

NOTICE OF RACE

Pittwater Regatta 2025

INCORPERATING

ORC NSW State Championship 2025

FRIDAY 7TH – SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Pittwater Bash

SATURDAY 8TH – SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Super 40 Series

SATURDAY

8TH – SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Australian Sports Boat Championship 2025

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Organised by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC)

Pittwater, NSW

Preamble: The Notice of Race (NoR) is formed of five parts:

Part 1 – General Rules applicable to the ORC NSW State Championship, Pittwater Bash, Super 40 Series and the Australian Sports Boat Championship.

Part 2 – ORC NSW State Championship specific rules, regulations, and information.

Part 3 – Pittwater Bash specific rules, regulations, and information.

Part 4 – Super 40 Series.

Part 5 – Australian Sports Boat National Titles specific rules, regulations, and information.

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

The notation '**[DP]**' in a rule means that the penalty for the breach of the rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than Disqualification.

Part 1 – General Rules

The following applies to all boats.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing.
- 1.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 1 as described in the relevant part of the Notice of Race.
- 1.4. Changes to the RRS:
 - 1.4.1. RRS 52 is changed to: The rotation of a boat's rudder shall only be adjusted and operated by the power provided by the crew.
- 1.5. National Jury
 - 1.5.1. The Organising Authority will appoint a National Jury.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. **[NP]** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1200hrs on Saturday 1st February 2025.

4. Communication

- 4.1. The Official Notice Board is located adjacent to the reception at the RPAYC. Notices may also be posted online at www.rpayc.com.au
- 4.2. **[DP]** Boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 4.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF. The VHF Channels are described in the Part 2, Part 3 & Part 4 of the NoR.
- 4.4. **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions relating to the race/regatta and shall not receive voice or data communication relating to the race/regatta that are not available to all boats.
- 4.5. A boat may ask for a repeat of a broadcast by the Race Committee or if a broadcast has been made without breaching RRS 41.
- 4.6. Failure to receive a broadcast by the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress. Changes RRS 60.1 and 62.

5. Entry

- 5.1. Eligible boats shall enter at: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/entry?tab=entry> or through the event website. www.pittwaterregatta.au
- 5.2. To be considered an entrant, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay the entry fee.
- 5.3. Close of entry: 1700hrs Friday 2nd February 2024. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date at an additional fee of \$150.



6. Fees

Event	Days	RPAYC Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
ORC NSW Championship	3	\$230	\$295
Australian Sports Boat Championship	3	\$230	\$295
Pittwater Bash	2	\$185	\$225
Super 40	2	\$185	\$225

7. Regatta Schedule

Date (2025)	Event	Time	Information / Location
	Entry is Open		www.pittwaterregatta.au
Fri 31 st January	Entry Closes	1700hrs	Late entry fee applies
	Rating Certificate Deadline	1700hrs	Submission of Rating Certificates
Sat 1 st February	Sailing Instructions / Entry List and Class Splits published	1200hrs	www.pittwaterregatta.au
Thu 6 th February	Registration	0900-1700hrs	Reception, RPAYC
Fri 7 th February	Registration	0900-1000hrs	Reception, RPAYC
	Racing – ORC Championship	1200hrs	Race 1: Offshore Race
	Racing – Sports Boats Championship	1130hrs	Race 1 Races 2 & 3 to follow
Sat 8 th February	Racing – ORC Championship	1130hrs	Palm Beach Circle: W/L - Race 2, Race 3 & 4 to follow
	Sports Boats Championship	1200hrs	Race 4: 5 Heads Challenge
	Super 40 Series	1200hrs	Race 1: 5 Heads Challenge
	Pittwater Bash	1200hrs	Race 1: 5 Heads Challenge
	Social / BBQ / Band	After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC
Sun 9 th February	Racing – ORC Championship	1130hrs	Pittwater / Broken Bay: Inshore – Race 5, Race 6 to follow
	Sports Boat Championship	1130hrs	Race 5 Races 6 & 7 to follow
	Super 40 Series	1130hrs	Race 1: 5 Heads Challenge
	Pittwater Bash	1130hrs	Race 2 & Race 3
	Presentations	After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

8. Measurement & Equipment Inspection

- 8.1. The Organising Authority will appoint a Technical Committee for the regatta.
- 8.2. Measurement and Safety Equipment checks may be carried out at any time throughout the Regatta.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1. RRS 41.1 is changed so that a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 occurring within the zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 9.2. **[DP]** Penalties for infringements other than RRS Part 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than DSQ.

