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Centreboard Series

2026/2027

Notice of Race (NoR)

Including Amendment No.1

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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EVENT WEBSITE

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Preamble The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1
The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification (DSQ).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.3. Changes to the RRS:
 - 1.3.1. When AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.
 - 1.3.2. When N over A is displayed ashore all races for the day are abandoned, no racing today.
- 1.4. The Class Rules of each class shall apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 1200hrs on Friday 11 September 2026:
www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official noticeboard is located at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/151/profile?tab=results>
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all Centreboard Off-the-Beach Classes.
- 4.2. Classes splits and divisions will be decided after the close of entries.
 - 4.2.1. Classes of similar speed and characteristics may be grouped together and use the Australian Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamarans.
 - 4.2.2. Classes with greater than 6 entries may be given a class result.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/151/profile?tab=entry>
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. After the close of entries; Casual entries for the individual rounds will be accepted.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fees Sunday Summer, includes Club Championship:

Entrants	Standard Entry Fee	Casual Entrant (per Round)
RPAYC Full Members	\$Nil	\$30
RPAYC General Members	\$150	\$30
Adult Non-Member	\$300	\$30
Youth Members (Under 23)	\$Nil	\$30
Youth Non-Member	\$150	\$30



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5.2. Entry Fees for Friday GP

Entrants	Standard Entry Fee	Casual Entrant (per Round)
RPAYC Full Members	\$Nil	\$25
RPAYC General Members	\$75	\$25
Adult Non-Member	\$150	\$25
Youth Members (Under 23)	\$Nil	\$25
Youth Non-Member	\$75	\$25

6. [DP] ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Entry opens 0900hrs Wednesday 27 September 2026.

7.2. Dates of Racing

Series and Round	1 st Warning Signal	Date
Round 1 (including Club Champs Round 1)	1400	13 September 2026
Round 2	1400	27 September 2026
Round 3 (including Club Champs Round 2)	1400	11 October 2026
Round 1 Friday GP (See appendix A to the NOR)	1730	16 October 2026
Round 4	1400	18 October 2026
Round 5	1400	25 October 2026
Round 6 (including Club Champs Round 3)	1400	1 November 2026
Round 7	1400	8 November 2026
Round 8 (including Club Champs Round 4)	1400	22 November 2026
Round 2 Friday GP (See appendix A to the NOR)	1730	27 November 2026
Round 9	1400	6 December 2026
Round 3 Friday GP (See appendix A to the NOR)	1730	18 December 2026
Round 10	1400	7 February 2026
Round 11	1400	21 February 2026
Round 4 Friday GP (See appendix A to the NOR)	1730	26 February 2026
Round 5 Friday GP (See appendix A to the NOR)	1730	12 March 2026
Round 12	1400	14 March 2026
Round 13 (including Club Champs Round 5)	1400	21 March 2026
Round 14	1400	4 April 2026
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation		14 May 2026

- 7.3. Sundays Round - There will be no Warning Signal made later than 120 minutes after each Division's First Warning Signal, except where a start is subject to a General Recall in accordance with RRS29.2 or procedural error that requires the start to be abandoned or postponed. For example, if a Division's First Warning Signal was at 1400hrs, no further Warning Signal for that Division will be made after 1600hrs.



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- 7.4. Friday Round - There will be no Warning Signal made later than 90 minutes after each Division's First Warning Signal, except where a start is subject to a General Recall in accordance with RRS29.2 or procedural error that requires the start to be abandoned or postponed.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Boats may be inspected for compliance with class or the AS Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats at any time during the regatta.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. Competitors shall always wear a compliant Buoyancy Aid while racing. It may be removed briefly to adjust clothing.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
10.2. NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing area(s).

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is amended for the following classes/divisions:

Class	Mulihull	WASZP
Penalty	One-Turn Penalty	270 degree turn

13. SCORING

- 13.1. RRS A5.3 shall apply.
13.2. The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series shall be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Summer Series	3
Zhik Club Championship	3
Zhik Friday GP	3

- 13.3. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores less her worst score(s) as calculated by the table below:

Races	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	40+
Discards	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- 13.4. Non Point Score (NPS) See official Noticeboard for Class dates.

- 13.4.1. At a class representatives request, the Committee may approve changes, additions or deletions provided they feel there has been sufficient time and consultation with other sailors in the class.

- 13.5. Insufficient Competitors (Non-Pointscore Round).

- 13.5.1. When a class/division has insufficient starters in a round then the round will be made non-pointscore for the class/division:

- 13.5.2. 5 series entries – minimum starters: 2

- 13.5.3. 6 or more entries – minimum starters: 3



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13.6. Class Regattas – External Competition

13.6.1. Where a competitor competes in a class sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, or other major regatta(s) as determined by the Centreboard Committee, a boat may apply for 'average points' for races missed.

