



Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
Organising Authority



Couta Boat 2024 State Championship

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organising Authority for the Couta Boat State Championship will be Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.
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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The RFBYC 2023-24 Standard Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 7 for "Keelboats" shall apply.
- 1.4 The Constitution and By-Laws of the Couta Boat Association shall apply.
- 1.5 Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be forwarded to competitors and will also be available on the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website at, <https://rfbyc.asn.au/couta-boat-state-champ> on or before Wednesday, 6 February 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/couta-boat-state-champ>
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning 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 or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Couta Boat fleet.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the [online entry form](#) and submitting it, together with the required fee by Wednesday, 7 February 2024.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Entry for the regatta is \$100.

6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted for the series
- 7.2 The times of racing are as follows:

Day	Date	Time of First Race Warning Signal
Saturday	10 February 2024	0900 Subsequent races to follow
Sunday	11 February 2024	0900 Subsequent races to follow Presentation of results as soon as practicable on completion of racing.

- 7.3 To alert competitors that another race is to be sailed in a session, code flag Q will be displayed as boats are finishing the previous race. This flag will be removed with multiple sound signals one minute before the attention signal is displayed for the ensuing race.
- 7.4 No warning signal will be made after 1200 hours on either 10th or 11th February.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The venue for this Regatta will be Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. The Regatta Office will be located in Training Room 3 of the Dinghy Training Centre.
- 8.2 The racing area will be the area known as Melville Water West.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward leeward courses as described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part turn is required.
- 10.2 On a leg to a windward mark, a part-turn is a gybe and luffing to a close-hauled course as soon as reasonably possible.
- 10.3 On other legs a part-turn is a tack and bearing away as soon as reasonably possible to more than 90 degrees from the true wind.
- 10.4 Penalties shall not be taken in the zone of mark or between marks 1 and 2.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five (5) to six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 Handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the "Finishing Line" scoring program. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 12.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in the State Championship will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10m per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

Perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place in the Championship
- 1st Place on Consistency

Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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