

RSYS DINGHY RACING SERIES - NOTICE OF RACE

WINTER 2024

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Summer Dinghy Racing Series 5 May 2024 to 29 September 2024.

The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

The notation '(NP)' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '(DP)' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and the Class Rules of any One Design Class or Class Association, where applicable, except as amended herein or in the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions for each series will be available on the Club's website prior to the first race of the series.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The race committee and Sailing Office will monitor VHF channel 16 and UHF Channel 72 during racing.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Part 2 Equipment Audit Form. Equipment Audit Forms will expire on 30 June immediately following the date of the audit unless an extension is granted by the OA. Random equipment audits may be made throughout the season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 4.2 Skippers who are not financial members of an AS recognised yacht club shall apply for and receive a valid Sail Pass from RSYS before racing to comply with RRS 46.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 For a valid entry, competitors shall:

- complete the Rev Sport online entry
- accept the declaration detailed in the online entry
- include the entry fee as detailed in the online entry system
- register your boat with SailSys <https://www.sailsys.com.au/> (or update your details if the boat already exists).
- lodge a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations (Part 2), Off the Beach Equipment Audit Form, available for download here: <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing-forms/> Complete all the boat details and tick the relevant equipment check boxes, and if satisfied, sign the form. (If you are unsure or require assistance a coach or staff member can assist you through the process on request).
- lodge a current insurance Certificate of Currency in accordance with clause 20.

6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Competitors currently enrolled in the RSYS Dinghy Training Squad program, shall be exempt from paying Dinghy Series Entry Fees, however, shall be required to submit a race entry as described in NoR 5.1.
 - If NOT currently enrolled in one of the Dinghy Squads but are a RSYS member, the entry fee is \$250.00.
 - If NOT currently enrolled in one of the Dinghy Squads are NOT a RSYS member, the entry fee is \$375.00.
- 6.2 Payment of entry fees are to be made utilizing the online entry system which can be accessed here: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rsys/events/155373/>
- 6.3 An entry shall not be transferrable to another competitor or Class of boat. In all instances, a new entry and a subsequent entry fee shall be required.
- 6.4 Entry fees will be non-refundable after the close of entries.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 (DP) (NP) All races governed by this notice of race are subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Dinghy Championship Racing Series (Club Championship) race dates:

- Sunday 12 May 2024
- Sunday 2 June 2024
- Sunday 23 June 2024
- Sunday 28 July 2024
- Sunday 18 August 2024
- Sunday 1 September 2024
- Sunday 29 September 2024

8.2 A maximum of twenty-eight (28) races are scheduled for the series with up to four (4) races sailed each day.

8.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal, unless notified otherwise, will be 0925hrs.

8.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1130hrs each day of racing.

8.5 The OA, at its discretion, may add, amend, or delete events and races as necessary.

9. SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

9.1 Sailors are required to attend a skippers briefing prior to launching each race day. Coaches or shore based personal will advise of the time and location this is to take place.

10. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

10.1 The OA reserves the right to create or delete classes or divisions depending on entries received and with reference to entries for the previous season. As a general guide, five (5) entries with regular participation may be required for boats to compete as a separate class or division.

10.2 The series is open to the following classes:

- International Laser (Standard)
- International Laser (Radial)
- International Laser (4.7)
- International Optimist
- International Optimist Green Fleet
- 2 Handed Puffin Pacer

11. HANDICAPS

11.1 A Performance Handicap System (PHS) will be used based on a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.

11.2 The race committee will determine a boat's handicap in relation to its performance in previous races and the division to which a boat is allocated. Such determinations shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 & 62.

11.3 If a boat is disqualified, its handicap may not be adjusted.

11.4 If a boat is granted redress and the finish time is amended by a protest committee, a new handicap may be generated.

12. RACING AREA

12.1 Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour)

13. COURSES

13.1 The courses shall be as described in the sailing instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44 shall apply. The two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, including the provisions of Appendix A9 will apply.

15.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of his/her race scores as per:

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- (b) When 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 12 to 17 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (d) When 18 to 23 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- (e) When 24 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

16. SAIL NUMBERS

- 16.1** Sail numbers shall comply with RRS 77 and the AS Prescription to RRS Appendix G which require sail numbers to be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail and clearly legible. A boat infringing this rule may not be recorded as a finisher and may be scored DNF.
- 16.2** A boat shall sail under the sail number advised when entering. It is the responsibility of the entrants to ensure that the sail number recorded in SailSys is accurate. If the sail number changes the entry can list the changed number against the existing sail number by editing the sail number in the boat details on their (SailSys) entry dashboard.
- 16.3** Boats that can't be identified shall be scored DNC.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1** Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office. The time limit will be 1000hrs on the first working day after the race (amends RRS 61.3). Forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office or online.
- 17.2** Protests will be heard at the RSYS clubhouse, and it is expected that they will be on the following Tuesday.

18. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 18.1 Risk Warning** – The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the OA. All participants acknowledge that competing in sailing events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 18.2 Competitors Declaration** – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:
- (a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above, and
 - (b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the OA, and
 - (c) declaring to the OA that the nominated boat has not been grounded during the past twelve (12) months.
- 18.3 Disclaimer of Liability**
- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states;
"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The OA, sponsors, respective class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (b) The OA, sponsors, respective class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
 - (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

19. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 19.1 (DP) Safety Requirements** – To ensure that rescue, medical and ambulance authorities can be properly informed as needed, all boats are required to sign on and sign off using the SailSys race management system. This procedure will be outlined in the sailing instruction.
- 19.2 (DP) Commercial Shipping and Harbour Ferries** – NSW Roads & Maritime regulations specify that boats must not interfere with the commercial shipping/ferry operations of the port. Boats found to have interfered with the commercial shipping/ferry operations maybe subject to penalties.
- 19.3** Sailors are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while racing. The minimum standard of dress is shorts, t-shirt, shoes, and a PFD.
- 19.4** All boats are required to carry a two (2) metre painter, which is to be secured to the bow of the boat at all times.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1** Boats shall have adequate current third-party property liability insurance cover and third-party personal liability insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended 10,000,000) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.

21. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 21.1** In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said events in which the competitor participates and all material related to the said events without compensation.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1** The official presentation and prizegiving will be held at the RSYS clubhouse on an evening to be determined after the end of the summer season (normally May each year). Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners and awards will also be presented to winners and place getters in each Class or Division consisting of five (5) or more entries.

CLASS	DIVISION	PERPETUAL TROPHY	POINTSORE
International Laser (Standard)	Open	TBC	Scratch Pointscore
International Laser (Standard)	Open	TBC	Handicap Pointscore
International Laser (Radial)	Open / Youth	Youth Committee Trophy	Scratch Pointscore
International Laser (Radial)	Open / Youth	T E Morgan Memorial Trophy	Handicap Pointscore
International Laser (4.7)	Youth	Marj Colman 4.7 Scratch Trophy	Scratch Pointscore
International Laser (4.7)	Youth	Youth Committee 4.7 Trophy	Handicap Pointscore
International Optimist	Youth	H B Jarrett Junior Sailing Championship Shield	Scratch Pointscore
International Optimist	Youth	Junior Sailing Pointscore Trophy (Millner Tray)	Handicap Pointscore
Puffin Pacer	Youth	TBC	Scratch Pointscore
Puffin Pacer	Youth	TBC	Handicap Pointscore

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1** For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office by phoning (02) 9017 0154 or emailing vanessa@rsys.com.au.