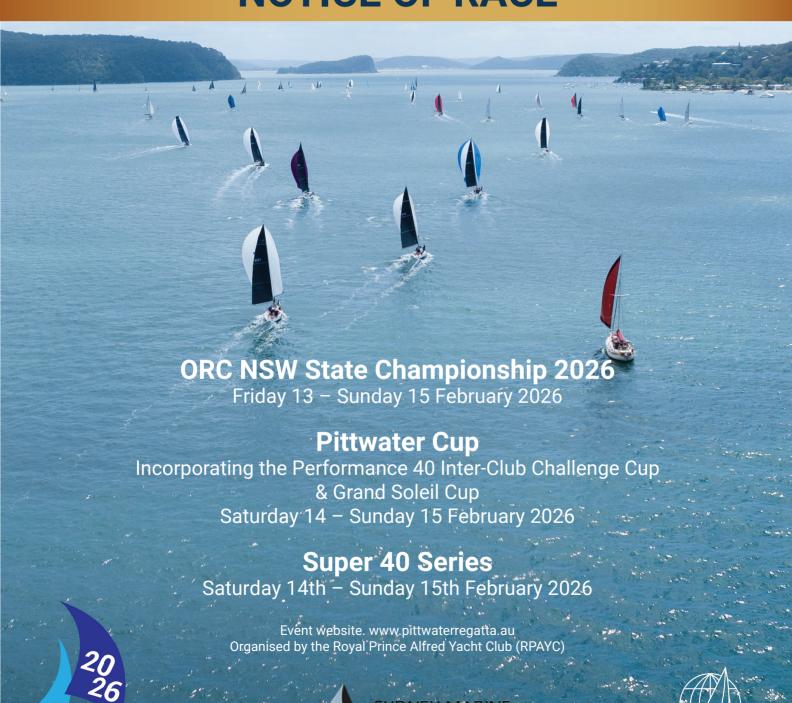




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ORC NSW State Championship 2026

FRIDAY 13TH - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

Pittwater Cup

Incorporating the Performance 40 Inter-Club Challenge Cup

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Grand Soleil Cup

SATURDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

Super 40 Series

SATURDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

Event website. www.pittwaterregatta.au

Organised by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC)
Pittwater, NSW

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Commadores Welcome

Dear sailors,

Welcome to the 2026 Pittwater Regatta, an event that is once again shaping up to be one of the most enjoyable regattas on the water anywhere.

First sailed in 1888, this regatta has always had a special place in Pittwater's story. Five years ago, only eight boats lined up. Last year we were just shy of eighty entries, with crews from a wide range of clubs right across the state. That kind of growth doesn't happen by accident, it happens because people have embraced the event, enjoyed the sailing, and passed the word on. We're grateful for that support.

The regatta brings together:

- The Pittwater Regatta / Pittwater Cup over two days, and
- The NSW ORC State Championships across three days.

The focus is simple: good racing, friendly competition, and an atmosphere that makes people want to come back. Pittwater always delivers something interesting, shifting breezes, flat water, a tight tactical shoreline, and RPAYC provides the ideal base to enjoy it all.

We've also worked hard to make sure the experience ashore is just as enjoyable. Friday opens with a Welcome Party for all competitors, with complimentary food and drinks to set the tone. Across the weekend you'll find music on the lawn, relaxed post-race gatherings, and our now-famous Spinnaker Hoist Challenge on the flagpole, which seems to get faster and noisier every year. Our hospitality team is well prepared and committed to delivering great food and service throughout the event.

My sincere thanks to our sponsors who help make this weekend possible. Pantaenius, as naming partner, has backed us strongly, and Sydney Marine Brokers with their Grand Soleil brand have supported this regatta since the day it returned. Thank you also to Rear Commodore Yachting, Peter Farrugia, and his Race Committee team, whose effort and organisation allow everyone else to simply enjoy the racing.

And finally, thank you to the many clubs whose members join us each year. Your participation has brought this historic event back to life, and we look forward to welcoming you again.

We hope you enjoy the sailing, the setting, and the unique feel that Pittwater brings to a regatta weekend.

