



2026 INTERCLUB CHALLENGE NOTICE OF RACE

NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB	//	31 MAY
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON	//	14 JUNE
ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB	//	21 JUNE
CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA	//	28 JUNE

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025 - 2028 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing including appendix UF—Umpired Fleet Racing.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Interclub Challenge is open to teams from Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.
- 2.2 A maximum of two teams per Club may enter each race day. Competitors must be under the age of 20 years at each event. Eligible Clubs shall enter their team on the morning of each race day, prior to the start of racing.
- 2.3 The damage deposit will be \$1,300 at CYCA and RSYS.
- 2.4 The damage deposit will be \$1,000 at NCYC and RPAYC. A Club must notify a team if a deduction is to be made and is payable via invoice.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Race Days:
 - NCYC – Sunday 31 May
 - RSYS – Sunday 14 June
 - RPAYC – Sunday 21 June
 - CYCA – Sunday 28 June
- 3.2 Registration at each event will be from 0830-0900hrs.
- 3.3 Daily Briefings will be at 0900hrs at each event
- 3.4 First warning signal will be 0955hrs.
- 3.5 BBQ & Presentations will be held 30 minutes after the last boat has docked at each event

4 BOATS AND SAILS

- 4.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m and Elliott 7m keelboats provided by the Organising Authorities of each Club.
- 4.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
- 4.3 Boats will be allocated by a draw at the briefing of each race day.

5 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 5.1 The number of crew at NCYC (including skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4).
- 5.2 The number of crew at CYCA, RSYS and RPAYC (including skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5).
- 5.3 Each Club may choose to rotate skippers or crewmembers each race.

6 COURSE

- 6.1 The course will be windward/leeward, with a gate finishing downwind.
- 6.2 The race area will be in the waters close to each club.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the briefing of each event.

8 WIND LIMIT

- 8.1 A race shall not be started or continued in excessive wind. As a guideline, “Excessive wind” is wind gusting over 24 knots for periods of 15 seconds, or any other combination of wind and wave conditions considered excessive by Organising Authority.

- 8.2 The Race Committee will be the sole judge of wind speed and gust length and in addition may abandon racing if in the Race Committee's opinion the conditions are on any other grounds unsafe to continue racing.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A9, will apply.
- 9.2 Each race day shall consist of six (6) races per day.
- 9.3 Each team shall discard its worst score of each race day. Should three (3) or less races be conducted on a race day, all races shall count for that day.
- 9.4 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a race day.
- 9.5 Eight (8) races are required to be completed to constitute the Challenge.

10 COACH BOATS

Coach boats shall keep 50m clear of a competing boat whilst racing, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 The overall winner shall be awarded the 'Inter Club Challenge Trophy'.
- 11.2 The 'Boat of the day' prize shall be awarded to the best performing boat of each race day.
- 11.3 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing, and release the OA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the OA.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact your clubs sailing office.

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