10. Support Person Vessels

- 10.1. **[DP]** Support Person Vessels shall be registered with the OA. Email Sailing@rpayc.com.au with details of the vessel: Name, Registration, description of vessel and copy of the insurance policy.
- 10.2. Support Person Vessels shall stay a minimum of 100m outside the course area from the Warning Signal of a race until the last boat has finished the race.
- 10.3. Support Person Vessels are liable for standard visitor berthing fees for the duration of their time at the club. See NoR 12.

11. Berthing

- 11.1. Berthing is available to visiting boats on a first come basis. Contact the Waterfront Team to book: email waterfront@rpayc.com.au or call (02) 9998 3700.
- 11.2. Berthing is subject to RPAYC Marina Berthing Fees.
- 11.3. **[DP]** Boats shall be kept in their allocated berths while in the marina.

12. Venue

- 12.1. The RPAYC has a full range of onsite facilities and services, including Boatyard, Marine Engineers, Shipwrights, Rigging and onsite chandlery. Details can be found at <https://rpayc.com.au/marine-services/> and in the visitors' guide.

13. Haul-Out Restrictions

- 13.1. **[DP]** Boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14. Diving Equipment & Plastic Pools

- 14.1. **[DP]** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around the boats between the Preparatory Signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

15. Risk Statement

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officers, employees, volunteers, members and sponsors will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.
- 15.2. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

- 15.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3' Decision to Race'. ***"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."***

16. Media Rights & Likenesses

- 16.1. Each entrant including all crew in the regatta consents to the Organising Authority distributing information to the entrant and crew regarding racing, marketing, and associated event information, including social events. This information may be distributed by email, web, mail, fax, mobile phone messaging and telephone.
- 16.2. Conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and crew:
- 16.2.1. Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Regatta and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,
- 16.2.2. Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the Regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance and strategy of boats entered or participating in the Regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its Officers and Employees, the Race Committee, Measurers or Current Sponsors of the Championship or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

17. Insurance

- 17.1. All boats shall have a current marine Public Liability and Third-Party Property insurance policy stating the name of the boat with a minimum racing cover of AUD\$ 10 million or equivalent thereof for any incident.

18. Further Information

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Part 2 – Notice of Race: 2025 ORC NSW Championship

Preamble: Part 2 covers the specific rules applying to boats competing in the ORC NSW Championship.

A1. Additional Rules

- A1.1. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 5 **plus additional requirements NoR A2.**
- A1.2. World Sailing Appendix WP (Waypoints) to the RRS.
- A1.3. The ORC Rating System Rule 2024.
- A1.4. The IMS Rule.
- A1.5. The 2024 IRC Rule Parts A, B & C.

A2. Additional Requirements to AS Special Regs Part 1 Cat 5

- A2.1. Boats shall meet the requirements of 3.12 Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines of Cat 4.
- A2.2. Boats shall be fitted with an inboard engine.
- A2.3. Boats shall be required to carry a ships EPIRB in accordance with 4.18 EPIRBS Category 4: races that extend more than two nautical miles offshore.
- A2.4. For each person onboard: Lifejackets, minimum Level 100, in service, complying with AS4758-2015 or AS1512-1996 Type 1 or equivalent overseas standard.

A3. Communication

- A3.1. VHF Ch. 72 will be the race communications channel for the regatta.

A4. Eligibility

- A4.1. Boats entering the championship shall have a valid 2024 ORCi or ORCc Certificate on or before Friday 31st January 2025, 1700hrs.
- A4.2. Boats shall hold a valid Special Regulations Category 5 Plus or higher Audit.
- A4.3. Boats wishing to receive an IRC result shall hold a valid 2024 IRC Certificate on or before Friday 31st January 2025, 1700hrs.
- A4.4. Submit a complete crew list via the online entry system.

A5. Sail Limitations

- A5.1. The maximum number of sails shall be as defined in ORC Rule 206.
- A5.2. Sails carried onboard shall be the same for the duration of the regatta.
- A5.3. Sails damaged during the regatta may be repaired. A sail damaged beyond repair may be replaced with a sail of the same size and type and with the permission of the Race Committee.

A6. Crew Limitations

- A6.1. ORC Crew Weight is amended to “maximum number of crew”. Changes ORC Rule 200.1a. The maximum number of crew is calculated by: ORC Certificate Maximum Crew Weight divided by 85kg, rounded to the nearest whole number.
 - A6.1.1. However, if the crew consists of 2 females, 2 youth (under 24 years on the first day of the regatta) or a combination of a female and a youth then a boat can have 1 extra crew member.
 - A6.1.2. By way of examples: ORC Crew Weight 950kg/85kg = 11.18 therefore max crew, before female and youth allowance, is 11 crew. ORC Crew Weight 825kg/85kg = 9.70 therefore, before female and youth allowance, is 10 crew.



