



# Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

## 2024 RFBYC CLUB BEST REGATTA

For the Tom Worsley Perpetual Trophy

Sunday 29 September 2024



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## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3. Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5. The regatta will be umpired in accordance with Addendum A.

### 2. COMMUNICATION & CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The official noticeboard is located online at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/club-best-regatta>
- 2.2. Notice to competitors and any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted to the official noticeboard and advised at the briefing.
- 2.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole to the west of the Dinghy Club.
- 2.4. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c) using the following procedure:
  - a) Flag 'L' to be displayed with a sound signal. Competitors should come within hailing distance to the Race Committee (RC) boat.
  - b) Instructions may be given orally by radio from the RC boat.
  - c) Instructions may additionally be given by other official boats on the course area.
  - d) It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have received the change in its entirety.
  - e) When postponement signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 2.5. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 77 supplied by the OA.
- 2.6. While racing from the first signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice data communication that it is not available to all boats.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all financial members of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and all skippers and crew shall be Club members
- 3.2. There is no maximum number of teams invited to enter on the basis they meet the criteria.
- 3.3. Teams may be representing Sections, Divisions, Fleets or Classes e.g. Power Section, Lasers, Mid Week Fleet A.
- 3.4. Each team shall consist of four or five (including the skipper).
- 3.5. Each team shall nominate a skipper who shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 3.6. Competitors are required to enter online with the OA by 5.00pm on Friday 20 September via the following link: <https://rfbyc.asn.au/club-best-regatta/>

3.8 Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

## 4. ENTRY FEE AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 4.1. Teams are required to pay an entry fee of \$200.
- 4.2. No damage deposit is required but teams are responsible for, and will be charged for any damage.
- 4.3. The maximum damage cost for any one incident is \$500.00.

## 5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The regatta shall be run as fleet racing with the course as described in Addendum A.

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 20 September 2024	1700	Close of applications
Sun 29 September 2024	8.00 – 8.30	Competitor Registration
	8:30	Rigging of supplied boats
	9:00	Competitor and Volunteer Briefing
	9.45	1 <sup>ST</sup> warning signal
	17:00	No warning signal after 1700
		Presentations asap after racing

- 5.2. Registration will be at the Sailing office inside the Dinghy Club.
- 5.3. Competitor and volunteer briefing will be held on the main wharf near the re-fuelling stations.
- 5.4. The intended time for presentations will be as soon as possible following the completion of the event on the upper lawn of the main clubhouse.

## 6. FORMAT OF RACES

There will be one of two formats used for the racing.

### 6.1 Race Format A.

**Where there are the same number of teams as available boats.**

- 6.1.1 The event will consist of up to 7 races
- 6.1.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.1.3 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 6.1.3 (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 6.1.4 If a boat is damaged following the commencement of racing as determined by the OA, so that there are now more teams than available boats, the race format will change to the Race Format B used if there are more teams than available boats.

### 6.2 Race Format B.

**Where there are more teams than the available boats.**

- 6.2.1 Boat allocations and race schedule will be issued at the competitors briefing
- 6.2.2 Two races are required to be completed by all teams to constitute a series
- 6.2.3 All races will count to a teams overall score. There will be no discards. This changes RRS A 2.1.
- 6.2.4 As many races as possible will be sailed in the time available with the intent to provide the same number of races for each team.
- 6.2.5 If all teams have sailed the same number of races the overall winner will be the boat with the lowest total score.

- 6.2.6 If teams have sailed different numbers of races a boat final score will be their total score divided by the number of races they have sailed to 2 decimal places with .005 rounded up. The winning team will be the team with the lowest average score.
- 6.2.7 The OA and/ or Race Committee may make alterations to the schedule of races and event format at any time at their discretion and the competition may be terminated the racing if further races will make the competition less fair.



## 7 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag shall be a white flag with the BW8 insignia.



## 8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.2 Six BW8 class keelboats will be supplied by the OA for the regatta.
- 8.3 The sails to be used will be allocated at registration and are to remain with the boat.
- 8.4 The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RC boat with or before the warning signal.
- 8.5 The signals will indicate the following sail combinations

Signal		Sail Combination to be used
None		Genoa + Main + Spinnaker
Flag Z		Jib + Main + Spinnaker
Flag J		Jib + Main

- 8.6 Competitors shall be advised by radio from the RC boat when mainsails are to be reefed.