Warm regards, Robert McClelland Commodore

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

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

- Part 1 General Rules applicable to the ORC NSW State Championship, Pittwater Cup, Super 40 Series
- Part 2 ORC NSW State Championship specific rules, regulations, and information.
- Part 3 Pittwater Cup specific rules, regulations, and information.
- Part 4 Super 40 Series.
- Part 5 Performance 40 Inter Club Challenge Cup

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

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.

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3. Sailing Instructions

3.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1200hrs on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

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. Early Bird Discounted entry fee applies: 0900hrs Saturday 1st November until 1159hrs Saturday 31st January 2026. The Standard entry fee shall apply from 0000hrs Sunday 1st February 2026.



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6. Fees

Event	Days	Early Bird Entry Fee	Standard Entry Fee	
		(until 31 Jan 2026)	(from 1 Feb 2026)	
ORC NSW Championship	3	\$250	\$295	
Pittwater Cup	2	\$195	\$235	
Super 40	2	\$195	\$235	

7. Regatta Schedule

Date (2026)	Event	Time	Information / Location	
Sat 1 st November 2025	Entry is Open (Early Bird discount applies)	1200hrs	www.pittwaterregatta.au	
Sun 1 st February	Standard Entry Fee Applies	0000hrs	www.pittwaterregatta.au	
Fri 6 th February	Rating Certificate Deadline	1700hrs	Submission of Rating Certificates	
Wed 11 th February	Sailing Instructions / Entry List and Class Splits published	1200hrs	www.pittwaterregatta.au	
Fri 13 th February	Registration & Briefing NSW ORC Champs	0900-1000hrs	Halyards, RPAYC	
	Racing – ORC Championship			
	Welcome Party, Pittwater Cup & Super 40 Skippers Briefing	From 1730hrs	Halyards, RPAYC	
Sat 14 th February	Registration	0900 - 1000hrs	Halyards, RPAYC	
	Racing – All Divisions			
	Caribbean Party / BBQ / Games / Music	After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC	
Sun 15 th February	Racing – All Divisions			
	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. Support Person Vessels

- 9.1. **[DP]** Support Person Vessels shall be registered with the OA. Email <u>Sailing@rpayc.com.au</u> with details of the vessel: Name, Registration, description of vessel and copy of the insurance policy.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. Support Person Vessels are liable for standard visitor berthing fees for the duration of their time at the club. See NoR 10.

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10. Berthing

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Berthing is subject to RPAYC Marina Berthing Fees.
- 10.3. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their allocated berths while in the marina.

11. Venue

11.1. 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.

12. Haul-Out Restrictions

12.1. **[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.

13. Diving Equipment & Plastic Pools

13.1. **[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.

14. Risk Statement

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 14.3. 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."

15. Media Rights & Likenesses

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and crew:
- 15.2.1. Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Regatta and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,
- 15.2.2. 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

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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.

16. Insurance

16.1. 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.

17. Further Information

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club 16 Mitala Street Newport, NSW, 2106 Email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

Telephone: 02 9998 3700 Website: www.rpayc.com.au





Part 2 - Notice of Race: 2026 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 4.
- A1.2. World Sailing Appendix WP (Waypoints) to the RRS.
- A1.3. The ORC Rating System Rules
- A1.4. The IMS Rules.

A2. Communications

A2.1. VHF Ch. 72 will be the race communications channel for the regatta.

A3. Eligibility

- A3.1. Boats entering the championship shall have a valid 2025 ORCi or ORCc Certificate on or before Friday 6th February 2026, 1700hrs.
- A3.2. Boats shall hold a valid Special Regulations Category 4 or higher Audit.
- A3.3. Submit a complete crew list via the online entry system.

A4. Sail Limitations

- A4.1. The maximum number of sails shall be as defined in ORC Rule 206.
- A4.2. Sails carried onboard shall be the same for the duration of the regatta.
- A4.3. 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.

A5. Crew Limitations

- A5.1. 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.
- A5.1.1. However, if the crew consists of 2 females, 2 youth (under 25 years old 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.
- A5.1.2. 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, 10 crew.



