Gwen Slade Regatta

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

Sailing Instructions

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB

1. RULES

1.1. Refer NoR 1.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1. Refer NoR 3

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board, adjacent to reception.

3.2. The race Committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch72. Failure of such communication to be given or received shall not be subject to redress nor is such information a breach of RRS 41. This changes RRS 41.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before they will take effect. Other changes will be posted before 0900hrs on the day they take effect.

4.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. This may be communicated orally.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at the club.

5.2. The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after “AP” is lowered ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals “AP”.

6. SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 24 May 2026	Race Briefing, Halyards	1030hrs
	1st Warning Signal	1155hrs
	Presentation, Halyards	ASAP following racing

6.1. A maximum of three (3) races are scheduled for the regatta.

6.2. One (1) race shall constitute a series.

6.3. No Warning Signal shall be made after 1530hrs.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The Int. Etchells Class flag shall be Code Flag “E”.

8. RACE AREA & OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The race area shall be the waters of Pittwater.

8.2. While racing in Pittwater, boats shall not sail within the area of water between registered moorings (including Police or NSW Maritime moorings) and the adjacent shoreline inside Pittwater. These areas rank as obstructions.

9. MARKS, START & FINISHING LINES

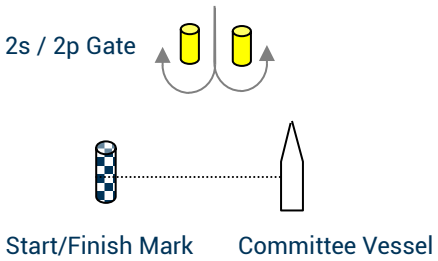
9.1. Mark 1 and the Gate marks (2s / 2p) shall be yellow inflatable buoys.

9.2. The "Change Mark" shall be a red inflatable buoy. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original yellow buoy.

9.3. The starting and finishing lines shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the start and a blue flag at the finish, on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a black and white checkered inflatable buoy.

10. COURSE & DESCRIPTION

CODE	Course
C2	Start – 1- Finish
C4	Start – 1 - 2s/2p – 1 - Finish



10.1. The course, compass bearing and approximate distance to Mark 1 shall be displayed from the Race Committee Vessel at or before the Warning Signal.

10.2. Mark 1 shall be rounded to port.

10.3. If one gate mark is missing, boats shall round the remaining one to port.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. 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.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1. The time limit for each race shall be 45 minutes.

12.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat sailing the course will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.

13.2. Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.3. The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

13.4. A request for reopening a hearing or redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support vessels shall monitor the VHF (ch72) during racing and shall render assistance to any boat in danger when requested by the boat, the Race Committee.

14.2. Except when complying with SI14.1, support vessels and personnel shall stay 50m outside the course area from the time of the first Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing. The course area is an imaginary line drawn 50m outside any area where a boat might sail whilst racing.

15. DISCLAIMER

15.1. 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 indemnify the Organising Authority, Host Club, their officers, members, staff and agents in respect of 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.

15.2. The Organising Committee, Host Club, 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.

15.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race