



2015 Australian Women's Match Racing Championship

Thursday 24th – Sunday 27th September

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organising Authority: The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
www.rpayc.com.au/yacht-racing/regatta-and-championships**



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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

2 VENUE

The event will be held at The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, 16 Mitala St Newport 2106 Sydney Australia. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Pittwater.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event will be an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by ISAF. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 The following table sets out the provisional schedule of events:

Thursday 24th September	0900 - 1600	Practice sessions (optional)
	1200 - 1700	Registration and weigh-in
Friday 25th September	0800 - 0845	Registration and weigh-in
	0845	Briefing and boat draw
	Following briefing	Umpires' briefing
	0955	Racing – first warning signal
	1700	Racing – last possible warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires' debrief
	1830	Welcome function
Saturday 26th September	0830	Briefing
	Following briefing	Umpires' briefing
	0955	Racing – first warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires' debrief
Sunday 27th September	0830	Briefing
	Following briefing	Umpires' briefing

	0955	Racing – first warning signal
	1600	Racing – last possible warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires’ debrief
	1830	Presentation

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance by skippers and crew at the following is mandatory

- Registration
- Weigh-in
- Welcome function
- Daily briefing
- Presentation

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Australian Women’s Match Racing Championship is a women’s event and all skippers and crew shall be female.
- 5.2 The OA may invite eight (8) teams to enter the Australian Women’s Match Racing Championship.
- 5.3 A competitor wishing to be invited shall register their intention on the online Application for Invitation (www.rpayc.com.au/aus-womens-match-racing-champs) by the **13th of July 2015**.
- 5.4 Invitations to participate in the event will then be issued based on the number received and skipper’s ISAF ranking. Teams will be advised of the status of their invitation for entry through an email to applicants by the **7th of August 2015**.
- 5.5 If selected, to remain eligible for entry, a team shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (fax or email is acceptable) and pay the entry fee to The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club by the **17th August 2015**.
- 5.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirement of RRS 46 and 56 and show proof of membership at registration.
- 5.7 If an invited skipper is unable to begin the regatta, the OA may, at its sole discretion, permit the substitution of an alternate skipper or make any other substitution or adjustment it deems appropriate.
- 5.8 The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.9 All sailors shall have an ISAF Sailor ID www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- 5.10 International competitors are eligible to compete, however they will not be eligible for the Australian Championship title or perpetual trophies.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 A non-refundable entry fee of AUD\$1100.00 per team shall be paid to The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club by 1700hrs, Monday the 17th of August 2015.
- 6.2 Damage Deposit
- a) An initial damage deposit of AUD\$1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of one incident.
 - b) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the event.

- c) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may be required that the deposit is restored to its original amount before the team is permitted to continue in the event.
- 6.3 The team shall be entered only on completion of registration, crew weigh-in and the payment of all fees and damage deposits.

7 RULES

- 7.1 The following rules shall govern the event:
- a) The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (RRS) including Appendix C.
 - b) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is in the approximate location of the recovery.
 - c) The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be conducted in Elliott 7 type boats supplied by the OA.
- 8.2 One mainsail, jib and spinnaker will be provided with each boat.
- 8.3 Boats will be allocated to teams daily by random draw or as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 350kg with each crew member wearing at least shorts and a shirt.
- 9.3 All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment that will allow the total crew weight to remain within the limits as per 9.2 above.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The Australian Women's Match Racing Championship will consist of two round robins where each team will race each other team twice, semi-finals and finals. A sail off between 5, 6, 7 and 8 may also be raced for final placings if time permits.
- 10.2 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, or add finals, when the conditions do not permit completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course intended to be sailed will be a windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Perpetual trophies will be presented to the first Australian place and other trophies to first, second and third placed teams at the prize-giving ceremony at the conclusion of the event.

14 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 14.1 The results of these championships may be used by Yachting Australia as the basis of selection of athletes for a future event. The YA Selection Policy for this event will be available from the YA website.

15 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 15.1 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit. The OA also has the unconditional perpetual use of photographs, video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

16 COACH BOATS

- 16.1 Coach boats must register with the OA and shall be required to conspicuously display the identification of the team being supported.
- 16.2 The OA will provide berths for visiting coach boats under 6m in length where possible. A formal written request shall be made to the OA at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the regatta.
- 16.3 Unless directed by the Race Committee and/or Umpires, or to render immediate assistance in the interest of safety, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not enter the course area where boats are racing, as defined in the Sailing Instructions. These boats shall also stay more than 50 metres clear of any mark of the course from the time of the preparatory signal for the first flight to start, until all boats have finished the race or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.4 Any interference by a coach or coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the event umpires to the appropriate skipper or team.

17 DISCLAIMER

- 17.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 "Decision to Race", which states "*the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*".
- 17.2 The Organising Authority, its associates and appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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