



NOTICE OF RACE

International 5.5 Metre Class World Championship 2020

Thursday 9th January – Monday 13th January 2020

Organising Authority

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

International 5.5m 2020 World Championship

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Jury, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The rules governing the International 5.5 Metre Class World Championship in Addendum A of this NOR shall apply.
- 1.3 The National Authority prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.4 Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements shall apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence. [DP]

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and restricted by the rules governing the World Championship of the 5.5 Metre Class. [DP]
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the International 5.5 Metre Class that hold a valid Measurement Certificate.
- 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>
- 3.3 Entries shall be received on or before 1st November 2019.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for the World Championship is \$975 AUD (for entries received before 1st November 2019).
- 4.2 The entry fee includes craneage (1 x lift in and 1 x lift out for the entire period of racing for both Cup Races and World Championships) and berthing at the RPAYC.
- 4.3 The Organising Authority may accept late entries with the additional or a late entry supplement of \$270 AUD.
- 4.4 Entries are only valid when both entry fees and entry forms have been received by the Organising Authority.

5 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a Valid Measurement Certificate. A copy of the certificate shall be emailed or otherwise sent to the Organising Authority (OA) or provided at registration.
- 5.2 Boats shall be available for measurement on the days listed in the schedule.
- 5.3 All boats must confirm compliance with AS 2017-19 Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7 and provide the required insurance documentation at registration.
- 5.4 During the Regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Event Measurer at any time. Boats that have passed measurement checks for the Scandinavian Gold Cup, Royal Kaag Classic Cup or Hanko Evolution Cup do not need to be measured for the World Championships.
- 5.5 Requests for substitution of crew members will only be considered if submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

6 SCHEDULE

The full Schedule of events including the 5.5m World Championship is shown below.

Scandinavian Gold Cup		
Day	Event	Time
Fri 3 January	Measurement & Registration	0900-1700
Sat 4 January	Measurement & Registration	0900-1200
	Race 1	1350
Sun 5 January	Race 2 -	1050
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Mon 6 January	Race 4	1050
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
Tue 7 January	Race 6	1050
	Race 7	ASAP after Race 6
Royal Kaag Classic Cup & Hanko Evolution Cup		
Sat 4 January	Measurement & Registration	0900-1700
Sun 5 January	Measurement & Registration	0900-1000
	Race 1 (HEC)	1100
	Race 1 (RKCC)	1110
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
Mon 6 January	Race 3 (HEC)	1100
	Race 3 (RKCC)	1110
	Race 4	ASAP after Race 3
Tue 7 January	Race 5 (HEC)	1100
	Race 5 (RKCC)	1110
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5
Alfreds Gold Cup		

Sun 5 January	Registration & Measurement	0900- 1700
Mon 6 January	Registration & Measurement	0900-1000
	Race 1	1130
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
Tue 7 January	Race 3	1130
	Race 4	ASAP after Race 3
International 5.5m World Championship		
Tue 7 January	Measurement & Registration	1000-1600
Wed 8 January	Measurement & Registration	1000-1600
Thu 9 January	Measurement & Registration	0900-1200
	Race Briefing	1100
	Race 1	1400
Fri 10 January	Race 2	1100
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Sat 11 January	Race 4	1100
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
Sun 12 January	Race 6	1100
	Race 7	ASAP after Race 6
Mon 13 January	Race 8	1100
	Race 9	ASAP after Race 8
	Prizegiving	1800

6.1 The Race Committee intends to run nine (9) races with no more than 2 races per day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons

6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 on the last scheduled day of racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions and list of entrants will be available at Registration, and will be posted on the RPAYC event website two weeks prior to the event.

7.2 The Regatta Office and Official Notice Board will be at the RPAYC.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions and prescribed in the Article 7.10 of the rules governing the International 5.5 Metre Class World Championship in Addendum A

8.2 The racing area will be on the waters of the Palm Beach Circle. Other areas of Pittwater may be used.

8.3 The course shall be of the "Banana" type with offset windward mark. Each leg about 1.5 nautical miles. The first leg to be laid in the direction of the wind. The minimum local length of the course is to be 6.6 nautical miles. The course shall not be shortened.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 ISAF RRS apply, however one turn including one gybe and one tack, are necessary when taking a penalty.
- 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 Championship.
- 10.2 When six (6) or more races have been completed, the worse score shall be discarded.

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. [DP]
Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the Waterfront Office prior to Thursday, 2nd January 2020. RPAYC berthing charges shall apply. [DP]
- 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. [DP]
- 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. [DP]
- 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 or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee. [DP]

Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.5 All support boats must carry marine VHF radios and agree assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. [DP]

12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats will be allocated berthing at the RPAYC at registration, if not beforehand and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta. [DP]
- 12.2 Berthing may be available either one day prior to and one day post the schedule regatta dates at no additional fee.
Facilities MUST be pre-booked by phoning Waterfront on +61 2 9998 3741 or waterfront@rpayc.com.au no later than the close of entries the regatta. [DP]

- 12.3 Boats arriving prior to and post the regatta on trailers, transported from overseas, will be stored on the club hardstand or car park facilities.
- 12.4 The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking at a venue to be advised. [DP]
- 13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**
- 13.1 All boats must be afloat before 1000hrs on Thursday, 9th January 2020 and must not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. [DP]
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent and breathing apparatus must not be used. [DP]
- 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. [DP]
- 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. [DP]
- 15 PRIZES**
- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the World Championship Rules in Addendum A.
- 15.2 A Prize may also be awarded for the winner of a PHS (Performance Handicap System) handicap competition between all boats in the World Championship (handicaps will be arbitrarily calculated based on information and knowledge on previous performance and the age of the boats. The starting handicaps will be issued at the total discretion of the Organising Authority whose decision is final). Change in the handicap will be calculated based on the boats performance in each race. After 6 races the worst result will be discarded. Boats that have won the World Championship trophy or any of the other trophies perpetual trophies in section 3.4 of the 5.5 Metre Class World Championship Rules in Addendum A will not be eligible for the PHS handicap 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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