



ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED
YACHT CLUB

HARKEN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday 11 to Sunday 15 November 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC:	Protest Committee or International Jury	SI:	Sailing Instruction
NoR:	Notice of Race	RC:	Race Committee
OA:	Organising Authority	TD:	Technical Delegate
RRS:	Racing Rules of Sailing	[NP]:	A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and C6.2.
- 1.4 Changes to rules
 - 1.4.1 [NP] Competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment. Personal flotation devices shall comply with AS 4758 (minimum Level 50) or AS 1512-1996 Type 1 or equivalent (or more stringent) overseas standard.
- 1.5 Australian Sailing prescriptions shall not apply.
- 1.6 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1500hrs on Tuesday 18th November 2026, from the official event website - www.intyouthmatchracingchampionship.com.au

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Noticeboard located in the Main Clubhouse, adjacent to Club Reception.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff, located on the lawn in front of the Clubhouse.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Up to Ten (10) skippers may be invited, at the discretion of the OA. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by completing the online 'Application for Invitation' form (<https://form.jotform.com/211731487550051>) no later than **Sunday 14th September 2026**.
- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event. Successful applicants will be notified no later than **Wednesday 1st October 2026**.
- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.4 All competitors shall be under 23 years of age as of 31st December 2026.
- 4.5 All skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online with World Sailing. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID prior to registration, if not provided at the time of application for invitation.
- 4.6 A non-refundable entry fee of AU\$1500 (incl. GST) shall be paid by **Saturday 31st October 2026**.
- 4.7 To be considered entered in the event, the Skipper shall complete registration, crew weighing (Wed 11 Nov 2026) and payment of all fees and deposits.

- 4.8 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

5. DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 An initial damage deposit of AUD \$2500 shall be paid at or before registration, or by credit card details held by the OA.
- 5.2 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance.
- 5.3 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.4 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall **not exceed 350kg**, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide eight (8) Elliott 7 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker (Symmetrical Spinnaker for 2026).
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the Race Committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be in the waters of 'Pittwater', in the vicinity of Scotland Island.

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- 7.8.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 7.8.2 After the First Stage the following will apply:
 - 7.8.2.1 Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
 - 7.8.2.2 In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and skippers shall alternate ends every match.
 - 7.8.2.3 Skippers may exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
 - 7.8.2.4 Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.

7.9 Is amended as follows:

7.9.1 Stage One – Round Robins

- 7.9.1.1 All skippers will sail a double round robin.
- 7.9.1.2 The six lowest scoring skippers shall qualify for Stage Two.
- 7.9.1.3 The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for Stage Three.

7.9.2 Stage Two - Sail Offs

- 7.9.2.1 Skippers shall be ranked based on their score from Stage One.
- 7.9.2.2 The 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th and 9th & 10th ranked skippers, shall race each other respectively.
- 7.9.2.3 The first skipper in each pair to score at least two (2) points, shall be awarded the higher placing to determine their final overall place.

7.9.3 Stage Three – Semi-Finals

- 7.9.3.1 The highest scoring skipper in Stage One, shall select their opponent when requested to do so by the RC. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- 7.9.3.2 The first skipper in each pair to score at least two (2) points, shall be awarded the higher place to determine their final overall place.

7.9.4 Stage Four – Petit Final

- 7.9.4.1 The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
- 7.9.4.2 The first skipper to score at least two (2) points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

7.9.5 Stage Five – Final

- 7.9.5.1 The first skipper to score at least three (3) points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

- 7.10 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8.1 Schedule

Wednesday 11 November	
0900 – 1600	Race Office open for registration & crew weigh-in
1000 – 1300	Practice Session One (1)
1300 – 1600	Practice Session Two (2)
1800 - 1600	Welcome Function (<i>mandatory for all competitors</i>)
Thursday 12 November	
0800	Race office open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
0830	Daily Competitor Briefing with Officials (<i>mandatory for all competitors</i>)
1000	First Attention Signal
Friday 13 November	
0800	Race office open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
0830	Daily Competitor Briefing with Officials (<i>mandatory for all competitors</i>)
1000	First Attention Signal
Saturday 14 November	
0800	Race office open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
0830	Daily Competitor Briefing with Officials (<i>mandatory for all competitors</i>)
1000	First Attention Signal
Sunday 15 November	
0800	Race office open & breakfast available from Halyards Bistro
0830	Daily Competitor Briefing with Officials (<i>mandatory for all competitors</i>)
1000	First Attention Signal
After Racing	Prize Giving – <i>no earlier than one (1) hour after the last race (mandatory for all competitors)</i>

8.1.1 An umpires debrief may be held as soon as possible after racing each day

8.1.2 The latest time for an attention signal on the *last* day of racing will be approximately 1600hrs

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

8.2.1 Welcome Function

8.2.2 Daily briefings

8.2.3 Prize Giving

9. [NP] ADVERTISING

9.1 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

10. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3 The OA will provide berths for coach boats under 6m. Request for berthing must be made to the OA at least seven (7) days prior to Club Registration via - waterfront@rpayc.com.au

12. [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND

- 12.1 If required by the OA:
 - 12.1.1 Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - 12.1.2 Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - 12.1.3 Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 12.3 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 The principal prize for First Place will be the "Rockin' Robin Perpetual Trophy".
- 15.2 The OA and Sponsor may award other prizes at its discretion.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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