

HARDY CUP

1-5 February 2015

U/25 ISAF GRADE 3 MATCH RACING EVENT

NOTICE OF RACE



Organising Authority
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
Sydney, Australia



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

1 RULES

All races will be governed by:

- (a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 of the International Sailing Federation, including Appendix C – Match Racing Rules, as amended.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats as detailed in the Sailing Instructions, including any practice sailing.
- (c) The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.

2 EVENT GRADING

The OA has applied for this event to be an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

3 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat maybe required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment, on boats to anywhere within the boundary of the regatta venue.
- (c) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising.
(Amends RRS 60.1)

4 ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Up to twelve skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- (b) Criteria for selection are enclosed within the *Application for Invitation Package*.
- (c) Team members shall not have reached their 25th birthday prior to and including Thursday, 5 February 2015.
- (d) The maximum total weight of crew (including the skipper) shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (e) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (f) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (g) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS Part 6 rule 75.2.

5 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the *Application for Invitation Package* and returning these forms no later than **Friday, 7 November 2014, 1700hrs**.

The Hardy Cup Selection Committee will make first round invitations to skippers who have registered by **Friday 7 November 2014**.

6 ENTRY

Eligible teams may enter by completing the attached *Confirmation of Entry Form* and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

7 FEES

- 7.1 A non-refundable Entry Fee of **AUD\$1,200** (including GST) shall be paid by **Tuesday, 9 December 2014, 1700hrs**. For International Teams, all payments (including bank fees) shall be made by an electronic funds transfer in Australian dollars. For Australian Teams, all payments shall be made by cash deposit in Australian dollars.

- 7.2 Damage deposit:
- (a) An initial damage deposit of **AUD\$1,000** shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. An insurance excess of AUD\$1,000 applies to each and every incident so the total liability for damage during the event may exceed AUD\$1,000.
 - (b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 The provisional program will be as follows:

Sunday 1st February 2015

0900 – 1630hrs	Registration and Weigh-in
1000 – 1300hrs	Practice Session 1
1300 – 1600hrs	Practice Session 2
1800hrs	Welcome Dinner and Boat Draw

Monday 2nd February 2015

0830hrs	Skippers Briefing & Umpires Briefing
1020hrs	First Warning

Tuesday 3rd – Wednesday 4th February 2015

0830hrs	Umpires Briefing
0920hrs	First Warning

Thursday 5th February 2015

0830hrs	Umpires Briefing
0920hrs	First Warning
45min after last race	Press Conference
1830hrs	Regatta Presentation (Dress Code: Smart Casual)

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

- (a) Initial briefing for all skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for all skippers.
- (c) Press conferences for all skippers sailing on the final day of racing.
- (d) Welcome Dinner for all skippers and crews.
- (e) Prize giving for all skippers and crews.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be made available after Tuesday, 29 January 2015 on the regatta website <http://www.rsys.com.au/>

10 VENUE

The venue will be Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

11 COURSES

- (a) The course area will be located on Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) between Kirribilli Point and South Head.
- (b) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings and finishing downwind.

12 EVENT FORMAT

The event will consist of the following stages:

- (a) Stage 1 A Single Round Robin
Stage 2 A Single Round Robin
Stage 3 Semi Final Knockout
Stage 3 Petit Final Knockout
Stage 4 Final Knockout
- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

13 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in the Elliott 7 meter class.
- (b) A minimum of four will be provided.
- (a) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- (b) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- (a) Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on or off water.
- (b) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the event umpires to the appropriate skipper or team.

15 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RSYS boat pond. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 PRIZES

- (a) The principal prize for first place will be the inscription on the Hardy Cup.
- (b) There will be prizes for first, second and third places.
- (c) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, any Sponsors and the respective class association are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

18 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each International team is requested to provide a national flag no smaller than 1200mm x 800mm for display from the regatta flag masts at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- (b) The OA may provide for each crew member a coloured bib to wear whilst racing to assist with the identification of teams on the water for media purposes.
- (c) The OA will issue all competitors and officials temporary membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that the competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.

19 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use at any date or time, free of any charge, any images and sound recorded during the event.

20 ACCOMMODATION

Arrangements are in place to provide billeted accommodation. Full details will be provided with the letter of invitation.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

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