Applications for 'average points' shall be made via the online application form ([Centreboard Average Points Request - Jotform Form Builder](#)) no later than 0900hrs on the Tuesday before the start of the eligible event.

13.6.2. Approved applications must also meet all conditions applied by the Centreboard Committee, for awarded 'average points' to be applied.

13.6.3. A boat may apply for 'average points' for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series

13.7. Duty Scores / On-water Volunteering

13.7.1. When a competitor entered in the series, volunteers in a race management role so as racing can go ahead on that day, they will be awarded average points for those races to a maximum of one round a series.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

14.1. See Appendix Support Vessel Regulations

14.2. [DP] Support Vessels shall carry or be equipped with a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the channels, 16, 72 and 77.

15. BERTHING

15.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in the assigned places while not racing.

15.1.1. Visiting dinghies will be parked on the Centreboard lawn/rigging area in front of the Jack Gale Centre. See Addendum A.

15.1.2. Visiting multihulls will be located on the Crystal Bay Hardstand. See Addendum A.

16. DATA PROTECTION

16.1. The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the club by any individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for the purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1. 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 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.

18. [NP] INSURANCE

18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **AU\$10,000,000** per incident or the equivalent.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes for each round will be awarded following the rounds races.

19.2. Series prizes will be awarded following the final round of the series.



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20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. For further information please contact the Sailing Office: sailing@rpayc.com.au or telephone: 02 9998 3700.

Appendix - Support Vessel Regulations

These Support Vessel Regulations apply to all coach boats, team boats, parent boats and other vessels associated with competitors participating in the regatta.

1. REGISTRATION

- 1.1 All support vessels shall register with the Organising Authority by completing the online form..... before going afloat and shall provide the name and contact details of the person responsible for the vessel.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority may require support vessels to display an identification flag, sticker or other identification while afloat. When required, will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 The person in charge of a support vessel is responsible for ensuring that the vessel complies with all applicable maritime regulations and carries the safety equipment required by law.
- 2.2 All persons aboard a support vessel shall wear a personal flotation device while afloat when required by applicable regulations or when directed by the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Support vessels shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the VHF channel designated by the Race Committee.

3. CONDUCT AROUND THE RACING AREA

- 3.1 From the time of the first Warning Signal until all boats have finished or retired, or the Race Committee signals postponement, abandonment or otherwise permits support vessels to enter the racing area, support vessels shall remain outside the area where boats are racing.
- 3.2 Support vessels shall not:
- (a) interfere with a boat racing;
 - (b) create wash that may affect competitors;
 - (c) position themselves to obstruct the Race Committee's view of the starting or finishing lines;
 - (d) communicate with or provide assistance to a boat racing except as permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing;
 - (e) enter an area designated as restricted by the Race Committee.
- 3.3 When practicable, support vessels should remain at least **100 metres** from boats racing and from marks of the course unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee.

4. STARTING AREA

- 4.1 Support vessels shall remain clear of the starting area from the Preparatory Signal until all boats in that start have started or the Race Committee signals a postponement, General Recall or abandonment.
- 4.2 Support vessels shall comply promptly with any instruction given by the Race Committee or an official vessel.

5. ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCIES

- 5.1 Support vessels are expected to assist competitors in distress when requested by the Race Committee or when circumstances require immediate assistance.



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- 5.2 When the Race Committee displays an appropriate signal or makes a request by VHF, support vessels shall help as directed.
- 5.3 The safety of competitors takes priority over these regulations when rendering assistance to a person or vessel in danger.

6. RETIRED COMPETITORS

- 6.1 A support vessel may assist a boat that has retired from a race, provided that such assistance does not interfere with boats that are still racing.
- 6.2 Where practicable, the support vessel or competitor shall notify the Race Committee that the boat has retired.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 Except in an emergency, support vessels shall not communicate information that could provide a competitive advantage to a boat while that boat is racing.
- 7.2 Information available equally to all competitors, including official Race Committee broadcasts, is not considered outside assistance where permitted by the Sailing Instructions.

8. SPEED AND WASH

- 8.1 Support vessels shall operate at a safe speed and minimise wash at all times, particularly near competitors, Race Committee vessels, marks, launching areas and other support vessels.
- 8.2 All local speed restrictions and navigation requirements shall be observed.

9. DIRECTIONS FROM RACE OFFICIALS

- 9.1 Support vessels shall comply promptly with reasonable directions given by the Race Committee, Technical Committee, Jury, Safety Officer or other authorised regatta officials.

10. BREACHES

- 10.1 Alleged breaches of these Support Vessel Regulations may be reported to the Protest Committee.
- 10.2 The Protest Committee may take action against a support person in accordance with **RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.5**, as applicable under the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 10.3 The Organising Authority may also withdraw accreditation or access privileges from a support vessel or support person for serious or repeated breaches of these regulations.

Addendum A – RPAYC Site Plan



Addendum B – Racing Areas

