

RSYS Skippers' Briefing 2024 - 2025



Agenda

RMS NSW - Sailing Safety

Rianna James, Drew Jones

Alex Tucker – BSO

2024/2025 Season Review

Rob Ridley - Summary of changes



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Rob Ridley



Race Documents

- The Squadron website has been updated with all the latest racing calendars and race documents.
- Any amendments to the race documents will be posted on the official notice board and sent directly to the relevant skippers.
- Any amendments can also be located on the squadron website under the Club Racing tab.
- The season program has been designed so that competitors can locate download or print, only the relevant sections required for the series or event in which they intend to race.



Divisional Representatives

- At the conclusion of each season a meeting is held with our various RSYS divisional representatives to canvas competitor feedback.
- These discussions include everything from social gatherings to course improvements and safety concerns.
- This is a great way for competitors to canvas the fleet and propose change.
- Competitors are encouraged to raise suggestions, possible concerns or improvements with their divisional representative, who in turn will take these up at sailing committee level.



Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron 2024-2025 Divisional Representatives

Division	Boat Name	Representative
Division 1	Euphoria	Tony Coleman
Division 2	Arcturus III	Julie Clarke
Division 3	Casamajor	Johnathan McCray
Etchells	Itchy	Michael Stoven Bradford
J/70	Swish	Steven Proud
Dragon	Intrigue	Brad Johnson
Yngling	Troika	Adam Tran
Tuesday Twilight	Andiamo	Kirsten Reblin
Wednesday Series		TBA
Thursday Twilight		TBA
Friday Twilight	Jackie Clare	Geoff Davison
Sunday Series		TBA
Offshore	Wine Dark Sea	Peter Lowndes
Winter Series		TBA
Dragon Force 65	# 01	Richard Franklin
Honorary Handicapper	Morag Bheag	John Maclurcan

Key Events

- 7 September – Spring Series (first race of the Series).
- 8 September – Opening Day
- 5-6 October – Ladies of the Sea Regatta
- 11-13 October – Etchells NSW State Championship
- 2-4 November – J/70 NSW State Championship
- 25-28 November J/70 Twilight Regatta
- 30 Nov- 1 Dec – Yngling Nat & Dragon NSW Championship
- 6-9 December – Sail Sydney Regatta



Key Events

- 26 January – Australia Day Regatta: No Club Racing 25 January
- 16-20 February Hardy Cup U23 Match Racing Regatta
- 24-28 February – Milson Silver Goblets
- 8-9 February – SailGP
- 1-2 March – Sydney Harbour Regatta
- 20 March – Stepping Stone House Regatta
- 5 April – Varuna Cup
- 12-18 April – Annual Squadron Cruise



SailGP

- SailGP will be back on Sydney Harbour
 - Saturday & Sunday 8-9 February 2025.
- NSW Maritime have advised that SailGP exclusion zones will be active for the afternoon of Friday 23 February, practice day, however these restrictions should be lifted to enable the Friday twilight to go ahead usual.



Season Changes

- **RPEYC** – Wednesday Series,
entries now through the RPEYC website.
- **RANSA** – Wednesday Winter Series,
entries now through the RANSA website.
- **Etchells** Warning Signal is now 1300 hrs for both the club championships and mini regatta series.
- **Divisions 1, 2 & 3** – Start times have been moved up by 5 minutes.

Division 1 Warning Signal 1230

Division 2 Warning Signal 1235

Division 3 Warning Signal 1240



Courses

- **BB** – Beashel Buoy is back! (no longer referred to as SP)
- Noting feedback from competitors and our Divisional Reps there seemed to be a bit of a reoccurring theme and that is harbour congestion.
- As a result, we have redesigned a number of courses to avoid the DB area where possible.
- A number of other courses have been revised so please check to course descriptions before you race.
- Laminated course sheets and course descriptions are now available from the sailing office on request.



Mini Regattas

- There are 12 Mini regattas scheduled for the season.
- There are some dates where not all classes will be involved due to other fleet commitments.
- New Warning Signals will be:

Yngling 1230 hrs

Etchells 1300 hrs

J/70 1330 hrs



Combined Clubs Inshore Series

- Now a ten (10) Race Series.
- Separate series, not included in RSYS season point scores.
- Courses have been revised and will involve windward starts and finishes.
- Additional courses have been introduced for more flexibility.
- Participating clubs have developed a set of race officials' guidelines to ensure consistency between the clubs.



Combined Clubs Prizes for RSYS boats

- We will be awarding prizes back at club for RSYS boats in the combined clubs.
- Prizes for the highest placed RSYS boat in each race in each division.
- There will be a trophy for the overall highest placed RSYS boat in each division for the series.



Twilights

- **Tuesday Twilight** – addition of a Ladies Spinnaker Division
- **Thursday Twilight** – courses have been modified to allow for smaller boats. No longer included in the Friday series. Entry fee is reduced to \$200 for this series to encourage further participation.
- **Friday Twilight** – First mark of the course is now N3 (not N2).
- *There is a more clearly defined obstruction area around the starting line which boats must keep clear of unless they are approaching the line to start.*
- *Boats not approaching the line to start must keep clear of boats that are approaching the line to start.*



Website

- All the relevant race documentation is now available on the Squadron website and entries are now open.

Appendices to Race Documents

[Appendix 1 - Tide Tables](#)

[Appendix 2 - Sunset Times](#)

[Appendix 3 - Harbour Marks Buoys Chartlet](#)

[Appendix 4 - Race Signals & International Code Flags](#) 

[Appendix 5 - NSW RMS Requirements in case of accident](#) 

[Appendix 6 - NSW RMS Yacht Persons Brief](#) 

[Appendix 7 - NSW RMS Ferry Activated Exclusion Zone](#) 

[Appendix 8 - NSW RMS Sydney Harbour Transit Zone](#) 

[Appendix 9 - NSW RMS Safety Guidelines for Seaplanes and Vessels in Rose Bay](#) 

[Appendix 10 - On-water Emergency Procedures](#) 

[Appendix 11 - Prizes Trophies](#)

[Appendix 12 - Schedule of Discards](#)

[Appendix 13 - Race Committee and Weather Guidelines](#)

[Appendix 14 - Race Management Guidelines for Regatta and Major Events](#)



Safety

- A boat whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- Yachts retiring from any race will inform the Race Committee directly by radio, phone or in some other fast and efficient manner.
- **Areas that are Obstructions** starting and finish lines – the starting or finishing line of another club division or another club's race are deemed to be continuing obstructions. Boats infringing this instruction may be subject to protest.



Safety

- Reminder to be diligent around the cranes when launching & retrieving boats.
- Chains around cradle wheels & ladders secured.
- Don't walk around the foredeck if the jib is hanked on while the boat is on the hardstand.





First Aid

- We have a number of First Aid stations and Defibrators located around the Squadron.

Waterfront Office – First Aid & Defibrator

House – First Aid & Defibrator

Wudjong – First Aid & Defibrator

‘Mischief’ & ‘Gitana’ both have Defibrators onboard.



Administration

- If you would like to find out more about the various series we offer, please talk to the sailing office or ask us to put you in contact with a Divisional Representative.



Racing Pennant



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