



**Doyle MacDiarmid Sails
J24 NSW State Championships
4 & 5 November 2017**

Notice of Race



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The Organising Authority for this Series is the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

1 RULES

All races will be conducted under the following:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS) except as amended herein.
- 1.2 The current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.3 The Current International J24 Class Rules (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race).
- 1.4 The Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW.
- 1.5 This Notice of Race.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions to be issued prior to the race.
- 1.7 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulation, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES

The current Rules of the International J24 Class are changed as follows:

- 2.1 Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is 'as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture'. The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
- 2.2 Class rule 2.1 (b) is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 For the purpose of advertising, the classification of this championship shall be in accordance with RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Championship is open to boats of the International J24 Class that fulfil the following requirements:

- 4.1 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a member of a Club affiliated with their respective State or National Yachting Association. YNSW Crew Club is an affiliated club (RRS 46).
- 4.2 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a financial member of their Fleet or State J24 Class Association.
- 4.3 The owner of the J24 as shown on the measurement certificate shall be a member of their Fleet or State Class Association.
- 4.4 The helmspersons nominated on the 'Entry Form' will be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsperson shall be made without the written consent of the Race Committee prior to the race.
- 4.5 Each boat shall hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a current Measurement Certificate, a current Compliance Certificate issued and validated by the State Measurer and a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment for the International J24 Class. These forms are available on the J24 website. A boat that does not supply a copy of these forms to the RPEYC office prior to starting shall be scored DNC in that race (changes RRS 78.2 and A5).
- 4.6 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid current third-party property liability and third-party personal liability insurances with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. A copy of the certificate of currency or policy document shall be lodged with the Organizing Authority at the time of entry.
- 4.7 Each boat shall hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a current valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit form, minimum of Category 7. A boat that does not supply a copy of the boat's current audited such form to the RPEYC office prior to starting shall be scored DNC in that race (changes RRS 78.2 and A5).
- 4.8 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Organising Authority prior to 1700hrs on Wednesday 1 November 2017.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Non-refundable entry fee is \$150 (inc. GST), payable to Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Six (6) races are scheduled over two (2) days of racing.
- 6.2 A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on one day.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on Sunday 5 November 2017.
- 6.4 While it is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct races as shown above, the Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1030 hours on the day it will take effect
- 6.5 In the event of a re-sail, the date and time will be determined by the Race Committee.

Friday 3 November 2017

Registration. Measuring and Weigh In. 1700 – 1900hrs

Saturday 4 November 2017

Weigh In. 0800 - 1000hrs

Safety Briefing 1000hrs

(attendance meets the requirements of NOR Paragraph 20.2)

Racing First Warning Signal 1155hrs

Sunday 5 November 2017

Racing First Warning Signal 1155hrs

Prize Giving 1600hrs

7 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Registration will be conducted at RPEYC race office on the nominated days.
- 7.2 The Organizing Authority or J24 National Association representative may conduct measurement & inventory checks of competing yachts at anytime, before, during and after racing.
- 7.3 Each yacht shall have all sails available for inspection and possible measurement if requested by the Race Committee.
- 7.4 Each crew member shall be required to weigh-in. All crew must be weighed prior to 1000hrs Saturday 4 November 2017. Failure to do so shall invalidate the entry.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration at the RPEYC and will be available online on the National J24 website prior to the event.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The races will be conducted on Sydney Harbour starting in the vicinity of Point Piper and Shark Island.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 All courses will be Windward/Leeward. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44 shall apply.

12 SCORING

- 12.1. Six (6) races are scheduled of which Three (3) completed races are required to constitute the series. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.2 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF allocated by the Race Committee or

its nominee, will be re-calculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes rule RRS 62.1(a).

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Boats shall remain in the water from 1000hrs on Saturday 4 November 2017 until completion of racing. Rudders shall remain affixed to the boat in their normal position during this time.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. When haul out is approved no other work shall be done other than work that could not have been done while afloat.

14 PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1000 on Saturday 4 November 2017 until the completion of racing.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 In accordance with rule 41, the Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or any other information of interest to competitors. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. For this purpose boats may carry a handheld VHF radio. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency, upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.

16 SAIL NUMBERS

- 16.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its entry form.
- 16.2 A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails and sail numbers shall be clearly legible.
- 16.3 The use of a sail displaying a different sail number to that on the entry form shall be notified to the RPEYC race office no later than two (2) hours before the start of the race. A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the RPEYC race office or displays illegible sail numbers may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats placed first to third overall and first to third on PHS handicap.

18 CRANE, TRAILER STORAGE & YACHT BERTHS

- 18.1 RPEYC does not have crane access for competitors. RANSA have made their crane available for use by J24 members from Friday 3 November to Sunday 5 November 2017. The cost is \$85 per lift (\$170 in and out). There is no cost for interstate boats. NSW boats who wish to use the crane will be required to pay cash on the day, to Amanda Williams. Booking times for crane use are essential – call Amanda on 0421 442119
- 18.2 RPEYC will provide berths for all competing yachts from 3 November to 5 November 2017. For further berthing information, contact Andrew on 0418 748 918.

19 SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 3 November 2017, Regatta Briefing and Welcome Function, 1800hrs

Saturday 4 November 2017, RPEYC State Championships Dinner 1900hrs

- J24 Association members \$35 –non members \$65
- Bookings through Tracy on 9327 3149 are essential.

Sunday 5 November 2017, BBQ & Prize Giving at RPEYC

20. RESPONSIBILITIES

20.1 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in sailing events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

20.2 Skippers Briefing – The skipper of each boat entered shall attend a safety briefing held by a sailing club located on Sydney Harbour. Entries will not be accepted for any race or the series without satisfactory evidence that any skipper of the boat has attended a briefing session.

20.3 Competitors Declaration - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- a) RRS 46 and its associated AS Prescriptions;
- b) The Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations;
- c) Be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- d) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warrants to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
- e) The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

20.4 Disclaimer of Liability

- a) The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series. The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority

acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above thereby releases the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any material damage or any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

- b) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Organising Authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- c) The Organising Authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- d) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

21 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 21.1** No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 21.2** Boats shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to the NSW Navigation (Collision) regulations and the NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. The regulations specify "Priority over Sail" – some ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal. See Annexure A. Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 21.3** All boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately
- 21.4** Any boats reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (Changes RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor. Changes RRS 60.1.
- 21.5** The attention of any competitors involved in an accident is drawn to the requirements of NSW RMS in case of an accident (Marine Safety Act 2016 – sec 98). Competitors are required to notify the RPEYC of any contact incident (with another boat or obstruction) occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW RMS. RPEYC is obliged under the terms of its Aquatic Licence to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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