



Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

27th Monica Geddes Memorial Trophy Sydney Harbour Islands Race

Sunday 13 September 2026

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) of World Sailing, the Australian Sailing prescriptions and Special Regulations, the IRC 2026 Rules Parts A, B & C.
- 1.2 For a boat racing in the Non-Spinnaker Division, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in 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.
- 1.3 This document is the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions required by RRS 89.2 and 90.2.

2. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry online (<https://cyca.com.au/online-entry/>) by 1200 hours on Thursday 10 September 2026 and lodge a Conditions of Entry form provided by the Organising Authority, signed by the Owner/Charterer and a category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit Form with the CYCA Sailing Office. An entry is not complete until the Conditions of Entry is lodged. The entry fee is \$60 (\$50 for CYCA members).
- 2.2 Eligible boats shall be single hulled and self-righting, and shall have a minimum LOA of 6m.
- 2.3 A boat that does not meet the requirements of SI 2.1 may be scored DNC (this changes RRS 78.2).

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the CYCA Clubhouse.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1030 hours on the day it will take effect.

5. Schedule of Race

- 5.1 Racing will be conducted on Sunday 13 September 2026.
- 5.2 The Warning signal for the first division will be 1155 hours.

6. Divisions

6.1 The Race Committee may form racing divisions at its discretion.

6.2 Division 1 is designated as the Spinnaker Division.

6.3 Division 4 is designated as the Non-Spinnaker Division.

7. Start Line

The Start Line will be between the flag mast on the Committee Vessel (CV) displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a laid inflatable mark at the port end and shall be in the vicinity of Point Piper. The CV will also display a white flag with "CYCA" in black.

8. The Start and Start Signals

8.1 Boats shall report to the CV prior to the Warning Signal on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted to confirm its intention to race. Boats which cannot be identified may be scored as DNS.

8.2 The time of the first Starting Signal, unless amended by the List of Entries, will be 1200 hours.

8.3 Start Divisions will be identified numerically.

8.4 Start Signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.

8.5 The Class Flags will be:

Division 1 – Numeral pennant 1

Division 4 – Numeral pennant 4

8.6 The Warning Signal for each succeeding Division shall be made with or after the Start Signal of the preceding Division.

8.7 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after its Start Signal.

9. The Course

9.1 Course Descriptions:

Division 1 - Spinnaker Division

Start - Sow & Pigs Reef (s) - SIM (s) - Fort Denison (p) - Goat Island (p) - Cockatoo Island (s) - Snapper Island (s) - Cockatoo Island (s) - Goat Island (s) - Clarke Island (s) - Finish.

Division 4 - Non-Spinnaker Division

Start - Sow & Pigs Reef (s) - SIM (s) - Fort Denison (p) - Goat Island (p) - Clarke Island (s) - Finish.

9.2 In a course description, the designation (s) or (p) indicated the island/mark is to be rounded to starboard or port.

Boats need only pass the island/mark as required, looping not necessary.

10. Mark Descriptions

SIM - AS mark SE of Shark Island (The area between the Shark Island AS Mark (SIM) and Shark Island is a continuing obstruction and no boat shall pass between them.)

Sow & Pigs Reef – Boats must leave all cardinal marks to starboard

11. Prohibited Areas

11.1 Boats shall not sail south of a line bounded by Dawes Point and Bennelong Point (Circular Quay) and shall not sail within 150 meters of Bennelong Point (Opera House). Failure to comply may lead to prosecution by Roads and Maritime Services.

11.2 Boats that are capable of doing a speed of 15 knots should be aware that RMS have installed a 15-knot speed limit under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Zone is between Millers Point and Blues Point in the west and between Kirribilli Point and Bennelong Point in the east.

11.3 Boats shall not sail between areas bounded by cardinal marks.

11.4 Boats shall not sail through the area between Shark Island and Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island)

12. The Finish

The Finish Line will be between the flag mast on the CV displaying a blue flag and a laid mark at the port end and shall be in the vicinity of Point Piper. The CV will also display a white flag with "CYCA" in black.

13. Time Limit

The time limit for all Boats shall be 1630 hours. Boats failing to finish by 1630 hours shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and RRS 63.1.

14. Scoring

14.1 For PHS Boats, results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. TCF's shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress.

14.2 For IRC boats, results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Sunday 13 September, at the CYCA.

16. Responsibilities

16.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Special attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2 CYCA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

16.3 CYCA is not responsible for any damage or injury either ashore, afloat or at sea either to persons or boats which might participate in the regatta. It is recommended that boats should have adequate insurance cover.