



**ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED  
YACHT CLUB**

# **2024 CENTREBOARD WINTER 'ICEBREAKER' REGATTA**

**12 May 2024  
16 June 2024  
14 July 2024  
11 August 2024**

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

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## **ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB**

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## **EVENT WEBSITE**

[www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/](http://www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/)

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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall only be represented by three (3) people, including at a minimum, the Rear Commodore of Centreboard and the Race Officer of the day, plus a member(s) of the Centreboard Committee.

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

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## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2024 Centreboard Winter 'Icebreaker' 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 with the exception that, lifejacket Type 3 are deemed non-compliant for all competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boats are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.

## 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 66 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 prior to the first round of racing, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>

## 4. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 4.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 4.3 SMS and email communications may be sent to competitors via the Race Management System (SailSys).
- 4.4 [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.
- 4.5 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).

## 5. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Each 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 1300 hrs on Thursday 09 May 2024.
- 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 where applicable (see NoR 5.8), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 5.6 Boats may enter as a 'Regatta Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Regatta Entrant**' is defined as a boat and its crew that is entered into the Regatta where, the boat and its primary registered skipper, will remain the same.
- (b) A '**Casual Entrant**' is defined as a boat and its crew that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Entrant shall complete their entry at least 2 hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 5.7 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Regatta, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR 5.6.
- 5.8 Entry fees (incl. GST) are as follows:

Regatta	RPAYC 'Full' Member	Youth & General Members	Visitor (Non-Member)
Regatta Entry Fee (4 Rounds)	FoC	\$ 135.00	\$ 165.00
Casual Entry Fee (1 Round)	FoC	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00

- 5.9 **RPAYC Full Member conditions of discounted entry:**
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an RPAYC Full Member, they shall be granted one (1) entry into the Regatta free of charge (FoC). Additional boat entries will be as per NoR 5.8.
- (b) Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April 2025).

## 6. CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 6.1 Entries cancelled, more than seven (7) days before Round 1, may receive a 100% refund of the entry fee (less any transaction fees).
- 6.2 Entries cancelled, less than seven (7) days before Round 1, are not eligible for a refund.

## 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*). This shall be the responsibility of the nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper).
- 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 RRS63.1 & A5.

## 8. ADVERTISING

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

## 9. SCHEDULE

### 9.1 Dates of racing:

Schedule	Race Management Briefing	Competitor Briefing	First Warning Signal
Round 1: Sunday 12 May	0745	0800	0900
Round 2: Sunday 16 June	0745	0800	0900
Round 3: Sunday 14 July	0745	0800	0900
Round 4: Sunday 11 August	0745	0800	0900

9.2 All Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of **three (3)** races per round.

9.3 On each scheduled round of racing, the first warning signal is scheduled for **0900 hrs**.

9.4 On the last scheduled round of racing, no warning signal shall be made after **1130 hrs**.

9.5 Races abandoned or not re-started in a scheduled round, shall not be re-sailed in another round.

## 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. VENUE

11.1 The host venue is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. 16 Mitala Street, Newport, NSW, 2106.

11.2 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 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a Regatta shall be four (4).

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

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

13.4 Boats that are Casual Entrants shall not score points in an overall Regatta Pointscore. Refer to NoR (5.6b).

## 14. [NP] BRIEFINGS AND SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 A Race Management briefing for all race management officials, coaches and support vessels will occur at **0745 hrs** for each scheduled round of racing, on the Centreboard lawn.

14.2 Support vessels shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing and provide their vessel information and contact details.

14.3 A mandatory race briefing, for all competitors and crew, will occur at **0800 hrs** for each scheduled round of racing, on the Centreboard lawn.

#### 15. DATA PROTECTION

15.1 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.

#### 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.

#### 17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 All competitors who enter into the Regatta or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

#### 18. PRIZES

- 18.1 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.

#### 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:  
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au)

## Addendum 1 – Racing Area



## Addendum 2 – Race Management

*“Be part of the Team”*

Centreboard Division operates with the invaluable assistance of volunteers. Without these volunteers, the Club would not be able to conduct racing, and centreboard is proud of its strong volunteering culture.

Register to volunteer at <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/volunteering/>

Timeline		
0730 hrs	Competitors Rig  Volunteer Preparation	<p><b>Competitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitors arrive, rig boats &amp; Sign On</li> </ul> <p><b>Volunteers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign Out allocated RIB Key &amp; collect Life Jackets from reception</li> <li>Equipment, Safety check &amp; launch allocated RIB into the water. Note: all ribs have QR codes – scan to sign out and in.</li> </ul>
0745 hrs	Volunteer Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centreboard Lawn or Jack Gales Centre</li> <li>Run through vessel assignments, course areas and duties of the day.</li> </ul>
0800 hrs	Competitor Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Race Officer of the day to welcome and advise competitors or racing, notices or amendments, assign BBQ cookers. At the centreboard lawn</li> </ul>
0815 hrs	Depart for Race course  Radio check – Ch77.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start boat crew to collect Esky from the back of the Club, near the entrance to the kitchen.</li> <li>Mark laying and Support boats and Committee Start Boats depart to lay the course.</li> <li>One RIB delays departure in order to shadow the last competitors onto the course.</li> </ul>
0900 hrs	Racing warning signal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scribes account for starters and notify start crew of the divisions present.</li> <li>Start crew commence rolling starts for each present division.</li> <li>Record finishes, times, penalties and non entrants and incidents.</li> </ul>
After Racing	Return to shore  <u>Competitors MUST sign off</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shadow all competitors back to shore</li> <li>Refuel RIBs if necessary</li> <li>Remove rubbish and hose RIBs. Console covers on.</li> <li>Return RIB keys and lifejackets to Reception</li> <li>Report any maintenance issues when signing in vessels via the Vessel Sign In/Out QR code.</li> <li>RO to report any Start Boat issues in Vessel Log.</li> <li>RO to report any incidents in the Incident Book (at reception).</li> </ul>