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A6. Race Schedule

Date (2026)	Event	Points Factor	Time	Location / Information
Fri 13 th Feb	Skippers Briefing		0930hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
	Warning Signal Race 1 (Offshore Passage Race)	1.5	1155hrs	Course Area A – Terrigal (North), Long Reef (South), 8nm (East)
Sat 14th Feb	Warning Signal Race 2 followed by Race 3 (Inshore Races)	1 per race	1125hrs	Course Area B – Pittwater/Broken Bay
Sun 15th Feb	Warning Signal Race 4 Followed by races 5 & 6 Windward / Leeward Races	1 per race	1125hrs	Area C – Palm Beach Circle
	Presentations		After Racing	Halyards, RPAYC

A6.1. On the final day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs.

A7. Courses

- A7.1. Course Area A
- A7.1.1. Courses may be selected from the list of courses in the Sailing Instructions; Appendix Offshore Courses.
- A7.1.2. Course Area B
- A7.1.3. Courses may be selected from the list of courses in the Sailing Instructions; Appendix Inshore Courses.
- A7.2. Course Area C
- A7.2.1. Course will be offshore laid windward/leeward courses in the vicinity of Palm Beach as described in the Sailing Instructions.

A8. Scoring

- A8.1. Two races shall constitute a series.
- A8.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No discards.
- A8.3. Race Points Factors
- A8.3.1. The race points factor shall be applied as a multiplier to a boats race score to produce the boats points for the race.
- A8.4. ORC Scoring
- A8.4.1. **[NP]** Single number ToT All Purpose ratings will be used for the Offshore Passage Race and the 2 Inshore Passage races. The Single number Windward/Leeward rating will be used for the 3 Windward Leeward races.
- A8.5. PHS Scoring
- A8.5.1.
- A8.5.2. **[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.

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A9. Trophies & Prizes

- A9.1. The Rawhiti Cup will be awarded to the winner of ORC NSW State Championship Division 1.
- A9.2. The Rawhiti Cup V will be awarded to the winner of the ORC NSW State Championship Division 2.
- A9.3. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division of the ORC NSW State Championship will be awarded.
- A9.4. Prizes for PHS may be awarded to boats placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd that have not placed under ORC.



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Part 3 - Notice of Race: 2026 Pittwater Cup

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

B1. Additional Rules

- B1.1. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- B1.2.
- B1.3. 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. Divisions

- B4.1. Entries shall be split into divisions, considering the characteristics, speed and performance of the boats.
- B4.2.
- B4.3. Non-Spinnaker Division: Boats declaring Non-Spinnaker may be separated out into a Non-Spinnaker division(s) depending on entries.
- B4.4. The determination of Divisions shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress.



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B5. Race Schedule

Date (2026)	Event	Points Factor	Time	Location / Information
Friday 13 th February	Skippers Briefing Followed by Welcome Event		1730hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
Saturday 14 th February	Warning Signal Race 1 – Broken Bay 5 Heads Race	1	1155hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater & Broken Bay
Sunday 15 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

B5.1. On the final day of the championship, no Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs.

B6. Courses

- B6.1. Course Area A
- B6.2. Race 1 Broken Bay 5 Heads Race
- B6.2.1. 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.
- B6.3. Races 2 & 3
- B6.3.1. Courses may be selected from the list of courses in the Sailing Instructions.

B7. Scoring

- B7.1. Two races shall constitute a series.
- B7.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No discards.
- B7.3. ORC Scoring
- B7.3.1. [NP] The simplified ToT All Purpose Number shall be used.
- B7.4. **PHS Scoring**
- B7.4.1. [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.

B8. Trophies & Prizes

- B8.1. The winner of each ORC Division will be awarded the Pittwater Bowl.
- B8.2. The winner of each PHS Division will be awarded the Petrel Cup.
- B8.3. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division will be awarded.
- B8.4. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



Part 4 - Notice of Race: Act 1 - Super 40 Series 2026



Preamble: Part 4 covers the rules applying to boats competing in Act 1 of the Super 40 Series 2026.

C1. Additional Rules

- C1.1. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- C1.2. The ORC Rating System Rule.
- C1.3. 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 (2026)	Event	Points Factor	Time	Location / Information
Friday 13 th February	Skippers Briefing Followed by Welcome Event		1730hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
Saturday 14 th February	Warning Signal Race 1 – 5 Heads Trophy Race	1.5	1155hrs	Course Area A – Pittwater & Broken Bay
Sunday 15 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.

