



Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
Organising Authority



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The Organising Authority for the Couta Boat State Championship will be Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

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 2025-26 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 SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Supplementary 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, 4 February 2026.

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, 4 February 2026.
- 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 five (5) 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	7 February 2026	From 0900 Race 1 Subsequent races 2 and 3 to follow
Saturday	7 March 2026	From 1400 Race 4 Subsequent race 5 to follow Presentation of results as soon as practicable on completion of racing.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1200 hours on Saturday, 7 February.

8 **VENUE**

8.1 The venue for this Regatta will be Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. The Regatta Office will be the Sailing and Boating Office located inside the Dinghy Club.

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 Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

12 **SCORING**

12.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) 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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