



**MATTHEW OWEN TROPHY**  
**Annual Series in Support of Rare Cancers Australia**  
**7, 14 and 21 April 2024**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

- \* *To honour Matthew Owen's outstanding and long-term contribution to the CYC, and*
- \* *To support and raise funds for Rare Cancers Australia*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024* except for changes indicated in relevant paragraphs in this Notice of Race and in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.3 All races in the series are Category 7.
- 1.4 RRS 51 and 52 will be changed as follows:  

A competitor may request permission from the Race Committee to use moveable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability subject to a boat having been allocated a National yardstick / handicap rating. Stored power may be used for this operation. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.
- 1.5 Rules of each competing class and the Sailing Policy of the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC), determined from time to time by the CYC Sailing Committee and promulgated on the CYC website [www.canberrayc.com](http://www.canberrayc.com) will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T will apply. Arbitration may be used prior to a Protest Hearing.

**2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted.

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The series is open to:
  - All boats with an applicable AS Class Based Handicap (CBH) rating or a rating accepted or allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee,
  - All dinghy, keelboat and multihull classes with yardsticks listed by AS, and
  - Other boats for which a relevant rating has been accepted by the CYC Sailing Committee.
- 3.2 Competitors may enter by completing, signing and lodging the entry form attached to this Notice of Race. Competitors that have entered in the CYC 2023-2024 Summer Series and have not changed the details of that entry will not need to submit this entry form. In either case, the entry will only be valid when the requirements in 4.1 and 4.2 below are met.
- 3.3 The person entering the boat and all crew must be current financial CYC members and, hence, of AS in compliance with the AS prescription to RRS 46 applicable at the time of racing. Use of the AS Sail Pass system will be available, but for CYC issued or accepted Sail Pass only.
- 3.4 Registration shall be completed 90 minutes before the first warning signal of the scheduled starting sequence.

## 4 FEES

4.1 Entry fee requirements apply to the skipper and all crew onboard and are met by:

- CYC membership for the 2023-24 financial year,
- Sail Pass in accordance with 3.3, above, covers the entry fee for this series, or
- Where the CYC has entered into a reciprocal entry agreement with another Club, payment of the applicable reciprocal entry fee.

4.2 In addition, to enter in this series, all competitors need to make a donation directly to Rare Cancers Australia via the link in clause 4.3. The amount that needs to be donated depends on a boat's level of intended participation in the series; \$20 per race and \$50 for the series. Competitors will need to email a receipt of this donation to [admin@canberrayc.com](mailto:admin@canberrayc.com) along with their boat name.

4.3 Link to donation page: <https://www.rarecancers.org.au/campaign/49/in-memory-of-matthew-owen>

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing and the time of the first warning signal:

Race 1	7 April 2024	1400 hours
Race 2	14 April 2024	1400 hours
Race 3	21 April 2024	1400 hours.

5.2 There will be one race per day for the following Divisions:

Division 1	Off the beach multihulls
Division 2	Boats with an AS or CYC SC allocated CBH of 0.7525 or greater
Division 3	Dinghies with AS yardstick below 119 and International Flying Fifteens, excluding Lasers
Division 4	Boats with an AS or CYC SC allocated CBH of less than 0.7525
Division 5	Dinghies with AS yardstick between 119 and 132, including Lasers
Division 6	Dinghies with AS Yardstick of 132 and above.

5.3 The Organising Authority may, where circumstances dictate, vary the format, classes and divisions and/or the schedule for the series.

## 6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat, for which its class association or class rules requires it, shall have a valid measurement / rating certificate which is to be produced on demand to any race official or protest committee member.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1700 hours on 6 April 2024 at the CYC.

## 8 COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9 SCORING

9.1 The Scoring System (RRS A4) will apply.

- The calculation of results for Divisions 2 and 4 will be based on the CBH ratings published by Australian Sailing.
- The calculation of results for Divisions 1, 3, 5, and 6 will be based on AS yardsticks, except that all International Flying Fifteens will sail off a yardstick of 109.

**9.2** A boat's series score for the Matthew Owen Series will be the total of all race scores, no scores to be excluded.

**9.3** The concurrent event, the Matthew Owen Trophy, will be scored as follows:

- All boats will be combined into a single division. Boats with a CBH rating will be allocated a yardstick based off a revised Trailable Correction Factor (TCF) incorporating CBH ratings. Multihulls will have their yardsticks adjusted by a Mixed Class Correction Factor (MCCF) as outlined in the Australian Sailing Yardsticks 2022-23 document.
- In order to account for the different number of laps sailed by different divisions, a boat's finishing time will be divided by the number of laps that it sailed, to give an average lap time.
- This average lap time will then be adjusted by that boat's assigned yardstick to give an overall finishing order for all boats for that race.
- A boat will receive a separate series score based on this average lap yardstick adjusted position across all three races.

**9.4** Skippers who are rostered for race management duty will be given average points for their boat for that race from the races to count in each series as calculated by Top Yacht Software. For the Matthew Owen Series only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor. If this allocation of average points would cause a boat to receive a greater number of points than if the boat had not competed (see clause 9.5), then the skipper of that boat can apply to receive the DNC points instead.

**9.5** A boat that is scored DNC will be scored points equal to the number of boats that finished the race plus 3. All other boats that did not start (DNS), did not sail the course (NSC), did not finish (DNF), retired (RET) or were disqualified (DSQ) will be scored points equal to the number of boats that finished the race plus 1. This changes RRS A5.

## **10 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**10.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **11 PRIZES**

**11.1** Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**11.2** The Matthew Owen Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best performance over the whole series calculated as described in 9.3.

## **12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**12.1** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

## **13 INSURANCE**

**13.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**14.1** Contact Canberra Yacht Club telephone 6273 4777 or email at: [admin@canberrayc.com](mailto:admin@canberrayc.com)



**CANBERRA YACHT CLUB  
MATTHEW OWEN SERIES 2023-24  
7 April 2024 – 21 April 2024**



**ENTRY FORM**

BOAT CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please be specific as to any sub class eg: Laser Radial, Flying Fifteen)

SAIL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ HULL COLOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_

SKIPPER: \_\_\_\_\_ AS number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address and mobile number (if not a CYC member)  
\_\_\_\_\_

CREW 1: _____	CYC Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone No.: _____
CREW 2: _____	CYC Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone No.: _____
CREW 3: _____	CYC Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone No.: _____
CREW 4: _____	CYC Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone No.: _____
CREW 5: _____	CYC Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone No.: _____

**DECLARATION**

I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing, rules that govern this event and confirm my boat conforms with the safety provisions outlined in the RRS.

I acknowledge that competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See rule 3 – ‘Decision to Race’) I acknowledge that the organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

I confirm that the boat entered has third party liability insurance cover of not less than \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If a skipper or crew member will be under 18 years of age during the event the following consent must be signed (one for each person under 18).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Being the parent, legal guardian or custodian of \_\_\_\_\_ consent to him/her participating in this series under the terms and conditions set out in the Notice of Race and do likewise agree to indemnify YACT and the CYC and their officials or members, as prescribed in those documents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only				CYC Entry form for 2021-22		
Y/STICK or CBH	AHC	DIVISION	TYPE OF RACE ENTRY		ENTERED IN SYSTEM	
			SERIES	CASUAL	INITIAL	DATE