

Mick Hole Winter Regatta

SATURDAY 18 & SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

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



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 (AS).
- 1.2 The AS Special Regulations Equipment requirements shall apply:
 - 1.2.1 Part 1 Category 7 for keelboats.
 - 1.2.2 Part 2 for Sports Boat Classes.
- 1.3 The rules of each Class shall apply.
- 1.4 Applicable rating or handicap rules (CHS, ORC, Etc.).

2. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Each boat may be required to display event advertising.
- 2.2 Event advertising, if any, will be supplied by the OA.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to One Design/Class boats and Sports Boat classes.
- 4.2 Divisions and starting groups will be decided by number of entries in each class.
- 4.3 Eligible boats must enter via the online entry system available at: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/profile?tab=entry>
- 4.4 A crew list containing details of skipper and crew shall be submitted through the online entry system.
- 4.5 Boats shall provide the RPAYC Sailing Office with a copy of the boat’s insurance policy and **AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit** (yachts and keelboats).
- 4.6 Boats requiring an audit are requested to contact the RPAYC Sailing Office by 1700hrs 9 July 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees (incl. GST) are as follows:

Category	Member Entry Fee	Non-Member Entry Fee
Early Entry Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Standard Entry Fee from Wed 15 July 1700hrs	\$ 125.00	\$ 175.00

6. CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 6.1 Before the 1 July 2026: a full refund of entry fee shall be refunded less any banking charges.
- 6.2 After 1 July 2026 and until 10 July 2026: 50% of entry fee shall be refunded less any banking charges.
- 6.3 After 10 July 2026 there will be no refunds.



7. CREW & EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION

- 7.1 Substitution of skipper or crew may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and only by prior written permission of the Race Committee. Crew lists shall be updated to reflect agreed changes.
- 7.2 Substitution of equipment (damaged, lost or otherwise) may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and only by prior written permission of the Race Committee.

8. SCHEDULE

Event	Date (2026)	Time	Location
Entry is open: https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/profile?tab=entry			
Entry Closes	Wed 15 July	1700hrs	Sailing Office
Race Briefing	Sat 18 July	0900hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
First Warning Signal (up to 4 races)	Sat 18 July	0955hrs	Pittwater
First Warning Signal (up to 4 races)	Sun 19 July	0955hrs	Pittwater
Prize Giving	Sun 19 July	ASAP after racing	Halyards, RPAYC

- 8.1 There will be no Warning Signal after 1500hrs on Sunday 19 July 2026.

9. MEASUREMENT & COMPLIANCE

- 9.1 Full measurement is not required; however, all boats shall conform to the rules of the class or measurement system applicable.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with the regatta rules, or their Class rules may have its entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not compete (DNC) or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPAYC Sailing Office and on the website by the Close of Entry.

11. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 11.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW.
- 11.2 Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 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 Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Two (2) races shall constitute a series.
- 13.2 A maximum of six (6) are scheduled for the regatta.
- 13.3 A boats score shall be the total of her race scores (No discards).
- 13.4 One Design Classes and keelboat classes (5.5m etc) will be scored on scratch placings.



- 13.5 Sports Boats will use Event Handicap (EHC) or other agreed handicap system. The EHC shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. Changes RRS 60.1 & 61.4(b)(1).

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not get within 50m of any boat racing from the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished, without the approval of the Race Committee.

- 14.2 The penalty for failing to comply with NoR 14.1 above may be the disqualification of the boat(s) associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats. (Addition to RRS 60.2).

15. MARINA BERTHING & HADSTAND FACILITIES

- 15.1 Boats requiring Berthing or Hardstand Facilities shall pre-book by phoning Waterfront on 02 9998 3741 or waterfront@rpayc.com.au no later than the close of entry.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 All competing boats shall carry a functional handheld or cockpit mounted VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication on VHF Channel 72.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 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.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Perpetual Trophies will be presented at a post-race presentation at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

- 19.2 Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third in each Class or Division.

- 19.3 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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