

# 2026 Spring Series

## NOTICE OF RACE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // Sunday 2 August - Sunday 23 August 2026





## 1. INVITATION

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter this series to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising of 4 pointscore races. The Organising Authority is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

## 2. THE RACES

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| August 2  | Harbour Race (Race 1) |
| August 9  | Harbour Race (Race 2) |
| August 16 | Harbour Race (Race 3) |
| August 23 | Harbour Race (Race 4) |

## 3. DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received. Non-spinnaker and IRC divisions may be conducted if there is sufficient interest.
- 3.2 A separate Women's Pointscore will be conducted if there is sufficient interest from yachts entering with a female skipper.

## 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")
  - (c) the IRC 2026 Rules Parts A, B and C, if applicable
- 4.2 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hours on 28 July 2026 on the CYCA website, [www.cyca.com.au](http://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.
- 4.3 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.
  - RRS 78.2: Valid rating certificates shall be produced by 1200 hours on Thursday prior to each race. Boats shall declare which of the primary or secondary IRC Certificate (if applicable) will be used for each race to the Sailing Office via email ([sailingoffice@cyca.com.au](mailto:sailingoffice@cyca.com.au)) at this time. A boat's result shall not be retrospectively amended due to a rating change.

## 5. COURSES / ADVERTISING

The courses shall be Harbour passage courses and shall be as detailed in the Spring Series 2026 Sailing Instructions. Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code).

## 6. HANDICAPS / SCORING

- 6.1 PHS race results will be calculated by the application of a Time Correction Factor ("TCF") as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time. A boat's TCF may be adjusted after each race.
- 6.2 IRC race results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on each boat's IRC Certificate as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.
- 6.3 The series will consist of 4 races with one discard.
- 6.4 A boat shall enter by Race 2 to be eligible for the Pointscore.



## **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 6.0 metres
- 7.3 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7 except that trailable boats shall comply with Category 6. An audited Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall accompany the entry if not already held by CYCA. Note: CYCA requires all audits be dated after 30 June 2026.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 A boat in an IRC Division shall have a current and valid IRC Standard or IRC Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC. All boats may additionally hold a secondary valid IRC Certificate. The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

Boats shall provide a copy of their Rating Certificate to the Sailing Office or declare to the Sailing Office via email ([sailingoffice@cyca.com.au](mailto:sailingoffice@cyca.com.au)) which of the primary or secondary IRC Certificate will be used in accordance with NoR 4.

- 7.6 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.

## **8. TROPHIES & PRIZEGIVING**

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third placing in the Season Pointscore in each Division. The pointscore series is only open to block entries. The pointscore prizegiving will be held following racing on 23 August 2026.

## **9. RESULTS & LIST OF ENTRIES**

Results and weekly entry lists (with start times) will be emailed to skippers. Results will also be published on the CYCA website, [www.cyca.com.au](http://www.cyca.com.au), and posted on the notice board in the downstairs of the CYCA Clubhouse.

## **10. ENTRY & ENTRY FEES**

\$330 Block Entry (for CYCA members, block entry fees are reduced to \$300), or \$90 per race (in each case including GST). Entries shall be completed online by 1200 hours on the Thursday prior to each race. Block entries are waived for CYCA Marina three-year license holders. Entries shall be made online at [www.cyca.com.au/online-entry/](http://www.cyca.com.au/online-entry/).