

International 5.5m Australian Championship 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

SUNDAY 1ST – TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2026

Organised by The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (OA)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Prescriptions of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2. Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements.
- 1.3. Boats must comply with the International 5.5m Class Rules. Each boat must be registered as a paid up member of the International 5.5 Metre Association of Australia for 2026 and all sails used in the event must have a 5.5m registration sticker.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made online at:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/profile?tab=entry>
- 3.2. Entries close at 1700 hrs on Friday 27th February 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.3. Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval during the Regatta and Sausage Sizzle (Monday 2 March 2026).

4. FEES

- 4.1. Regatta entry fee for all boats is \$250 (including GST).
- 4.2. The International 5.5 Metre Association of Australia Membership fee is \$250, to be paid at time of entry.

5. CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 5.1. Cancellations prior to the close of entry may be eligible for a refund of 50% of the Regatta entry fee.
- 5.2. Cancellations after the close of entries shall not receive a refund.
- 5.3. Refunds of the Class Association fees are at the discretion of the class.

6. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. All boats must submit a valid Category 7 AS Special Regulation Equipment Audit and the required insurance documentation before racing.



- 6.2. During the Regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time.
- 6.3. Requests for substitution of crew members or equipment will only be considered if submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

7. SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
Saturday 28 th February	Friends of David Booth Trophy – Free Invitational Event for 5.5m entrants	1st Warning – see NoR
Sunday 1 March	Skippers Briefing	1030
	Race 1	1200
	Races 2 & 3 to follow ASAP	
Monday 2 March	Race 4	1200
	Race 5 & 6 to follow ASAP	
	Sausage Sizzle	ASAP after racing
Tuesday 3 March	Race 7	1200
	Races 8 & 9 to follow ASAP	
	Presentations	ASAP after racing

- 7.1. Three (3) races are scheduled each day. The Race Committee may schedule additional races at its absolute discretion.
- 7.2. A maximum of nine (9) races will be conducted for the series.
- 7.3. No Warning Signal will be made after 1530hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. The racing area will be on the waters of Pittwater.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS18, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When Four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**12. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1. All coaches and support boats must register their details with the Organising Authority prior to the briefing.
- 12.2. Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, bookings shall be made with the Waterfront Office prior to Friday 27 February 2026 Coach and Support vessels will be subject to the visitor berthing rates.
- 12.3. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 12.4. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 12.5. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate, or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats or other competing yachts unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

13. BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 13.1. Boats will be allocated berthing for the duration of the Regatta.
- 13.2. Berthing and hard stand facilities may be available either one day prior to and one day post the scheduled Australian Championship Regatta dates (refer to NoR 7) at no additional fee.
- 13.3. Facilities MUST be pre-booked by phoning Waterfront on 02 9998 3741 or waterfront@rpayc.com.au.
- 13.4. The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking.

14. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1. All boats must be afloat before 1030hrs on Sunday 1st March 2026 and must not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 14.2. Plastic pools or their equivalent and breathing apparatus must not be used.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.
- 15.2. The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF Ch72 to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. Boats may request a repeat of any announcement by the Race Committee or whether an announcement has been without infringing RRS41.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - Silver Cup for the winner of the Classic Division (pre-1970);
 - Gold Cup for the winner of the Evolution and Modern Division (post 1970);
 - 5.5m National Trophy (D'Arcy Shelly Memorial Shield) for the overall winner.
- 16.2. A Prize will also be awarded for the winner of PHS handicap (handicaps will be calculated based on information on previous performance and the winners of the Silver Cup, Gold Cup and National Trophy shall not be eligible for this prize).
- 16.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY



- 17.1. 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 must indemnify the Organising Authority 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.
- 17.2. The Organising Authority their 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
- 17.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat must be insured for the duration of the regatta with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 18.2. Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

19. MEDIA

- 19.1. By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION**Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club**Email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

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Day	Event	Time
Saturday 28 February	Boats welcome at club	From 0900
	Friends of David Booth Trophy Race	1st Warning – see NoR
Sunday 1 – Tuesday 3 March	Int. 5.5m Australian Championship	
Wednesday 4 March	Int 5.5m Gold Cup	Woody Point YC Twilight Race – refer to WPYC
Thursday 5 March	Int 5.5m Class Women’s Race for the Associates Trophy	RPAYC Twilight Race: see RPAYC Notice to Competitors and Sailing Handbook

More information available through the Australian 5.5m Class Association