

Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race

Friday 22nd March 2024

Notice of Race

Including Amendment No.1

(Amendment No. 1 corrects the dates for the rating deadline)

Organising Authority

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 2.1. the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 2.2. the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS SR);
- 2.3. the IRC 2023 Rules Parts A, B and C;
- 2.4. the ORC Rating System Rules 2023;
- 2.5. the OMR System Rules;
- 2.6. Changes to the RRS:
 - 2.6.1. RRS 41 (c): Help in the form of information available in a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source available to all boats, whether by payment of a fee or subscription. It shall not include any information gathered by or any advice received from any direct human input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.
By way of an example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or using a cloud routing service (i.e. Predict Wind) is permitted.
 - 2.6.2. RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
 - 2.6.3. RRS 52: Is amended to permit the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable ballast.
 - 2.6.4. RRS 52: Is further amended for the Two-handed Division to permit the use auto-piloting systems.
 - 2.6.5. RRS 78.2: A valid rating certificate shall be produced by the close of entries specified in NoR11.
- 2.7. Changes to the IRC Rules
 - 2.7.1. IRC Rule 11.2 and 21.6.1: In accordance with a Prescription by Australian Sailing (AS), a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current valid IRC certificate without an increase in rating (Category 2 and 3 races).
- 2.8. Changes to ORCi Rules
 - 2.8.1. ORCi Rules are changed to allow boats entered in both IRC and ORCi to carry the number of spinnakers on IRC Cert plus 1 in accordance with Australian Sailing (AS) Prescription: a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current valid IRC certificate without an increase in rating (Category 2 and 3 races).

3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 3.1. Each boat shall comply with and carry onboard the specific equipment applicable under the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 3 plus the following additional Category 2 requirements as listed in NoR 3.3.
- 3.2. All boats are required to have an Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form applicable for the category of race participating in, audited by an approved AS National Equipment Auditor (NEA) for Category 3, plus additional Category 2 requirements listed below, and a current RPAYC Radio Inspection Certificate.
- 3.3. Changes and extra requirements to Australian Special Regulations Category 3:
 - 3.3.1. SR 3.03 – Hull Construction ISO 12215 Category B.
 - 3.3.2. SR 3.25.1 (c) A Satellite Phone is required (changes SR 3.25.1) The satellite phone shall have coverage of the race area and be connected to the main power or have a spare battery.
 - 3.3.3. SR 4.09 (c) An AIS Transponder is required. The Transponder should be operational (transmitting and receiving), at regular intervals (no less than every 5 minutes) for the duration of the race. Not protestable by a boat, changes RRS60.1.
 - 3.3.4. SR 4.11 A second GPS which is handheld and water resistant with spare battery(s) shall be provided.
 - 3.3.5. SR 4.18.2 The number of EPIRBs carried on board shall be not less than the number of liferafts carried on the boat.
 - 3.3.6. SR 4.18.4 Additional EPIRBs required under SR4.18.2 may be packed in each liferaft or stored in a dry, well-marked location near the companionway.
 - 3.3.7. SR 4.19 Liferaft(s); with a capacity to accommodate at least the total number of people aboard and complies with; SR4.19.1 Liferaft Construction, SR4.19.2 Minimum Liferaft Equipment, SR4.19.3 Liferaft Packing and Stowage, SR4.19.4 Liferaft Service and Inspection.
 - 3.3.8. SR4.21b Lifebuoys: an additional lifebuoy with attached drogue, self-igniting light, pole and flag is required
 - 3.3.9. SR 5.01 Lifejackets: A boat shall carry at least one spare lifejacket as required in SR5.01.1.
 - 3.3.10. SR 5.02 Safety Harnesses and Safety Lines (Tethers): 5.02.2 In addition to the requirement of 5.02.1(a), at least 30% of the crew shall each be provided with either: (i) A safety line not more than 1 m long or (ii) A mid-point manufacturer fitted snap hook attachment on a 2 m safety line or (ii) Twin lines, one not more than 1 m long and the other not more than 2 m long.
 - 3.3.11. SR 5.05 Personal Locator Beacon: SR5.05.1 A GPS capable 406MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) registered with a national registration authority shall be carried by or attached to each member of the crew when on deck.

4. NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS

- 4.1. Notices and amendments to competitors will be posted on the RPAYC website and may be posted on the Official Noticeboard at RPAYC and CHYC.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1. All boats may be required to display the Event Sponsor's name or logo in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 5.2. All boats may be required to display bow, boom decals and or Backstay flags as provided by the Organising Authority.
- 5.3. Backstay flags (if any) shall be displayed prior to leaving the dock, immediately prior to the start, and after finishing. (Backstay flags can be brought down during the race).

