

2026 GREAT VETERANS RACE

NOTICE OF RACE

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2026 LGT WEALTH MANAGEMENT WINTER SERIES NOTICE OF RACE



1. Invitation

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the Great Veterans Race to be sailed on Sydney Harbour. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

2. The Race

The warning signal will be at 1155hrs on Saturday 9 May 2026.

3. Divisions

3.1 Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received.

4. Rules

4.1 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") except as these may be amended by Sailing Instructions.

4.2 The Race is designated Non-Spinnaker. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined by RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

4.3 The sailing instructions will be available after 0900 hours on 5 May 2025 at the Sailing Office or on the CYCA website, www.cyca.com.au.

4.4 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 the potential conflict of interest.

4.5 Changes to the RRS:

- RRS 51: 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.
- RRS 52: RRS 52 is changed to: The rotation of a boat's rudder shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew.

5. Courses / Advertising

The course shall be a harbour passage course and shall be as detailed in the Great Veterans Race 2026 Sailing Instructions.

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Advertising Code.

6. Handicaps / Scoring

PHS Handicaps will be based on time correction factors ("TCF's"). The TCF's will be converted into a prescribed handicap start time.

7. Eligibility

7.1 The races are open to single hulled self-righting displacement boats only.

7.2 A boat shall have a LOA of not less than 9.0m.

7.3 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7 except that trailable boats shall comply with Race Category 6. An audited Special Regulations Equipment Form for Category 6/7 (or higher) shall be submitted to the Sailing Office if not already held on file by the CYCA. A boat requiring an equipment audit at the CYCA should make a booking with the Sailing Office.

NB: CYCA requires all audits be dated after 30 June 2025.

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- 7.4 The minimum number of crew shall be 3, two of whom shall be a minimum age of 18 years.
- 7.5 A boat shall enter one of the following divisions:
- (a) **Classics Division:** entrants shall be yachts with a launch date prior to 1976 that have competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race or other “Veteran” yachts invited by the OA.
 - (b) **Modern Classics:** entrants shall be yachts with a launch date after 1975 and prior to 1996 that have competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race or other “Veteran” yachts invited by the OA.
- 7.6 A decision of the CYCA as to whether a boat meets the eligibility criteria is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

8. Entry & Entry Fees

- 8.1 Entry shall be made online through the CYCA website <https://cyca.com.au/online-entry/>
- 8.2 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).

Entry fee = \$55

- 8.3 The following shall be supplied at the point of entry or to the CYCA Sailing Office no later than 1200 hours on Thursday, 7 May 2026:
- Completed Entry Form (including signed Conditions of Entry <https://cycaforms.seamlessdocs.com/f/GV2026COE>)
 - Entry Fee
 - Category 7 Certificate - 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.
 - Insurance Certificate - The owner or charterer of a boat entered in a race 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.

An entry and the above items may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the OA.

9. Trophies and Prizegiving

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place in each Division. The prize giving will be held at the CYCA following racing on 9 May 2026.

10. Results and List of Entries

Results and weekly list of entries (with start times) will be emailed to skippers. Results will also be published on the CYCA website, www.cyca.com.au, and posted on the notice board in the Clubhouse of the CYCA.