



Opening Day

Yacht & Centreboard Race

“Pittwater Dash”

Saturday 5 September 2026

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1. Eligibility & Entry

- 1.1. To be eligible to compete, a boat shall;
- 1.2. Enter online. Entry deadline 1700hrs Friday 4 September 2026.
- 1.3. At the minimum, hold a valid Australian Sailing Category 7 Special Regulations Audit or, for Centreboard OTB, meet Part 2 of the Australian Special Regulations.
- 1.4. Entry is via: <https://rpayc.com.au/rpayc-opening-day/>

2. Divisions

- 2.1. The fleet may be divided into divisions:
 - 2.1.1. Yachts.
 - 2.1.2. Centreboard OTB (boats may be split into Fast and Slow Divisions depending on entries).

3. The Start

- 3.1. The starting area may be in the vicinity of the beginning of the 8kt zone to the west of the RPAYC marina.
- 3.2. The Starting Line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Vessel and an orange inflatable mark on the other end of the line.
- 3.3. The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1310hrs.
- 3.4. The scheduled Start times are as follows:

Division	Start Time	Flag
Yachts	1315hrs	Numeral Pennant 1
Centreboard OTB	1320hrs	Numeral Pennant 2



4. The Course

4.1. The courses to be sailed may be:

Yachts:

Course 1: Start – SP(p) – RP – LN – Finish

Course 2: Start – SP(p) – RP – SP(p) - Finish

Centreboard OTB:

Course 1: Start – LN – RP – LN – Finish

Course 2: Start – SP(p) – RP – LN - Finish

4.2. If the courses as per 4.1 are not suitable for the conditions on the day, an alternative may be announced by the Race Committee.

4.3. All marks are to be rounded to starboard unless otherwise indicated (p), denoting a port rounding.

5. The Finish

5.1. The finishing area shall be in the vicinity of the starting area.

5.2. The finish line shall be between the blue flag displayed on the Race Committee Vessel and the nearby orange inflatable mark.

6. Time Limit

6.1. The time limit shall be 2.5 hours. Any boat still racing when the time limit expires shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). Changes RRS35.

7. Scoring

7.1. Boats with a valid ORC Certificate shall be scored in accordance with the ORC Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring system using the applicable rating as printed on the on the ORC Certificate as a multiplier of elapsed time.

7.2. All yacht entrants shall be allocated a PHS handicap. Results shall be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The TCF determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS61.1 and 61.4.

7.3. All centreboard OTB entrants will have an event handicap applied (EHC). Results shall be decided by application of the EHC as a multiplier of elapsed time. The EHC determination shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS61.1 and 61.4.

8. Prizes

8.1. The Basin Trophy will be awarded to the first boat in PHS Handicap. If multiple divisions are used then the trophy will be awarded to the first boat in each of the divisions.

8.2. Best dressed Boat & its Crew award.

8.3. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising Authority.



9. Radio Communication

- 9.1. Competing yachts shall carry a handheld or permanently installed VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication on VHF Channel 77.

10. Risk Statement

- 10.1. 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.

11. Insurance

- 11.1. Yachts participating shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10 million per incident or the equivalent.
- 11.2. Centreboard OTB boats participating shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$5 million per incident or the equivalent.