

# Friends of David Booth Race

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026

## NOTICE OF RACING & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Organised by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 1.2 Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 Prescriptions of the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS SR), Category 7.
- 1.4 The Friends of David Booth Race is a spinnaker race with a handicap start. The allocation of a boat's handicap shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. Changes RRS 60 & 61.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 Enter via the online entry system:  
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/entry/series/5495/pricing> no later than Thursday 26 February 2026.
- 2.2 Entry fee: Members - \$Nil and non-Members - \$45.00; payable at time of entry.
- 2.3 All entries must submit a copy of the boat's current Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 7 and Insurance Policy Certificate if not already on file.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the RPAYC Official Noticeboard, located in the hallway adjacent to reception.

### 4 SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flagpole located on the Sundial Lawn in front of the RPAYC Clubhouse.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Division	Scheduled Start Time
28/02/2026	All Divisions	1330hrs

### 6 THE START, STARTING TIMES & HANDICAPS

- 6.1 The Starting Area may be the area of Pittwater south of Longnose Point.
- 6.2 The starting Line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Signal boat displaying an orange flag and an inflatable mark.
- 6.3 The race will be conducted with handicaps conceded at the start. Starting handicaps for the race will be available from the Sailing Office at 1100hrs on the day of the race.
- 6.4 A boat shall start on the display of their allocated handicap time.
- 6.5 The race will be started using the following procedure:

Signal / Display	Code Flag
13:25:00 – Warning Signal	Code Flag R displayed - 1 Sound
13:26:00 – Preparatory	Code Flag P displayed - 1 Sound
13:29:00 – Preparatory removed	Code Flag P removed - 1 Sound
13:30:00	Code Flag R removed - 1 Sound "1330" handicap start
13:31:00	"1331" handicap start.
13:32:00	"1332 min" handicap start and so on.

**7 COURSES**

- 7.1 The course to be sailed shall be selected from the current list of courses.
- 7.2 The course shall be displayed from the Committee Vessel at or before the Warning Signal.
- 7.3 All marks are to be rounded to Starboard unless otherwise indicated (P), denoting a Port rounding.

**8 THE FINISH**

- 8.1 The finish line will be established as far as practicable, 2 hours after the first start.
- 8.2 The finish line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying a blue flag and an inflatable mark moored nearby or the mark that is being rounded.

**OR**

- 8.3 After approx. 2 hours the Race Committee shall announce a "Rolling Finish Line" by VHF and display Code Flag "S" with two sound signals.
- 8.4 The Rolling Finish Line shall be between two Race Committee Vessels each displaying Code Flag "S".
- 8.5 The Rolling Finish Line will progressively move from the front of the fleet towards the back of the fleet.
- 8.6 A boat shall finish when she passes between both Race Committee Vessels displaying Code Flag "S".

**9 SCORING**

- 9.1 Boats are ranked in the order in which they cross the finish line.

**10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place getters.
- 10.2 The first boat to finish shall be the winner of the Friends of David Booth Perpetual Trophy.

**11 ARBITRATION AND PROTESTS**

- 11.1 Submission of Protests: Protests in accordance with RRS 60 will be delivered to the RPAYC Sailing Office within 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat (in the last race of the day when multiple races are conducted).
- 11.2 Submission of Arbitration: Should all parties agree, an arbitration hearing as per Appendix T may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60 that allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4.
- 11.3 If the arbitrator decides that 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. If so accepted, the protestor must withdraw the protest. (Half points will be disregarded, and the points of other boats will not be adjusted).
- 11.4 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.

**12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 12.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "***The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.***
- 12.2 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race.
- 12.3 Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, and the Host Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 12.4 The Organising Authority, and its Officers, Members, Staff and Agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.