



Sydney to Auckland Rally 2025

Starting Window
Saturday 4 October to 1300hrs Saturday 11th
October 2025

Sailing Instructions

Contact Details

Race Committee Mobile: +61 427 477 854

Race Committee Email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

Website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/sydney-to-auckland-ocean-race/>

Tracking Details

Public Tracking Link (Race Player): <https://yb.tl/S2AOR25>

Low Bandwidth Tracking Links: <https://yb.tl/Links/S2AOR25>

AMENDMENTS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For the use of competitors. Please list any amendments to the Sailing Instructions issued by the Race Committee here for easy reference.

<u>Amendment No.</u>	<u>Sections Changed</u>	<u>General Notes</u>

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) in association with the Royal Akarana Yacht Club (RAYC).

2. COMMITTEE

- 2.1. Nick Elliott (RPAYC Race Director), Brendan Rourke (RPAYC Sailing and Communications Manager), Pete Faruggia (Rear Commodore Yacht Race) and Nick Hansen (RAYC Commodore).

3. RULES

The Race will be governed by the following rules:

- 3.1. International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)
- 3.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.3. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing.

4. CHANGES TO THE RRS 41(C)

- 4.1. RRS 41 (c): Help in the form of routing is permitted for the competitors in the rally. This can be a source ashore providing weather and routing assistance that is specific to the boat.

5. RACE TIME

- 5.1. Start and Finish times in Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT). Boats starting before Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) will have the starting time adjusted to correct the elapsed time.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard on the race website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/sydney-to-auckland-ocean-race/>. Notices may also be communicated by text, email and WhatsApp Communities..

7. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions maybe made in writing, by email, or WhatsApp or verbally by satellite phone.

8. TRACKING DEVICES

- 8.1. Boats shall be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority. Nothing shall be done to interfere with the normal operation of a tracking device. Anyone found to have tampered with a tracking device or anyone failing to comply with an Organising Authority request regarding tracking devices, shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 8.2. The Owner and or Person-in-Charge shall be solely responsible for any tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 8.3. In the event of retirement from the race, the Owner or Person-in-Charge shall return the tracking device to the RPAYC Sailing Office at their own expense. When safely in port, the Owner or Person-in-Charge shall request authorisation to remove and de-activate the tracking device before arranging return to the RPAYC.
- 8.4. In the event of failure of the tracking device, additional position reports shall be required using mobile or satellite telephone. Details are outlined in Appendix A (A3) of these SIs.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1. Refer to Appendix A of the SIs.
- 9.2. **VHF Channel 17** at the Finish of the race. The Race Committee may also be contacted on mobile phone (+64 21 023 14559).
- 9.3. Boats are reminded of their obligations to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 throughout the duration of the rally and ensure that the satellite telephone is situated to alert the crew to incoming messages or calls.

10. STARTING WINDOW

- 10.1. Boats shall inform the Race Committee of their intended starting date and time a minimum of 24hrs before they intend to start.

11. REPORTING AT THE START

- 11.1. When starting, each boat shall inform the Race Committee of their starting time and confirm the number of Persons on Board by text message to mobile phone (+61 427 477 854).

12. THE START

- 12.1. The Starting Line will be an imaginary line bearing due north magnetic from Barrenjoey Lighthouse.

13. COURSE & DISTANCE

- 13.1. Sydney to Auckland – Approximately 1265nm

COURSE	Start (Pittwater) – North Cape (starboard) - Finish (Auckland)
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14. TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE

- 14.1. A boat after starting shall report to Race Committee if they intend to seek shelter for any purpose after starting the rally and before finishing in Auckland Harbour.

15. BOATS WITHDRAWING/RETIRING

- 15.1. Boats shall contact the Race Committee at the time of withdrawal from the rally; giving its position, the reason for withdrawing, intended port of destination and ETA at that port.
- 15.2. **Upon Arrival in Port, Boats Shall:**
 - 15.2.1. Immediately notify the Local Port Organisation (Marine Rescue – Australia & Maritime NZ in New Zealand) on entry to the port, see Appendix A;
 - 15.2.2. Notify the Race Committee by telephone on +61 427 477 854.
- 15.3. It is the boat owner's responsibility to ensure the tracking device is returned to the Organising Authority once authorised to remove it.

