

# Notice of Race

## Dinghy Winter Series

24 May 2026 - 13 September 2026



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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).

The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.3. Class rules of the respective classes (except where any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) will apply.
- 1.4. Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.5. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted to the event website prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026. The event website can be found via the following link:

<https://rfbyc.asn.au/2026dinghywinterseries>

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official noticeboard is located in the main hall of the Dinghy Club (DC).
- 3.2. [DP] while racing 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. All competitors shall be a current members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. The event is open to all boats of the following classes:

Singlehanded Classes	Doublehanded Classes
Optimist (Open & Intermediate)	29er
O'pen Skiff (Open & Intermediate)	29er XS
ILCA 7	49er
ILCA 6	505
ILCA 4	Mirror
Contender	Mixed Double Handed Fleet
WASZP (6.9m & 8.2m)	
International 2.4mR	
Wind Foil (Open, Youth, & Junior)	
Wing Foil (all types)	
Hansa Liberty	
Other Class	

- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by following the entry link on the event website:  
<https://rfbyc.asn.au/2026dinghywinterseries>
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall acknowledge and agree to the Terms and Conditions via the online entry system at the time of entry.

- 4.6. Entries close at midnight Friday, 11 September 2026
- 4.7. A minimum of 3 entries per class will be required and a minimum of 2 starters for each race for a race to count in the overall score.
- 4.8. The Organising Authority may cancel or make other arrangements for a class if the minimum number of entries for that class has not been received by Friday 23 May 2024. Affected competitors will be notified of the cancellation by email and posting on the event website. The entries will be refunded in full.
- 4.9. Classes not already invited may apply to the OA for entry into the regatta. Requests shall be emailed to [dinghy@rfbyc.asn.au](mailto:dinghy@rfbyc.asn.au)
- 4.10. The OA reserves the right to
  - a) Refuse entries
  - b) Combine starts for minimum quantity classes

## 5. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Category	Singlehanded	Doublehanded
Members (Over 35 years)	No Entry Fee	No Entry Fee
Members (Under 35 years)	\$40.00	\$60.00
Non-Members	\$45.00	\$65.00

## 6. ADVERTISING

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

## 7. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Sun 24 May	1230	Competitor Briefing
	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
Sun 07 Jun	1230	Competitor Briefing
	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
Sun 21 Jun	0830	Competitor Briefing
	0930	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
Sun 19 Jul	1230	Competitor Briefing
	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
Sun 16 Aug	1230	Competitor Briefing
	1330	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
Sun 13 Sep	0830	Competitor Briefing
	0930	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal
		Presentations after racing

- 7.1. Up to 18 races may be sailed for each class.
- 7.2. No more than 3 races will be sailed on any day.
- 7.3. When signal flag 'Q' is displayed at the finish, another race will start as soon as practicable. Multiple sound signals will indicate that a new starting sequence will commence within 1 minute.
- 7.4. No warning signal will be made after 1230 on Sunday 13 September 2026.

## **8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (DP)**

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **9. VENUE**

- 9.1. The Regatta office, noticeboard and signal mast is at the Dinghy Club, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.
- 9.2. The racing area is in Freshwater Bay and surrounding areas.
- 9.3. Canteen, hot showers, and changing-room facilities are available.

## **10. COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be windward / leeward / triangle as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. For WASZPs the two-turns penalty in RRS 44.1 is replaced by a part-turn being a gybe and coming to close-hauled when on a windward leg or tack and sailing below 90 degrees when on any other leg.

## **12. SCORING**

4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- a) When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When 7 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 11 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

## **13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (NP) (DP)**

- 13.1. Support vessels shall be registered by emailing [dinghy@rfbyc.asn.au](mailto:dinghy@rfbyc.asn.au)
- 13.2. The craft shall only be moored in the location as directed by an RFBYC representative.
- 13.3. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons who may be supporting individual athletes, shall keep to leeward of the start line and its extension between the preparatory signal and the start signals for their class and more than 50 metres clear of any racing boat or mark of the course.
- 13.4. Support boats are not allowed inside the course area of the triangle.
- 13.5. Registered support / coach boats shall be marked with the words 'safety'.
- 13.6. All skippers of support/coach boats must attend the volunteers briefing with the Race Management. This is scheduled for before the competitor's briefing. This takes place at the Dinghy Club (DC).
- 13.7. Support/Coach vessels may be required to assist in the event of an emergency if directed to do so by the Race Management Team.
- 13.8. All support vessels shall have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on the nominated VHF Channel.
- 13.9. All skippers of support / coach vessels must hold a current powerboat licence.
- 13.10. Support / coach vessels must have a current boat insurance policy with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million.

## 14. BERTHING (DP)

- 14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the lawn in front of the DTC.
- 14.2. Trailers shall not be left on the DC lawn. All trailers may be stored in the areas designated by the Organising Authority. Any trailers left outside designated areas may be moved/relocated at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 14.3. Visiting boats must be taken away after each race day unless prior approval by the Organising Authority has been granted.

## 15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continueracing is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges thatsailing 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 fatigueresulting 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.**

## 16. MEDIA RIGHTS

Participants at this Event automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Event, the right in perpetuity to make use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the Event without compensation.

## 17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Overall series prizes will be given out to each class as follows:

<b>No. of Entrants</b>	6 ▼	6 ▲
<b>Prizes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> only	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>

- 18.2. Prizes for 'Other Class' in singlehanded class list and Mixed 'Double Handed Fleet' in doublehanded class list will not be awarded as these are participation entries.
- 18.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 19. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOR

This NOR may be changed. Changes will be posted on the event webpage:  
<https://rfbyc.asn.au/2026dinghywinterseries>

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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