

NOTICE OF RACE

2026 LION ISLAND SERIES

SATURDAY 2 – SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

Organising Authority
Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Open to all Racing & Cruising yachts, Sports boats and Keelboat Classes

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations (AS SR) Category 7, RPAYC Cat 7+, and VHF radio.
- 1.3. Appendix T of RRS (Arbitration).
- 1.4. ORC Rating System Rules.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Competitors may be required to display advertising provided by the sponsor or organising authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. Entry Fee

- 3.1. Members of the RPAYC & RMYC: \$Nil (select Member option and add your RPAYC/RMYC member number)
- 3.2. Non-Members: \$300 (series), \$66.00 (casual)
- 3.3. Cancellations prior to the 1st May 2026 shall be eligible for a refund of the entry fee.
- 3.4. There shall be no refunds after the 1st May 2026.

4. Eligibility & Entry

- 4.1. Entrants shall submit a copy of their 2025-26 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 7 Audit Form, RPAYC Cat7+ form and Insurance Certificate of Currency, via the online entry system.
- 4.2. Entry shall be completed online ([via SailSys - click here](#))
- 4.3. RPAYC and RMYC members shall include their membership number to be eligible for free entry.

5. Crew Lists

- 5.1. A complete crew list shall be submitted through the online entry system before each race.
- 5.2. All mandatory fields in the crew list shall be completed.
- 5.3. Failure to complete the crew list shall:
 - 5.3.1. In the first instance shall result in a 5-place penalty, (Refer RRS 60.5(b)(3), Changes RRS A5)
 - 5.3.2. Any further instances shall result in DSQ, changes (Refer RRS 60.5(b)(3), Changes RRS A5)

6. Schedule of Events

| Date | Race | First Warning Signal | Presentations |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday 02 May 2026 | Race 1 | 1155hrs | ASAP after racing – Halyards, RPAYC |
| Saturday 09 May 2026 | Race 2 | 1155hrs | ASAP after racing – Halyards, RPAYC |
| Saturday 16 May 2026 | Race 3 | 1155hrs | ASAP after racing – Halyards, RPAYC |
| Saturday 23 May 2026 | Race 4 | 1155hrs | ASAP after racing – Halyards, RPAYC |
| Saturday 30 May 2026 | Race 5 | 1155hrs | ASAP after racing – Halyards, RPAYC |

7. Communication

- 7.1. All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio and have it turned on for the duration of each race.
- 7.2. The race committee may make race broadcasts on VHF Ch.77 to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such broadcasts, will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 7.3. Boats may request a repeat of any announcement by the Race Committee or whether an announcement has been made without infringing RRS 41.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be published by 1200hrs on Friday 1 May 2026.

9. Race Area & Courses

- 9.1. The Race Area shall be the waters of Pittwater and Broken Bay.
- 9.2. The Course to be sailed shall be taken from the current RPAYC Course list. (Copies available from the website or RPAYC Reception).
- 9.3. The course to be sailed shall be announced by the Race Committee no later than the Warning Signal.

10. Divisions

- 10.1. The Race Committee shall allocate divisions based on boat type, characteristics, performance, size etc.
- 10.2. Division allocations shall be displayed in the online entry system after 1200hrs on Friday 1 May 2026.

11. Handicaps & Ratings

- 11.1. ORC Ratings: Boats with a valid ORCi or ORCc Rating Certificate will be scored in ORC using the All-Purpose ToT number.
- 11.2. PHS Handicap: All boats shall be allocated a PHS Handicap. The PHS shall be arbitrary where a Time Correction Factor (TCF) for the boat is determined by the Race Committee. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. Changes RRS 60.1 & 61.1(a).

12. Penalties

- 12.1. The penalty for breaking a rule or RRS Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 occurring within the zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two-Turn Penalty. Changes RRS 41.1.
- 12.2. The penalty for an infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. Changes RRS 60.5(c)

13. Scoring

- 13.1. One (1) Race is required to constitute a series.
- 13.2. RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- 13.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 13.4. When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

14. Short Stay Berthing & Berthing

- 14.1. Berthing may be available for the duration of the series and will be subject to casual visitor berthing rates. Contact the Waterfront Team: Tel 02 9998 3700 or Email waterfront@rpayc.com.au
- 14.2. Short stay berthing to pick up crew or return for presentations after racing will be available – contact the Waterfront Team for individual requirements.

15. Results & Prizes

- 15.1. Presentations will be held in Halyards Bar, RPAYC, as soon as possible after racing each week.

16. Trophies

- 16.1. **Isea Trophy** – Awarded to the winning boat under ORC rating in each Division.
- 16.2. **Basin Challenge Trophy** – Awarded to the winning boat under PHS in each Division.
- 16.3. **Seachange Trophy** – Awarded to the highest placed boat in the series sailed by a minimum of 1/3 female crew. See full details below.
- 16.4. Series Trophies will be awarded ASAP after racing on Saturday 30 May 2026.

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. 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 series 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. Seachange Trophy

20.1. Eligibility

20.1.1. The boat shall be crewed by at least 1/3 female crew for all races of the 2026 Lion Island Series.

20.1.2. Calculation of Crew numbers:

20.1.2.1. Boats with 2, or 3 crew – minimum 1 female crew member

20.1.2.2. Boats with 4, 5 or 6 crew – minimum 2 female crew members

20.1.2.3. Boats with 7, 8 or 9 crew - minimum 3 female crew members

20.1.2.4. Boats with 10, 11 or 12 crew - minimum 4 female crew members

20.1.2.5. And so on.

20.2. Scoring

20.2.1. The (PHS) series score divided by the number of entries in her division shall be her score for the trophy.

20.2.2. The boat with the lowest resultant score shall be awarded the Seachange Trophy.

20.3. Entry/Nomination for the Trophy

20.4. To nominate for the trophy; send an email to the Sailing Office with the following details by 1000hrs Saturday 02 May 2026:

- Boat Name & Sail No.
- Total Crew
- Number of Female Crew

20.5. Crew lists shall still be completed in the SailSys online entry system as per the requirements of the NoR and SI.

21. Contact Details

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