6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. Satisfy the stability criteria of the AS SR Part 1, Section 3.04 and Appendix B and this NoR Appendix A) in accordance with AS Special Regulations Category 3;
- 6.2. Have a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.00 metres;
- 6.3. Be registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 6.4. The OA may require proof of a boat's eligibility. This shall be provided no later than the close of entries as listed in NoR11.

7. CREW ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 7.1. Crew eligibility shall be as per the AS SR for Category 3 events.
- 7.2. The following additional requirements shall apply:
 - 7.2.1. The minimum number of crew (including the Person-in-Charge), on any boat is two (2).
 - 7.2.2. The minimum age of the person in charge is 18 years and the minimum age of any crew is 16 years as at 22nd March 2024 with the majority of the crew being of a minimum age of 18 years. Dispensation for minimum age of crew is at the absolute discretion of the Organising Authority.
 - 7.2.3. All crew members must be a member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing or other National Authority.
 - 7.2.4. A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall continue to satisfy the requirements of NoR 7. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be updated in a boat's entry via the online entry system and the OA notified of the change.

8. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

- 8.1. A decision of the OA or the RC as to any matter under NoR 6 and 7, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in a race, is final and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 8.2. The OA requires proof of the crew's qualifications. This shall be provided no later than the close of entries as listed in NoR 11.

9. SUBMISSION OF ENTRY AND DOCUMENTATION DETAILS

- 9.1. Race entry, boat details, eligibility requirements, crew details and supporting documentation shall be submitted online via the online entry system (SailSys) on the event website.
- 9.2. The OA is not responsible for any failure, or errors, in the information provided via the SailSys Entry System.
- 9.3. An entry is invalid (refer to RRS 76.1) until the appropriate completed documentation has been submitted, reviewed and approved by the Sailing Office.
- 9.4. All documentation must be submitted by the close of entry. Amendments to documentation may be permitted after the close of entry at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10. FEES

Member/Non-Member Fees	Fee
RPAYC Members	\$450 (Inc GST)
Non-Members	\$550 (Inc GST)
Late Entry (after 1700hrs – 8 th March 2024)	Additional \$100 (Inc GST)

11. SCHEDULE

Event	Date/Time	Location
Entry Opens	1 November 2023/0900hrs	Event Website
Entry Closes	8 March 2024/1700hrs	Event Website
Rating deadline	15 March 2024/1700hrs	Sailing Office
Race Start	22 March 2024/1300hrs	Pittwater, Broken Bay
Presentations	24 March 2024/TBA	Coffs Harbour

12. RATING & HANDICAP CATEGORIES

12.1. There will be three (3) handicap categories for monohulls, a two-handed division within these and a handicap category for multihulls available for the race;

- IRC
- ORCi
- PHS
- Two-handed
- OMR (multihulls)

12.2. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category.

12.3. Where less than five (5) entries are received for a handicap category, the Race Committee reserves the right to reallocate those boats to another applicable eligible handicap category.

12.4. IRC Boats

12.4.1. A boat may be entered in the IRC Rating Category if by the Rating Deadline (~~1700hrs Friday 24th March 2023~~) (1700hrs Friday 15th March 2024) of the race, the boat has a valid Endorsed 2022 2023 **IRC Certificate** issued by RORC or UNCL.

12.4.2. The boat complies with the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

12.5. ORCi & ORC Boats

12.5.1. A boat may be entered in the ORC Rating Category if by the Rating Deadline (~~1700hrs Friday 24th March 2023~~) (1700hrs Friday 15th March 2024) of the race, the boat has a valid 2022 2023 **ORC Certificate** and complies with the ORC Rating System Rules, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

12.6. Ocean Multihull Rating (OMR)

12.6.1. A boat may be entered into the OMR Rating Category if by the closing date of the race, the boat has a valid OMR Certificate.

12.7. Performance Handicap System (PHS)

12.7.1. All boats will be entered into a PHS Category.

12.8. Re-Measurement

12.8.1. The OA may require re-measurement of any boat prior to racing.

13. SCORING

13.1. IRC Category

13.1.1. As per IRC rules.

13.2. ORCi Category

13.2.1. As per ORCi rules based on the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT All Purpose number.

13.3. PHS Category

13.3.1. Results will be decided by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCFs) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF will be determined by the RC and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

13.4. OMR Category

13.4.1. Results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor.

13.5. The boats will be ranked by corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any), the boat with lowest corrected time being will be scored first and all other boats scored accordingly.