16. APPROACH TO THE FINISH

- 16.1. Approximately 1 hour prior to finishing, boats are required to contact "Akarana Race Control" on +64 21 0231 4559.
- 16.2. Approximately 10 minutes prior to finishing, boats shall contact "Akarana Race Control" on VHF Ch.17, to help identify the boat at the finish. Akarana Race Control will confirm a boat has finished after the boat has crossed the line.

17. THE FINISH

- 17.1. The Finish Line will be between the Orakei Yellow Buoy (17), and the Royal Akarana Yacht Club. The bearing from RAYC to the Orakei Yellow Buoy is approximately 350 degrees magnetic. The southern extent of the line is marked by the row of piles (wave break) surrounding the Okahu Bay mooring area. Finishing boats shall pass to the north of these piles in an East to West direction.
- 17.2. The approximate location of the Royal Akarana Yacht Club is 36°50.976S, 174°48.623E. The approximate position of the Orakei Yellow Buoy is 36°50.535S, 174°48.719E. The Orakei Yellow Buoy maybe lit, Fl.Y.5s. The approximate position of the piles is 36°50.710S, 174°48.685E.
- 17.3. The Race Committee will also be sighting the line from the shore and taking finishing times.
- 17.4. If visibility is poor or there is difficulty identifying a boat at the finishing line, the YB Tracker will capture a finishing time which may be used.
- 17.5. Boats shall record a finishing time as they cross the finishing line and report it to the Race Committee via text to +61 427 477 854 and record it on their Declaration Form.

18. PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

- 18.1. Trophies and Prizes
 - IRC Overall – The Lipton Cup Perpetual Trophy
 - Line Honours Monohull – 1st Sydney to Auckland Ocean Race Line Honours
 - 1st ORC and PHS Overall
 - Best Media from a boat (photos, video, stories)
 - Best Story of the race/rally (photo, video, words)
- 18.2. **Prizes**
 - 18.2.1. Further trophies or prizes may be awarded for place getters.
- 18.3. Full details of the Prizegiving will be posted on the website and communicated via a Notice to Competitors by email and text.

19. DISCLAIMER

- 19.1. 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 Sydney to Auckland Ocean Race & Rally.
- 19.2. Once a boat has finished or withdrawn from the rally, the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers discharge any further Duty of Care.
- 19.3. The Owner and or the Person in Charge, and all crew, are aware and acknowledge by entering the rally, that they compete entirely and at their own risk.
Attention is drawn to the World Sailing Fundamental Rule 3, "Decision to Race", which states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. All boats shall have a current Marine Legal Public Liability Insurance Policy for the duration of the race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million.
- 20.2. The Policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating and that it is covered for at least the distance of the Race.

APPENDIX A – COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTING & MEDIA SCHEDS

A1. DISTRESS COMMUNICATIONS

A1.1. Emergency Contacts: Australia: Telephone 000 / New Zealand: Telephone: 111 or Sat Phone 112

AMSA Maritime Search and Rescue 24-Hour emergency helpline Within Australia: 1800 641 792 Outside Australia: +61 2 6230 6811	NSW Police Marine Area Command ('MAC') 000 / +61 2 9320 7499
Marine Rescue NSW HQ P: +61 2 8071 4848	
Maritime New Zealand Rescue Coordination Centre (RCCNZ) 24-hour Emergency Numbers: +64 4 577 8030 / +64 508 472 269 Email: contact.beacons@marimenz.govt.nz	
Race Committee Contacts	
Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club M: +61 427 477 854 / P: +61 2 9998 3700	Royal Akarana Yacht Club M: +64 210 231 4559 / P: +64 9 524 9945

A1.2. Satellite & Mobile phone Communications

A1.2.1. Satellite and Mobile phones shall be turned on and be in a position where they can be heard when ringing and regularly checked for messages.

A1.3. VHF Radio Communications

A1.3.1. All boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

A1.4. Automatic Identification System

A1.4.1. All boats shall carry an AIS Transponder. The Transponder shall be operational (transmitting & receiving) for the race duration.

