



"Old Timers" Race 2025

Wednesday 17 December 2025

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

Online Entry: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/online-entry-system/>

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The AS Special Regulations Equipment requirements of Category 7 shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor adjacent to RPAYC reception.

3. SIGNALS

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flagpole located on the lawn in front of the clubhouse.

4. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 All competing boats shall carry a functional hand held or cockpit mounted VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication on VHF Channel 77.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY



5.1 Eligibility

5.1.1 Eligible Old Timer Skippers shall be over the age of 65 years, and shall have been a member of the RPAYC, for more than 10 years consecutively.

5.2 Old Timer Skippers shall not helm their own boat or a boat of the same design/model.

5.3 Entry

5.3.1 Boats shall enter via the online entry system available at: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/online-entry-system/>

5.3.2 Boats shall submit as a part of their online entry, a copy of the boat's completed **AS Special Regulations Equipment Category 7 Audit Form** and a copy of the boat's insurance policy.

5.3.3 The Old Timers Race is a non-spinnaker race. Boats shall only use a mainsail and one headsail (as defined by RRS 50.4) at a time. The headsail shall be fully hanked or attached by means of luff groove device to the permanent forestay.

5.4 A crew list containing details of skipper and crew, including emergency contact details and a valid AS number, shall be submitted through the online entry system.

6. FEES

6.1 There is no entry fee for the race for members.

7. SCHEDULE

Event	Date	Time	Location
Entry Opens	30 Oct 2025	0900hrs	Online
Entry Closes	16 Dec 2025	1700hrs	Sailing Office
Final Lunch Bookings Close	16 Dec 2025	1700hrs	Club Reception
First Warning Signal	17 Dec 2025	1055hrs	Pittwater
Old Timers Lunch	17 Dec 2025	1300hrs	Pittwater Room

8. THE START

8.1 The Starting Area may be the area of water extending from Bayview in the South to an imaginary line extending west from Taylors Point in the North.

8.2 The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and an inflatable mark at the other end of the line.

8.3 The table below shows divisions, division flags and scheduled start times

Division	Flag	Signal / Display
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1	1100hrs

9. COURSES

Course No.	Wind	Course Marks
1	N / S	Start – SP(p) – SDP(p) – TP – RP – Finish
2	W	Start – RP – EB(p) – RP – EB(p) – TB – Finish
3	E	Start – EB(p) – RP – EB(p) – TB – Finish
4	NW / SE	Start – TB – EB(p) – SDP(p) – TP – Finish

9.1 All marks are to be rounded to Starboard unless otherwise indicated (P), denoting a Port rounding.



- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed from the Race Committee Vessel no later than the Warning Signal.

10. FINISH

- 10.1 The Finish Line shall be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and a inflatable mark nearby

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty. Infringements in the Zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.2 The penalty for any infringement(s) of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. Changes RRS64.1.

12. ARBITRATION AND PROTESTS

- 12.1 Submission of Protests: Protests in accordance with RRS 61 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).
- 12.2 Hearing of Protests: Protests may be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible and notified at the time of lodgment of the protest in the Boardroom on RPAYC.
- 12.3 Reopening a Hearing: RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."
- 12.4 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 61 that allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4.
- 12.5 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).
- 12.6 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.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Boats will be allocated a PHS Handicap. The handicap shall not be subject to protest or redress. Changes RRS 61
- 13.2 Boats will be ranked in the order of corrected time, lowest first and so on, once the PHS handicap is applied to the boats elapsed time.
- 13.3 Boats with a valid ORC rating shall also be scored under ORC, using the All Purpose ToT number.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 The "Old Timers Tackle Trophy" will be awarded to the winner of the race on PHS corrected time.
- 14.2 Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third.
- 14.3 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. OLD TIMERS LUNCH

- 17.1 A lunch will be held in the RPAYC Pittwater Room following the race; eligible "Old Timer" skippers may receive a complimentary lunch upon making a booking.
- 17.2 Each skipper and all crew are required to book through Club Reception, prior to 1700hrs, 16 December 2024.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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