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A6.2. IRC Crew numbers shall apply for boats scoring in IRC only. Boats dual scoring ORC and IRC shall apply the ORC Crew limits as per A6.1.

A7. Race Schedule

Date (2025)	Event	Points Factor	Time	Location / Information
Fri 7 th Feb	Skippers Briefing		0930hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
	Warning Signal Race 1	1.5	1155hrs	Course Area B – Terrigal (North), Long Reef (South), 8nm (East)
	Offshore Passage Race			
Sat 8 th Feb	Warning Signal Race 2 Followed by races 3 & 4	1 per race	1125hrs	Area C – Palm Beach Circle
Sun 9 th Feb	Warning Signal Race 5 followed by Race 6	1 per race	1125hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater/Broken Bay
	Presentations		After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

A7.1. On the final day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs.

A8. Courses

A8.1. Course Area A

A8.1.1. Courses may be selected from the list of courses in the Sailing Instructions; Appendix – Inshore Courses.

A8.2. Course Area B

A8.2.1. Courses may be selected from the list of courses in the Sailing Instructions; Appendix – Offshore Courses.

A8.3. Course Area C

A8.3.1. Course will be offshore laid windward/leeward courses in the vicinity of Palm Beach as described in the Sailing Instructions.

A9. Scoring

A9.1. Two races shall constitute a series.

A9.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No discards.

A9.3. Race Points Factors

A9.3.1. The race points factor shall be applied as a multiplier to a boats race score to produce the boats points for the race.

A9.4. ORC Scoring

A9.4.1. **[NP]** Performance Curve Scoring (PCS) may be used. Where PCS is not appropriate, single number ToT All Purpose or Windward/Leeward numbers may be used.

A9.5. IRC Scoring

A9.5.1. The IRC TCC on the boats certificate shall be used for all races.

A9.6. PHS Scoring

A9.6.1. **[NP]** A Performance Handicap System (PHS) may be applied to all boats in the regatta. The PHS number shall be arbitrary where the Time Correction Factor (TCF) shall be decided by the Race Committee. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. Amends RRS 60.1 and 62.

A10. Trophies & Prizes

A10.1. The Rawhiti Cup will be awarded to the winner of ORC NSW State Championship Division 1.

A10.2. The Rawhiti Cup V will be awarded to the winner of the ORC NSW State Championship Division 2.



A10.3. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division of the ORC NSW State Championship will be awarded.

A10.4. Further prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in IRC and PHS divisions.

A10.4.1. Boats placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each rating division (ORC/IRC) of the ORC NSW State Championship shall not be eligible for PHS prizes.

Part 3 – Notice of Race: 2025 Pittwater Bash

Preamble: Part 3 covers the specific rules applying to boats competing in the Pittwater Championship (ORC and PHS Scoring).

B1. Additional Rules

- B1.1. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- B1.2. The ORC Rating System Rule.

B2. Communication

- B2.1. VHF Ch. 77 will be the race communications channel for the regatta.

B3. Eligibility

- B3.1. Boats shall hold a valid ORCi or ORCc Certificate to be scored in ORC.
- B3.2. Boats shall hold a valid Special Regulations Category 7 Audit.
- B3.3. Submit a complete Crew List via the RPAYC online entry system.

B4. Race Schedule

Date (2025)	Event	Points Factor	Time	Location / Information
Saturday 8 th February	Skippers Briefing		1000hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
	Warning Signal Race 1 – Broken Bay 5 Heads Race	1.5	1155hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater & Broken Bay
Sunday 9 th February	Warning Signal Race 2 followed by Race 3	1 per race	1125hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater/Broken Bay
	Presentations		After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

- B4.1. On the final day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs.

B5. Courses

- B5.1. **Course Area A**
- B5.2. Race 1 - Broken Bay 5 Heads Race
- B5.2.1. Start (Salt Pan Cove) – West Head (P) – Pacific Head (P) – Challenger Head (P) – Box Head (S) – Barrenjoey Head (pass P) – Finish (Salt Pan Cove). Approx 20nm.
- B5.3. Races 2 & 3
- B5.3.1. Courses may be selected from the list of courses in Appendix – Inshore Courses.

B6. Scoring

- B6.1. Two races shall constitute a series.
- B6.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No discards.
- B6.3. **ORC Scoring**
- B6.3.1. [NP] The simplified ToT All Purpose Number shall be used.
- B6.4. **PHS Scoring**
- B6.4.1. [NP] A Performance Handicap System (PHS) may be applied to all boats in the Regatta. The PHS number shall be arbitrary where the Time Correction Factor (TCF) shall be decided by the Race



Committee. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress.
This amends RRS60.1 and 62.

