



2024 Winter Wednesday Series

NOTICE OF RACE

R-A-N SAILING ASSOCIATION

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The series is open to any single-hulled sailing boat on the register of a sailing club recognised by a National Authority.
- 2.2 Pointscores are open to series entries only and boats entered, for scoring purposes shall include series entries only. No boat will be eligible to enter the pointscore after the number of discard races have been sailed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.2. Casual entries do not score points but are eligible for the weekly prize presentation.

3 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The series will consist of 21 Wednesday afternoon races from 1 May 2024 to 18 September 2024.
- 3.2 It is intended that there will be 4 racing divisions starting in the following sequence:
- (a) **Division 1(S)** Boats generally over 9.25m overall length and boats or classes of boats of any size considered by the race committee to be faster than Division 1 boats.
 - (b) **Division 1.** Boats generally of or over 9.25m overall length and boats or classes of boats of any size designated by the race committee because of age, performance or any other reason.
 - (c) **Division 2.** Boats generally whose overall length is between 8.5m and 9.25m and boats or classes of boats designated by the race committee because of age, performance or any other reason.
 - (d) **Division 3.** Boats generally under 8.5m overall length and boats or classes of boats designated by the race committee because of age, performance or any other reason.
- 3.3 The race committee will allocate boats to divisions and may create or delete divisions.
- 3.4 Boats shall not fly spinnakers. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device.
- 3.5 Handicaps will be determined by the race committee based on performance and will be by Time Correction Factor (TCF) applied to a boat's elapsed time. Handicaps will be reviewed weekly taking into account all previous races sailed and may be subject to arbitrary adjustment at the race committee's discretion.
- 3.6 Determinations or decisions by the race committee about allocation to divisions or handicaps shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.7 Divisions and handicaps will be advised on list of entries available from the website [here](#).
- 3.8 Scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 13:50 hrs.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter online by completing and submitting the entry form on the the RANSA website [here](#) not later than the closing date or time:
- 4.2 The following documents shall be submitted online with the boat's entry:
- (a) a current completed audited Category 7 Equipment Audit Form,
 - (b) a certificate of insurance demonstrating the required insurance
- 4.3 A boat that does not supply a copy of the boat's current audited Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form to the Sailing Office before 11:00 hr on the day of the race shall be scored DNC in that race. This changes RRS 78.2
- 4.4 The address of the Sailing Office is, office@ransa.com.au
- 4.5 Closing dates and times for entries are as follows.
- (a) Series Entries. no series entries will be accepted after R4
 - (b) Casual Entries. 1600 hrs on the day before the race.
- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.
- 4.6 Crew contact details are no longer required to be submitted, but skippers should always maintain contact details for their crew

5 ENTRY FEE

5.1 Entry fees are as follows;

Entry	RANSA Members	Non-members
Series entry	\$320	\$375
Casual Entry, per race	\$40	\$50

6 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour. The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be in the vicinity of the Man-of-War Anchorage east of Garden Island.

7 COURSES

7.1 Courses will be between 8 and 10 nautical miles in length around harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 SCORING

8.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A and RRS A5.3 will apply with the following amendments.

- (a) **On Course Side** There will be no recall signal, however any boat on the course side of the starting line and not returning and restarting may be penalized two minutes or more by the race committee without a hearing. Boats may be advised by radio. This changes RRS 29, 30 and 63.1.
- (b) **Time Limit Expired.** Boats that have not finished at the race time limit shall be scored TLE, and shall be awarded points equal to the number of series entries finishers in the race plus 4, or the number of series entries starters in the race plus 1 whichever is the lowest. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- (c) **Duty Boat Points.** If a boat is not able to race because she is required to provide duty personnel she shall receive points for a fourth place. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and RRS Appendix A5.
- (d) **Discards.** A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her 4 worst scores.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the RANSA online Official Notice Board at <https://www.ransa.com.au/racing/sailing-instructions/> before the day of the first race of the series.

9.2 COMMUNICATION

9.3 The race committee may broadcast race information on VHF Channel 73.

10 EQUIPMENT

10.1 Boats with movable or variable ballast, within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations, may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability. This changes RRS 51.

10.2 RRS 52 does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

10.3 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

10.4 Boats shall fly the RANSA racing flag from their backstay while racing.

10.5 Equipment audits may be carried out at any time.

11 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

11.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails including any modified, new, or replacement sails, or significant changes to on-board skill level shall be notified in writing to the Sailing Office no later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.

12 CREW

12.1 No boat shall race unless there is a minimum of 2 persons aboard.

13 REQUIREMENT FOR SERIES ENTRY BOATS TO PROVIDE DUTY PERSONNEL

13.1 Personnel for start boat and bar duties shall be provided by series entries. The duty roster will be arrived at by ballot. At least two people from the duty boat shall be allocated to assist on the Committee Vessel. One person shall be capable of assisting with mooring the vessel and other heavy duties. Those not able to race because of boat duty will be scored 4 points: if duty boat races it will be scored accordingly.

14 PRIZES

14.1 **Weekly Prizes** – The award of weekly prizes is determined as follows; 1 to 2 starters – 1st Prize only awarded. 3 to 5 Starters – 1st and 2nd Prizes awarded. More than 5 starters 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded. These prizes will be presented at the RANSA Clubhouse at the end of each race. Prizes not collected within one week may be forfeited.

- 14.2 **Trophies** – A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each point score in each division at the end of the season. In addition the winner's name/s will be inscribed on RANSA Perpetual Trophies. End of season trophies will also be awarded to second and third placegetters in each division.

15 RISK WARNING

- 15.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 15.2 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning or exposure injury.
 - (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
 - (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 15.3 RANSA also warns participants that regardless of its best intentions, it may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event.
- 15.4 RANSA further warns that:
- (a) Walking surfaces on marinas, walkways, ramps and slips may be wet and slippery;
 - (b) Floating marinas and associated walkways may be subject to sudden movement, which may cause people to fall, including into the water;
 - (c) There is a possibility that people may be injured by shoreside equipment at RANSA including movement of dinghies, slipways, winches, tools and cranes.
- 15.5 Participants are also advised that although RANSA is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.
- 15.6 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

16 DISCLAIMER

- 16.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. RANSA and its race officials accept no liability for any damage or injury in connection with the event and Owners release the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury in connection with the event.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact the Sailing Administrator at the RANSA Sailing Office on (02) 9363 9939, or email office@ransa.com.au