



2027 HELLY HANSEN INTERNATIONAL NOTICE OF RACE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 18 - 22 JANUARY 2027



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions (SI), will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NOR) or SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.5 The event is a World Sailing (WS) Open Grade 2 event. This grading is subject to review by the WS. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.6 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.7 Competitors shall wear enclosed shoes at all times around the CYCA Hardstand & Marina and while afloat.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available on the ONB by 0900 hrs on 17 January 2027.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB which is located in the CYCA Clubhouse.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This does not include any communication with the Race Committee (RC) over the designated race channel.

4 COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Up to twelve (12) skippers may be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. The winner of the 2026 Captain John Piper Regatta will receive an invitation.
- 4.2 Skippers may apply for an invitation by sending a completed Request for Invitation Form to the OA no later than 1700hrs on 2 October 2026. The OA will inform skippers if they will be issued with an invitation no later than 9 October 2026.
- 4.3 All competitors shall be under the age of 25 on 22 January 2027. Evidence of age shall be submitted to the OA no later than the close of registration.
- 4.4 All Skippers shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>.
- 4.5 All competitors shall be current members of their MNA.

5 ENTRY

5.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and damage deposit. All payments shall be made as specified in the Letter of Invitation.

5.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$1400 AUD shall be paid as specified in the Letter of Invitation. The entry fee will include breakfast and lunches on each scheduled race day and invitations to the Welcome Function and Prize giving.

5.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by WS. (WS Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

6 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT / INSURANCE

6.1 An initial damage deposit of \$1300 AUD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA.

6.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or Protest Committee (PC). The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident.

6.3 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

6.4 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance. The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6.5 It is recommended that each entrant and crew member have appropriate personal medical and liability insurance.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

7.1 The total number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.

7.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

7.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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7.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

7.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA may provide ten (10) Elliott 7 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, and Symmetrical Spinnaker.
- 8.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 8.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be asked to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 8.4 While all reasonable steps will be taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 8.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. It is the intention of the RC to use a leeward gate.
- 8.7 The intended racing area is Sydney Harbour.
- 8.8 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - (i) First Stage – Round Robin
 - (ii) Second Stage – Repechage
 - (iii) Third Stage – Knock-Out Quarter-Finals
 - (iv) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Semi-Finals
 - (v) Fifth Stage – Knock-Out Petit-Finals
 - (vi) Sixth Stage – Knock-Out Final
- 8.9 The OA may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 9.1 The event will be held from 18 to 22 January 2027.

Monday 18 January 2027

1200 hrs	Race office opens
1200 - 1730 hrs	Registration and crew weigh-in
1300 - 1700 hrs	Practice
1800 - 1900hrs	Welcome Function

Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 January 2027

1000 hrs	Briefing at the Sydney Hobart Bar
1153 hrs	First Attention Signal (unless specified by RC)
Post racing	Competitor debrief—(attendance optional)

Friday 22 January 2027

1800hrs - 2000hrs	Prize Giving
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9.2 The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approx. 1700 hrs.

9.3 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (i) Daily briefings, for skippers.
- (ii) Pro-Am Regatta, for skippers sailing that day.
- (iii) Welcome Function & Prize Giving for all competitors.

10 ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into dispute.
- 11.2 Competitors and Support Persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 12.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 12.2 Support person vessels shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from officials.
- 12.3 Support person vessels may be required to assist with boat transfers under the direction of the RC.

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 13.1 If required by the OA:
 - (i) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (ii) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (iii) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 13.2 Competitor's shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 13.3 All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support persons or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).
- 13.4 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as winners of the 2027 Helly Hansen International and will be presented with the 'Joy Ride' Perpetual Trophy.
- 15.2 Prizes will be presented to the top 3 teams.
- 15.3 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

17 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the event temporary membership to the CYCA for the duration of the event. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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Competitors are strongly encouraged to enter the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club *Warren Jones International* (25 - 29 January 2027). For further information please contact:

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