



OPENING DAY 2026

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

11:00am - Arrival, Official proceedings, Commodores Welcome, Welcome to Country.

11:30am - National Anthem, Firing of the Cannon & Breaking Out the Flag

12:15pm - Sail Past Parade

1:15 pm Pittwater Dash – Yachts

1:20 pm – Centreboard Race

SHORE ACTIVITIES

2:00 - 5:00 pm – Kids face painting and balloon artist

2:00 - 6:00 pm - Live DJ

4:00 pm - Complimentary Post-race Club BBQ

Pittwater Dash Prizegiving & Awards

DINING

8:00am - Halyards opens for breakfast

From 4pm - Complimentary Commodores BBQ

Afternoon Bistro snack menu

Halyards Bar open until 8:00 pm

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are one and free
We've golden soil
and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea:
Our land abounds
in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page,
let every stage
Advance Australia fair,
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.

SAIL PAST FLAG ETIQUETTE

Skippers are encouraged to "dress" their vessel with signal flags and nautical bunting for the Sail Past. Vessels should fly the RPAYC Burgee. A prize will be awarded for best dressed boat and best dressed crew.

Starting forward:

E, Q, P3, G, P8, Z, P4, W, P6,
P, P1, I, Code AP, T, Y, B, X,
1st, H, 3rd, D, F, 2nd, U, A, O,
M, R, P2, J, PO, N, P9, K, P7,
V, P5, L, C, S.

SAIL PAST INSTRUCTIONS

SALUTING PROCEDURE

Commodore Julia Hornsby will take the salute from C Arm T-head aboard Le Billet.

Please keep your engine running and maintain a separation of approximately one and a half boat lengths between vessels.

Your crew should be presented on your vessel facing the T-Head.

Approach the T-Head from the east at a suitable speed to enable skippers to call for their crew to hail:

"THREE CHEERS FOR THE ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB"

A crew member should be assigned to dip the Ensign as the crew salute and the call for three cheers is made. Commodore will return your salute.

Note: re "dipping" the Ensign: where the Ensign staff is fitted with a running halyard, the Ensign is lowered about one third the length of the staff then raised again at the end of the salute.

Where the Ensign is fixed, the Ensign staff is unshipped from its socket on the taffrail or deck and held horizontally (without putting the ensign in the water) until the end of the salute, then replaced.

Boats should then proceed to the start line for the Pittwater Dash.



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RACE SCHEDULE

1:15 - Yacht Start

1:20 - Centreboard OTB Start

See NoR/SI for details

RADIO CHANNEL

Please tune into VHF 77 in the afternoon for directions and amendments.

PRIZES

The winners of the Best Dressed Boat and its crew Award will receive a \$250 club voucher.

Prize barrel draw for all entrants in the Pittwater Dash is a \$250 club voucher.

RACE PRIZES

The Basin Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning boats in each division at the Pittwater Dash.

Placegetter Prizes will also be awarded.

SAIL PAST ORDER OF VESSELS

Vessel #1: Alfred's 1

Vessel #2: Vice Commodore

Vessel #3: RC Yachting

Vessel #4: RC Cruising

Vessel #5: RC Centreboard

Vessel #6: RC Membership

Vessel #7: RC Activities

Vessel #8: Elliott 7s - Youth Development & Squad

Followed by Divisions 1 to 4, One Design, Centreboard boats, and Cruising.



THE BASIN PERPETUAL TROPHY