B7. Trophies & Prizes

- B7.1. The winner of each ORC Division will be awarded the Pittwater Bowl.
- B7.2. The winner of each PHS Division will be awarded the Petrel Cup.
- B7.3. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division will be awarded.
- B7.4. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Part 4 – Notice of Race: Act 1 - Super 40 Series 2025

Preamble: Part 4 covers the rules applying to boats competing in Act 1 of the Super 40 Series 2025.

C1. Additional Rules

- C1.1. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- C1.2. The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Rules.

C2. Communication

- C2.1. VHF Ch. 69 will be the race communications channel for the regatta.

C3. Eligibility

- C3.1. Boats shall hold a valid Special Regulations Category 7 Audit.
- C3.2. Submit a complete Crew List via the RPAYC online entry system.

C4. Race Schedule

Date (2025)	Event	Points Factor	Time	Location / Information
Saturday 8 th February	Skippers Briefing		1000hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
	Warning Signal Race 1 – 5 Heads Trophy Race	1.5	1155hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater & Broken Bay
Sunday 9 th February	Warning Signal Race 2 followed by Race 3 and Race 4 windward/leeward	1 per race	1125hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater/Broken Bay
	Presentations		After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

- C4.1. On the final day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs.

C5. Courses

- C5.1. **Course Area A**
- C5.2. Race 1 – Broken Bay 5 Heads Race
- C5.3. Races 2 & 3 Windward/Leeward

C6. Scoring

- C6.1. Two races shall constitute a series.
- C6.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No discards.
- C6.3. ORC Scoring**
- C6.3.1. [NP] The simplified ToT All Purpose Number shall be used.
- C6.4. PHRF and PHS Scoring**
- C6.4.1. [NP] A Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) number may be applied where applicable.
- C6.4.2. [NP] A Performance Handicap System (PHS) may be applied to all boats in the Regatta. The PHS number shall be arbitrary where the Time Correction Factor (TCF) shall be decided by the Race Committee. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS60.1 and 62.



C7. Trophies & Prizes

C7.1. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd may be awarded.

C7.2. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Part 5 – Notice of Race: 2025 Australian Sports Boat Association National Titles

Preamble: Part 5 covers the rules applying to boats competing in the ASBA National Titles.

D1. Additional Rules

- D1.1. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- D1.2. The Australian Sports Boat Association Constitution available at www.asba.org.au
- D1.3. Rule 49.1 of RRS shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25 boats if racing in compliance with their class rules and it is noted on the Sports Boats SMS Certificate that the rating incorporates hiking devices.
- D1.4. Boats shall carry an operable motor of at least 3hp, mounted in ready to operate position throughout the regatta.
- D1.5. Competitors shall wear buoyancy vest/aid to Australian Sailing Standard while racing.
- D1.6. The regatta is a wet regatta. Boats shall be afloat before 1000hrs Friday 7th February 2025.
- D1.7. Boats shall be returned to their allocated berth when not racing.

D2. Communication

- D2.1. VHF Ch. 71 will be the race communications channel for the regatta.

D3. Eligibility

- D3.1. Boats shall hold a valid Special Regulations Category 7 Audit.
- D3.2. Submit a complete Crew List via the RPAYC online entry system.

D4. Race Schedule

Date (2025)	Event	Time	Location / Information
Friday 7 th February	Skippers Briefing	1000hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
	1 st Warning Signal Race 1, Race 2 & Race 3 to follow ASAP	1125hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater & Broken Bay
Saturday 8 th February	Warning Signal Race 4 – 5 Heads Trophy Race	1155hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater & Broken Bay
Sunday 9 th February	Warning Signal Race 5 followed by Race 6 and Race 7 windward/leeward	1125hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater/Broken Bay
	Presentations	After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

- D4.1. On the final day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs.

D5. Courses

D5.1. Course Area A

- D5.1.1. Friday – Windward/Leeward Courses
- D5.1.2. Saturday – Broken Bay 5 Heads Race
- D5.1.3. Sunday - Windward/Leeward Courses



D6. Scoring

- D6.1. Two races shall constitute a series.
- D6.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- D6.3. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

D6.4. Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Scoring

- D6.4.1. [NP] Boats with a current Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating for Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats will be scored CBH.

D6.5. PHS Scoring

- D6.5.1. [NP] A Performance Handicap System (PHS) may be applied to all boats in the Regatta. The PHS number shall be arbitrary where the Time Correction Factor (TCF) shall be decided by the Race Committee. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS60.1 and 62.

D7. Trophies & Prizes

- D7.1. The Winner will be awarded the Australian Sports Boat national Trophy.
- D7.2. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd may be awarded.
- D7.3. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.