



NOTICE OF RACE

International 5.5m Australian Championship 2019

Sunday 24 February – Tuesday 26 February 2019

Organised by

**The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
Newport, NSW, AUSTRALIA**

Part of the Festival of Fives – 23rd February to 3rd March 2019

International 5.5m Australian Championship

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020, as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the 2017 - 2021 Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements.
- 1.3 International 5.5m Class Rules (note competitors must be paid up members of the Australian 5.5m Class Association and all sails used in the event must have a 5.5m registration sticker).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All Competitors must comply with the International 5.5m Class Rules.
- 3.2 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made online through Top Yacht on the Regatta website: <http://www.rpayc.com.au/yacht-racing/regatta-and-championships>
Entries close at 1700 hrs on Friday 15 February, 2019. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$50.
- 3.3 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval during the Regatta and Sausage Sizzle (Monday 25 Feb).

4 FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for all boats is \$370 (including GST). See schedule of events for additional free of charge events.

5 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All boats must register with the Organising Authority at RPAYC Regatta Office on Sunday 24 February 2019 from 0900 hours.
- 5.2 All boats must submit a valid Category 7 (or higher) AS Special Regulation Equipment Audit Certificate and the required insurance documentation at registration. The boat must be registered with a paid member of Australian 5.5m Association and all sails used during the event must have 5.5m registration stickers.
- 5.3 During the Regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time.

- 5.4 Requests for substitution of crew members will only be considered if submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

6 SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
Saturday 23 February	Boats welcome at club	From 0900
	Friends of David Booth Trophy – Free Invitational Event for 5.5m entrants	1st Warning - 1325
Sunday 24 February	Registration	0900 - 1100
	Race 1	1300
	Races 2 & 3 to follow ASAP	
Monday 25 February	Race 4	1300
	Races 5 & 6 to follow ASAP	
	Sausage Sizzle - Halyards	ASAP after racing
Tuesday 26 February	Race 7	1300
	Races 8 & 9 to follow ASAP	
	Presentation Ceremony	ASAP after racing

Note: As part of the Festival of Fives competitors are also invited to participate on Wednesday twilight pursuit race on the 27th February for the Pittwater Gold Cup around 1800 and free of charge at the RPAYC Thursday night twilight race on 28th February warning signal at 1805. It is also hoped that competitors will enter and participate in the RMYC Classic Yacht Regatta 2nd and 3rd March see NOR when published.

- 6.1 Three (3) races are scheduled each day. The Race Committee may schedule additional races at its absolute discretion.
- 6.2 A maximum of nine (9) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1600hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration, and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Pittwater.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS18, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the Protest Time Limit.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When Four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coaches and support boats must register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats will be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta.

Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the Waterfront Office prior to Monday 19 February, 2018. RPAYC reserves the right to charge for such berthing.

- 11.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 11.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 11.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats or other competing yachts unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats will be allocated berthing at registration, if not beforehand and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta.
- 12.2 Berthing and hard stand facilities may be available either one day prior to and one day post the scheduled regatta dates (refer to NoR 6) at no additional fee.
Facilities MUST be pre-booked by phoning Waterfront on 02 9998 3741 or waterfront@rpayc.com.au no later than the close of entries for each regatta.
- 12.3 Hardstand storage outside of this period will be subject to a \$15 per day fee.
- 12.4 Marina or Mooring storage outside of this period will be subject to casual berthing rates.
- 12.5 The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking at a venue to be advised.

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats must be afloat before 1000hrs on Sunday 24 February, 2018 and must not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent and breathing apparatus must not be used.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 All boats must carry a marine band VHF transceiver. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. Boats may

request a repeat of any announcement by the Race Committee or whether an announcement has been without infringing RRS41.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows: Silver Cup for the winner of the Classic Division (pre 1970); the Gold Cup for the winner of the Evolution and Modern Division (post 1970) and the National Trophy for the overall winner
- 15.2 A Prize will be also be awarded for the winner of PHS handicap (handicaps will be calculated based on information on previous performance and the winners of the Silver, Gold and Nationals will not be eligible for this prize).
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 16.2 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event
- 16.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat must be insured for the duration of the regatta with current third party property insurance cover and a valid third party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 17.2 All Owners/Competitors are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 17.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18 MEDIA

- 18.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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