
53rd DICKO CUP MARATHON RACE SERIES

24 & 25 JANUARY 2026

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is excited to announce its annual Dicko Cup Marathon Series! This fun and family-friendly event is open to all members and guests, and promises an exciting weekend of sailing, socialising, and fun on the beautiful Hallett's Beach.

Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the current Special Regulations and Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), this Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SI).

All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing Category 7 or Cruising Inshore Special Regulations Equipment Audit.

The "Marathon" Series includes up to two races for boats wishing to compete for the "Dicko" Cup Trophy.

Limited BBQ facilities will be provided at Hallett's Beach. BYO food and drink.

Race Schedule:

RACE 1: Start North of Bayview starting at 1200hrs on Saturday 24 January 2026.

The course to sail will be "COURSE A".

RACE 2: Start off Challenger Head starting at 1200hrs on Sunday 25 January 2026.

The course to sail will be "COURSE B".

Cruise Schedule:

If not racing, cruising boats are invited to join the race (Course A) or just rendezvous at Hallett's Beach on Saturday 24 January and enjoy a rally back to the club on Sunday 25 or Monday 26 January 2026.

**Eligibility and Scoring:**

Boats eligible to compete in the Dicko Cup shall be fitted with an inboard or outboard engine driven by a fixed, folding or feathering type of propeller.

The boat shall also contain suitable and adequate accommodations.

A boat must compete in both races to be eligible for the Dicko Cup.

Race Entry & Entry Fees:

Entry is free for all members of RPAYC.

Enter online: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/profile?tab=entry>

Late Entries will be accepted up until 1000hrs on Saturday, 24 January 2026.

Handicaps:

Placegetters in all races are subject to re-handicapping at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Prizes and Trophies:

Prize Giving for Race 1 will be held at Hallett's Beach at approx. 1700hrs, Saturday 24 January 2026.

Prize Giving for Race 2 and the awarding of the **Dicko Cup** shall be held in Halyards, RPAYC ASAP after race 2 on Sunday 25 January 2026.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**Starting Times and Signals:**

Class Flag: Numeral Pennant 1

Race 1 – Saturday 24 January

The race will be started in accordance with RRS26 with the Warning Signal at 1155hrs

Race 2 – Sunday 25 January

The race will be started in accordance with RRS26 with the Warning Signal at 1155hrs

**Start Line / Finish Line**

The Starting line and Finishing Line shall be between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag at the start and a blue flag at the finish, and the course side of an orange inflatable mark on the other end of the line.

Location of Starting and Finishing Lines:

COURSE "A" START north of Bayview / FINISH off Challenger Head

COURSE "B" START off Challenger Head / FINISH north of Bayview

Courses:**RACE 1 - COURSE "A"**

Starting Line - Towlers Bay(s) - Stokes Point (p) - Lion Island (p) - Finish. (Distance: 11.0 n.m.)

RACE 2 - COURSE "B"

Starting Line – Lion Island (s) - Mackerel Beach (p) - Finish. (Distance: 10.0 n.m.)

Shortening Course:

RRS 32.2 is amended by adding:

(a) on a leg of the course, between the Race Committee Vessel displaying flag 'S' and an inflatable mark nearby.

Towing Dinghies:

Boats towing dinghies in the races MAY be given an additional allowance of handicap, at the direction of the Race Committee.

Time Limit:

The time limit shall be Four (4) hours from the Starting Signal. No boat shall receive a finish time after the time limit has expired and shall be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

Scoring:

Boats must compete in both races to be eligible for the Dicko Cup Trophy.

There will be no discards. One race constitutes a Series if weather conditions do not permit the completion of all races.

Recall:

Boats deemed OCS by the starter may be recalled on VHF 77. Any boat failing to return and start correctly shall be liable to any penalty imposed by the Race Committee.

Protests:

Shall be lodged with the Race Committee on the committee vessel within **one** hour of finishing the race.

Insurance:

Each participating boat must be insured with current third-party property insurance cover and valid third-party personal liability insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one claim event.

Disclaimer and Declaration:

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".

It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. 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.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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