billet Information

Our RPAYC members have been generous enough to welcome you into their home and/or boat for your stay. Please be respectful of their property, neighbours, other RPAYC members and facilities.

It is not the responsibility of members who are billeting you to provide meals or travel (including to and from the airport). Teams will need to provide their own towels and bedding (sheets & sleeping bag). Further information will be sent to you in the lead up to the regatta with specific accommodation information and requirements.

Should there be any damage to property (RPAYC or our members) the team will be liable to all costs.

Please follow these rules when staying on an RPAYC member's boat or in their home:

ACCOMMODATION ON A BOAT

- Remove shoes before stepping inside the boat
- Do not use the kitchen, toilet, shower or fridge onboard. You will be given swipe cards to use the RPAYC facilities which can be accessed via the lane beside the boatyard.
- If you need to do any washing, there is a laundry that can be accessed via the toilets/changerooms. The washing machine and dryer operate by tapping a credit/debit card.
- Please be tidy and pack up your belongings before leaving each day.
- Shut all hatches each day in case of rain.
- The power to this boat will be turned on all the time so please do not touch the outlets.
- No consumption of alcohol
- No social gatherings or parties

We ask that the boats are left in a better condition than you found it. This will show your appreciation of their generosity to let you stay aboard.

ACCOMMODATION IN A HOME

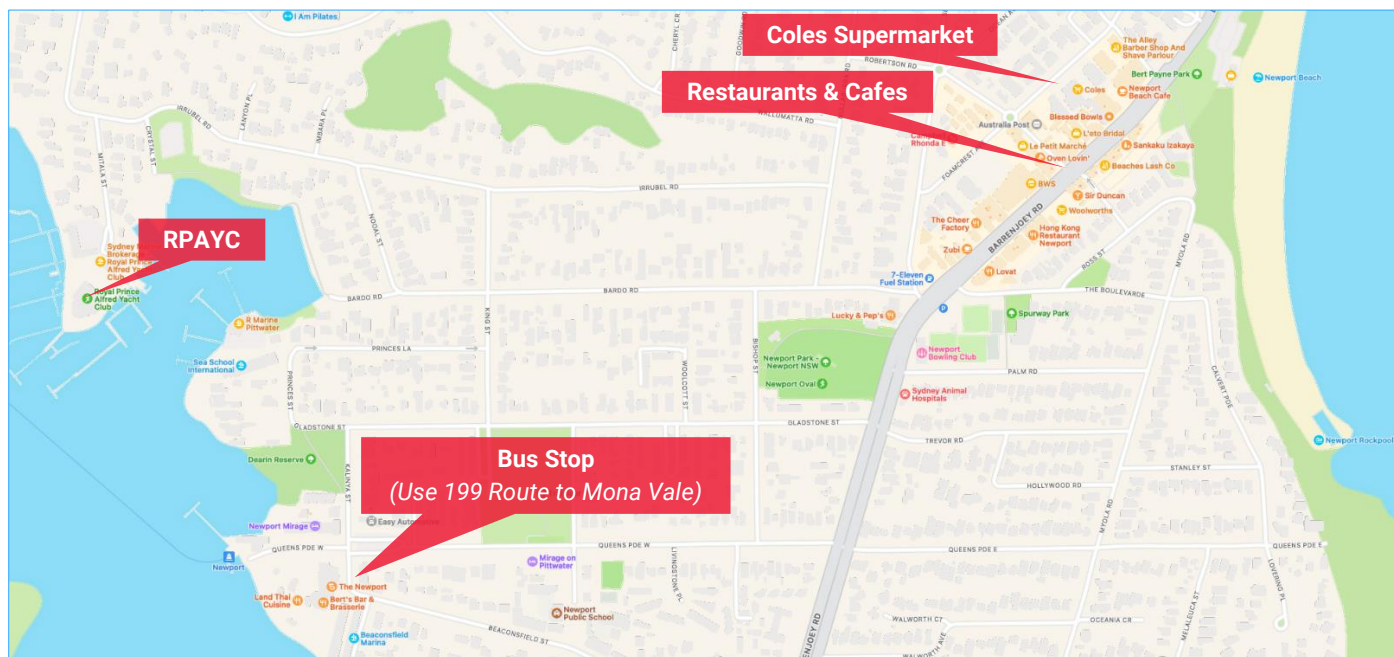
- Remove shoes before going inside
- If you need to do any washing, there is a laundry that can be accessed at the club. Tokens for the machines are available at reception on request.
- Please be tidy and keep areas of the home tidy before leaving each day
- Close windows and doors to keep weather out
- No consumption of alcohol
- No social gatherings or parties

If you have any questions regarding billeting, please contact the Sailing Office.

Local Area & Transport

SUPERMARKET, SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

Newport has a variety of stores, including a supermarket, pharmacy, bakery, petrol station, and many take-away and dine-in restaurants and cafés. It is a short 15 minute walk along Irrubel Road and Bardo Road to Newport shops and to the beach!



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The '199' bus route is a service that runs between Palm Beach (north) through to Manly (south). The '199' is ideal to get to Mona Vale or other suburbs along the Northern Beaches.

To get to the Sydney CBD via bus, take the 199 bus to Mona Vale, and then change onto the B1 'B-Line' service. The 'B-Line' is a limited stop (train-like) service that runs between Mona Vale and Wynyard (CBD). The journey to Sydney takes up to 1 hour, depending on traffic.

Download the app 'Trip View' to search for bus, train and ferry routes on your mobile phone.

Opal Card

An 'Opal Card' is a smartcard system where you can pre-load funds to pay for public transport fares. Fares are calculated depending on the distance you travel, from the point where you tap on and tap off. You will need to purchase an Opal Card before getting on a bus, train or ferry.

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/get-opal-card>

Keoride

Keoride is a public transport service that will pick you up from either home, a designated pick up point or the nearest bus stop and take you directly to the closest B-Line transport hub.

<https://nsw.keoride.com.au>

Uber

There are always Uber's available in the local area, however the cost will go up during peak times, such as evenings and weekends.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT

RPAYC is situated around 1 hour north of Sydney Airport. We recommend booking an airport shuttle bus if you choose not to hire a car/van. This will be cheaper than an Uber/Taxi which will be over \$100.

- Airport Shuttle North (ASN) Transfers: <https://www.asntransfers.com/Home.html>

Public transport is an option to get to RPAYC, however you will need to change between a train, two bus routes (B-Line and 199) and a short walk/uber. This will take over 90 minutes.

- Catch the train from Sydney (International or Domestic) to Wynyard Station (15-20 mins).
- Exit the train station and follow the signs for the 'B-Line' bus service at Wynyard.
- Get on the B1 'B-Line' service to Mona Vale (45-60 mins)
- From Mona Vale, you can take the 199 bus service to the stop on the map above. You will have to walk for 5-10 mins to get to the club. Or;
- Get an Uber or Keoride from Mona Vale which will take 5 minutes to get to the club.

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