## 9 IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

- 9.2 Boats will be identified by their boat name.
- 9.3 Boat allocation will be provided at registration.
- 9.4 Team changeovers will be done using the Crew Change RIB. Teams are to stay near the RC boat when waiting for a changeover.

## 10 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 10.2 The racing area will be in Freshwater Bay.
- 10.3 Addendum B shows the courses and marks.

## 11 MARKS

- 11.2 Mark 1, 2s & 2p will be yellow inflatable conical marks.
- 11.3 The start / finish mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.

## 12 THE START AND SUBSEQUENT RACES

- 12.2 All races will be started in accordance with RRS26 with the Warning Signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the starting line and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.5 When flag Q is displayed, a subsequent race will be started as soon as practicable after the preceding race.
- 12.6 Multiple sound signals will indicate that a new starting sequence will commence within one minute

## **13 CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## **14 THE FINISH**

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the finishing line and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the starboard end.

## **15 TIME LIMIT & TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 If Race Format A is used, the time limit will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within five minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.2 If Race Format B is used, the time limit will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within five minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.3 If Race Format A is used the target time for each race will be 40 minutes.
- 15.4 If Race Format B is used the target time for each race will be 25 minutes

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 16.2 The winning team will be awarded the Tom Worsley Perpetual Trophy – RFBYC Club Best.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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# ADDENDUM A

## Umpired Fleet Racing

### A1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

#### A1.1 Changes to the Rules of Part 2

When rule 20.1 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

#### A1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests and Exoneration

- (a) In rule 60.3(a)(1) 'serious' is deleted.
- (b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (c) A boat that, while *racing*, may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) may take a single gybe when on an upwind leg or single tack when on a downwind leg. Changes RRS 44.

### A2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a "Y" (Yankee) flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- (b) The boats shall be given time to respond. A boat involved in the incident may respond by promptly taking an appropriate penalty or clearly indicating that she will do so as soon as possible.
- (c) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.
- (d) If more than one boat broke a rule and was not exonerated, an umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and did not take an appropriate penalty.
- (e) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule A3.
- (f) a boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty.

### A3 SIGNALS BY UMPIRES

A3.1 An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is penalized.'
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

A3.2 A boat penalized under rule A3.1(b) shall promptly take a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44. A boat disqualified under rule A3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

## A4 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

### A4.1 Rule Changes

Rule 64.2 is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this appendix.

### A4.2 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (c) breaks rule 2, or
- (d) fails to comply with rule 44.2 when required by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a *protest* by another boat. The umpire shall impose a penalty of two or more turns, each including two tacks and two gybes, signalled by displaying a red flag and hailing the boat accordingly, or penalize her under rule A3.1(c) or report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

**A4.3** If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a *rule* other than those listed in rules A2 and A4.2, they shall so inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

## A5 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

**A5.1** A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before she *finishes* or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but not later than two minutes after *finishing* or retiring. She shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the umpires after *finishing* or retiring.

**A5.2** There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

**A5.3** A competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances but only if it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.

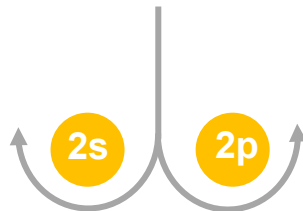
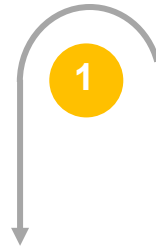
**A5.4** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as permitted in rule A5.3.

- A5.5**
- (a) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing.
  - (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
  - (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

**A5.6** Neither the race committee nor the protest committee shall protest a boat for breaking a rule listed in rule A2, except rule 14 when there is damage or injury.

# ADDENDUM B

## Courses



START  
FINISH



Signal	Course
	Course 1 Start – 1 – Finish
	Course 2 Start – 1 – 2s / 2p – 1 - Finish
	Course 3 Start – 1 – 2s / 2p – 1 – 2s / 2p – 1 - Finish