A2. MEDIA UPDATE (SCHED)

A2.1. A daily media sched is required throughout the race and can be in the form of an email, text message, picture(s) or short audio or video message.

A2.2. The daily sched shall be delivered between 0800hrs & 0900hrs AEDT each day that the boat is racing.

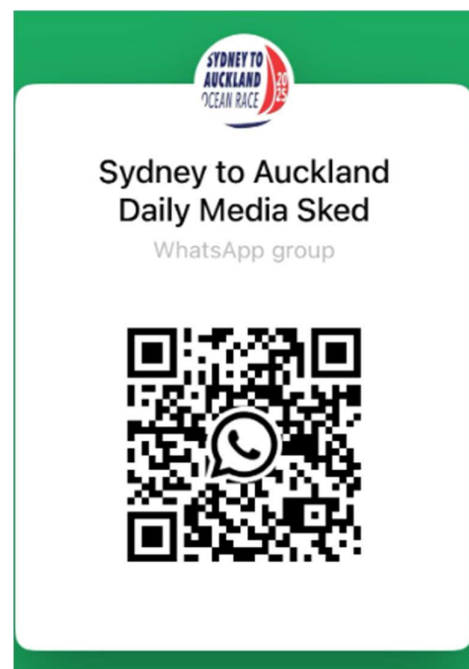
A2.3. The Sydney to Auckland Ocean Race media team may contact you via satellite phone to get a verbal update between these times and this may form your sched for the day.

A2.4. Contact Details

A2.4.1. Email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

A2.4.2. Tel./Text +61 427 477 854 / WhatsApp

A2.5. Di Pearson, Press Officer may contact competitors from time to time for updates throughout the race.
Di Pearson +61 410 792 131



Coastal Station	Phone No.	Channels
Marine Rescue Middle Harbour	Ph: +61 2 9969 3270	VHF 16
Marine Broken Bay	Ph: +61 2 9999 3554	VHF 16
Marine Rescue Newcastle	Ph: +61 2 4960 0263	VHF 16
AMSA	Ph: +61 2 6230 6811	VHF 16
Rescue Coordination Centre (RCCNZ)	Ph: +64 4 577 8030	VHF 16
Maritime NZ Auckland	Ph: +64 9 307 1370	VHF 16

A2.6. Radio Distress Calling

A2.6.1. A boat in distress must follow the Radio Telephone distress procedure in the *Marine Radio Operators Handbook*.

HF Radio (if installed):

- Charleville Radio (Call sign: CHARLEVILLE RADIO) maintains a 24-hour listening watch on **HF 4125, 6215, 8291 kHz** and (**12290 kHz** during daylight hours) distress and calling frequencies. Charleville Radio also broadcasts relevant navigation warnings and marine safety information (MSI) on **HF 8176 kHz** at **1025** and **2325** hours, and at such times, warnings are received from AMSA.

VHF Radio:

- Marine Rescue NSW maintains a 24-hour listening watch on VHF CH 16.

All boats must maintain a 24-hour listening watch on VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race and record all radio distress communications details heard in their boats' logbook.

A3. TRACKER FAILURE POSITION REPORTING

A3.1. If a Tracker ceases to operate/transmit for a period longer than 120 minutes, a boat shall provide position reports following the direction of the Race Committee as per A3.2. The Race Committee will contact a boat whose tracker fails. In addition, the Race Committee will manually update the online electronic tracker system.

A3.2. **Reporting via Satellite Phone Text or Mobile Phone Text SMS**

A3.2.1. Each boat shall report their position on a four-hourly basis (at the top of the hour) by text to mobile phone +61 427 477 854 notes in this order:

A3.2.2. Boat name

A3.2.3. Sail number

A3.2.4. Position - Latitude and Longitude in Degrees and Whole Minutes, NOT DECIMALS and whether proceeding East or West.

A3.3. The Race Committee will acknowledge that report by text SMS as 'Received'.

Boats that fail to comply with the requirements of Appendix A3 shall explain the circumstances to the Race Committee.

A3.4. All radio (and phone messages) received, transmitted, or attempted must be entered in the boat's log or a separate communications log.