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C5. Courses

- C5.1. Course Area A
- C5.2. Race 1 Broken Bay 5 Heads Race
- C5.3. Races 2, 3 & 4 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 or ToT Windward/Leeward Numbers shall be used as appropriate.
- C6.4. PHRF and PHS Scoring
- C6.4.1. [NP] A Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) number may be applied where applicable.

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 - Performance 40 Inter Club Challenge Cup

Bringing together like boats for close racing and friendly Inter-Club rivalry

CORINTHIAN INTER-CLUB RACING

The Performance 40 Inter Club Challenge Cup is based around competitive Corinthian racing incorporating designs that are accessible to a wide range of budgets / crews. The idea is based on the Performance 40 Class in the UK which has proven successful.

The intention is that rules should remain simple, with the intent that the 'ethos' of the class is inclusive and supports youth and female participation, racing with a crew containing no more than 1 paid member.

ELIGIBLE YACHTS

Bringing together the many of the existing Cruiser/Racer designed production yachts around 40ft in length and defined by the following:

LOA: 10.95m (36ft) – 13.66m (45ft)

Max Draft: 2.85m

ORC Rating (ToT All purpose): 1.1225 - 1.2750

CDL: 10.000 – 11.950

Sail Plan: Primary (biggest spinnaker) is a Symmetrical Spinnaker

EXAMPLES OF DESIGNS THAT FIT THE RULE (not exclusive list)

Yacht Design	LOA	Draft	ToT AP	CDL	DLR	Symmetric Spinnaker
Grand Soleil 40	11.89m (40ft)	2.40m	1.1238	10.081	6.5995	Υ
Sydney 36	10.97m (36ft)	2.35m	1.1251	10.009	5.2521	Υ
First 40.7	11.92m (40ft)	2.42m	1.1372	10.325	6.4386	Υ
First 40	12.24m (40ft)	2.50m	1.1585	10.754	5.9410	Υ
Archambault 40	11.98m (40ft)	2.53m	1.1735	10.725	5.8038	Υ
Sydney 38	11.78m (38ft)	2.60m	1.1909	10.795	4.8213	Υ
Sydney 41	12.46M (41ft)	2.53m	1.1945	11.145	5.3747	Υ
First 45	13.66m (45ft)	2.77m	1.1983	11.666	6.4922	Υ
King/Mills 40	12.12M (40ft)	2.50m	1.2009	10.926	5.9876	Υ
Matt 12.45	12.45m (40ft)	2.57m	1.2279	11.239	5.8260	Υ
Cookson 12	11.99m (40ft)	2.80m	1.2307	11.075	4.3992	Υ
Grand Soleil 44	13.39m (44ft)	2.83m	1.2317	11.790	5.5727	Υ
XP44	13.29m (44ft)	2.70m	1.2401	11.924	5.3557	Υ
Farr 40	12.41m (40ft)	2.60m	1.2696	11.393	4.0411	Υ

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The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club invites 3 boat teams from a yacht club to enter the Performance 40 Inter Club Challenge Cup, part of the Pittwater Cup. The event is 2 days of racing within Pittwater and Broken Bay. Boats that meet the criteria of the Performance 40 as described in this document are invited to join forces and challenge the RPAYC team(s).

Entry is by the Pittwater Regatta entry portal, completing the team details as you enter.

Racing is scored under ORC – Ratings available from: https://www.sailingresources.org.au/ratings-hub/orc/
Team entries will be eligible for individual class and overall trophies as applicable.

PERFORMANCE 40: FUTURE EVENTS - TO BE CONSIDERED

Sydney Harbour Regatta: 7 & 8 March 2026

Sail Port Stephens: 24 - 26 Apri 2026

40TH PITTWATER TO COFFS HARBOUR YACHT RACE 2026

27 - 29 March, 2026



ENTER AND BE PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) invites competitors to participate in the 40th Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race 2026.

The race commences on Friday, 27 March 2026, at 1300hrs, with a race presentation on Sunday at the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club.

Racing is open to offshore Cat3+ yachts, Monohulls & Multihulls with IRC - ORC - OMR - and Short Handed categories.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATING, CONTACT SAILING@RPAYC.COM.AU

