

2025 Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 12 - 14 December 2025



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1. Invitation

- 1.1 An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the 2025 Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising an invitation race and 2 pointscore races.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

2. Rules

- 2.1 All races will be governed by the current versions of:
- (a) the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 ("RRS") of World Sailing;
 - (b) the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations").
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hours on 8 December 2025 at the Sailing Office or on the CYCA website, www.cyca.com.au. The Sailing Committee Chair, Deputy Chair and a member of the Sailing Committee of the CYCA as nominated by the Sailing Committee Chair shall be the Race Committee for the purposes of and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1. Where one or more of them could have a potential conflict of interest, the Sailing Committee Chair will appoint another member of the Sailing Committee instead of the member with a conflict of interest.
- 2.3 The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Board and on the event website (www.cyca.com.au).
- 2.4 The Official Notice Board is a notice board bearing that name in the downstairs hallway of the Clubhouse of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Sydney.

3. Schedule

Event	Date	Time
Invitation Race (Scratch)	Friday 12 December 2025 (Non-Pointscore & Non-Spinnaker Race)	1355 hrs
Race 1 Pursuit	Saturday 13 December 2025	1155 hrs
Race 2 Scratch	Sunday 14 December 2025	1155 hrs
Prizegiving		Approx. 1530 hrs
Competitor BBQ		1630 hrs

The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races and course types.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The regatta is open to:
- (a) Classics: any yacht that has a launch date prior to 1976 and has competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race;
 - (b) Modern Classics: any yacht that has a launch date after 1975 and prior to 1996 that has competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.
 - (c) or other "Veteran" yachts invited by the OA.
- 4.2 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for Category 7 (or higher) shall accompany the entry if not already held by CYCA. A boat requiring an equipment audit at the CYCA should make a booking with the Sailing Office.
- 4.3 The owner or charterer of the boat entered in the Regatta shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million.
- 4.4 A decision of the Race Committee as to whether a boat meets the eligibility criteria is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

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5. Entry & Entry Fees

- 5.1 Entry shall be made online through the CYCA website <https://cyca.com.au/online-entry/> or may be lodged with the CYCA Sailing Office.
- 5.2 A boat may enter one of the following divisions:
- Classics - Non-spinnaker
 - Classics - Spinnaker
 - Modern Classics -spinnaker
- 5.3 The following fees shall be paid by credit card, cheque or electronic funds transfer on submission of the entry or late documentation, as appropriate. Fees paid are not refundable. All fees include GST (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

Fees:

Entry Fee:	\$200
Late Entry Fee:	\$30

- 5.4 The following shall be supplied at the point of entry or to the CYCA Sailing Office no later than 1200 hours on Monday, 8 December 2025:
- Completed Entry Form (including signed Conditions of Entry: <https://cycaforms.seamlessdocs.com/f/ClassicsCOE25>)
 - Entry Fee
 - Audited Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form for Cat 7 or higher.
- 5.5 An entry and the above items may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the OA.
- 5.6 A backstay flag supplied by the Organising Authority shall be flown by a boat at a height of 2 metres from the working deck on the backstay or port/starboard mizzen shroud from the time the boat approaches the start line until the boat finishes. These flags may be collected from the Sailing Office.

6. Divisions

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received. Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions may be conducted if there is sufficient interest.

7. Courses

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed shall be Harbour passage courses and shall be as detailed in the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta Sailing Instructions.

8. Handicaps / Scoring

- 8.1 PHS Handicaps will be based on time correction factors ("TCFs"). A boat's TCF may be adjusted after each race. For Race 1 the TCFs will be converted into a prescribed handicap start time.
- 8.2 The Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta will be scored by the Low Point Scoring system (RRS Appendix A2) with no discard. A minimum of 1 completed pointscore race shall constitute a series.
- 8.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of the boat's race scores. The boat with the lowest series score will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.

9. Trophies and Prize Giving

- 9.1 Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third placing in each division.
- 9.2 The prize giving will be held at the CYCA following racing at approximately 1530 hours on Sunday 14 December 2025. Time to be advised.