14. ARBITRATION (RRS APENDIX T)

- 14.1. 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 after a protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 14.2. The arbitrator shall decide the time and place of arbitration and such advice may be given verbally. One (1) representative of each boat shall attend the hearing and no witnesses shall attend. The arbitrator shall decide the way testimony is given.
- 14.3. The arbitrator shall be appointed by the committee.
- 14.4. After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing, the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
 - 14.5. The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - 14.6. 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).
 - 14.7. There was no infringement, and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - 14.8. 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, and if so accepted, the protestor must withdraw the protest. (Half points will be disregarded, and the points of other boats will not be adjusted).
- 14.9. 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.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. The Protest Limit Times shall be 3 hours after the finish of the protesting boat. Protest Forms shall be submitted by email or to the Sailing Office, Coffs Harbour Yacht Club as per RRS 61.2.
- 15.2. Initially, protests may be heard by "Arbitration" as described in NoR 14.
- 15.3. A notice will be posted on the Event website and may be repeated on the CHYC Noticeboard after the finish of protest time in accordance with RRS 63.2. Any protest received shall be advised and schedule of hearing and time noted for parties to the hearing. Display of the protest is the official notification to the parties that a protest hearing is to be held and unless otherwise stated in the sailing instructions or notice of race. The RPAYC will, in addition, make reasonable attempts by telephone or email, to advise parties to the protest of the time, date and place of the hearing.
- 15.4. The outcome of a protest hearing will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and made available on the club's website.
- 15.5. The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS64.1.

16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 16.1. Sailing Instructions will be published on the RPAYC Website, <http://www.rpayc.com.au>

17. TRACKING

- 17.1. Tracking units may be supplied by the OA or a mobile tracking application may be required to be used.
- 17.2. Tracking units, if supplied, shall not be tampered with during the race and nothing shall be done to inhibit their ability to send position reports as scheduled.
- 17.3. Tracking units will be the responsibility of the skipper and shall not be removed or turned off unless instructed to do so by the OA or Race Committee.
- 17.4. The OA may require a deposit against the value of the tracker unit.
- 17.5. If a tracking application is used, then full instructions and details of the App will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Pittwater to Coffs Race.
- 18.2. Owner and/or the Person-In-Charge and all crew are aware and acknowledge by entering the race that they compete entirely at their own risk.
- 18.3. Attention is drawn to the World Sailing Fundamental Rule 3 "Decision to Race" which states
- 18.4. "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

19. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 19.1. By submitting an entry, the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge agrees to be bound by all the Rules and Conditions of the Series and acknowledges and accepts:
- 19.2. That for the Pittwater to Coffs Race the Organising Authority and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should conditions prevent the safe conduct of a race;
- 19.3. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
- 19.4. They and the crew are familiar with and understand Rule 3 "Decision to Race," Addendum A (Safety Equipment) and Rule 1.02 "Owners Responsibility" of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
- 19.5. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the Declaration of Compliance and Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form in NoR Appendix C;
- 19.6. The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements;
- 19.7. The Entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge and Crew;
- 19.8. The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge warrant the suitability of the boat for the Race;
- 19.9. The safety of a boat and her entire management including Insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit for the Race;
- 19.10. The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is stowed on the boat and how it is to be used;
- 19.11. Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge and Crew;
- 19.12. Neither the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the Owner/Charterer, his or her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Pittwater to Coffs Race and the related activities, including pre-start and post- finish operations and related shore activities;
- 19.13. Neither the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club nor its officers, employees or agents will be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance rendered during the Race it having been arranged for any reason whatsoever.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating in and that it is covered for a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating.

21. CHARTS

21.1. The latest, up to date versions of the following charts shall be available on board in electronic or paper form as a minimum, in accordance with AS SR 4.10.1:

21.2. Charts

AUS 204 - Broken Bay

AUS 209 - Port Stephens

AUS 222 - Clarence River & Approaches

AUS 809 - Port Jackson to Port Stephens

AUS 810 - Port Stephens to Crowdy Head

AUS 811 - Crowdy Head to Smoky Cape

AUS 812 - Smoky Cape to Clarence River

21.3. Where electronic charts are being used it is the responsibility of the Owner and/or the Person-in-Charge of the vessel to ensure the electronic charts have been suitably updated. Updates to charts can be found at <http://www.hydro.gov.au/>

22. DECLARATION FORMS

22.1. All boats shall complete a Race Declaration Form at the completion the Race. The Declaration shall be submitted to the Race Committee, in person or by email: sailing@rpayc.com.au within 3 hours of completing the race or retiring and returning to port.

23. RESULTS AND PRIZES

23.1. Race results will be published on the event website as soon as practicable at the finish of the race.

23.2. Prizes may be awarded for the winner and place getters in each division.

24. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

24.1. The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge of the boat and all Crew members acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights and may exercise those rights.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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