



CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2025-26

21 September 2025 to 15 March 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Canberra Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028* except for changes indicated in relevant paragraphs in this Notice of Race and in the Sailing Instructions. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.2** RRS Appendix A2 is changed as detailed in NoR 10.2 below. RRS A5 is changed as detailed in NoR 10.4.
- 1.3** RRS 41 is changed as follows:
- (e) CYC Sailing School Boats designated as requiring additional assistance by CYC staff may receive coaching from CYC Sailing School staff while racing.
- 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** The Sailing Policy of the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC), available on the CYC website, <https://canberrayc.com/race-information.php>, and the rules of each competing class will apply.
- 1.6** RRS Appendix T will apply. Arbitration may be used prior to a Protest Hearing.

2 COMMUNICATION/NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** All relevant communications shall be posted on the Official Notice Board for a minimum of 1 week. The notice board shall be located within the CYC Sailors Cabin. Further, these communications shall also be posted on the CYC website until the end of the event. All communications, outside of Change to Sailing Instructions, shall be posted at least one day prior to when they may take effect.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1200 hours on 19 September 2025 at CYC and thereafter on the CYC website at: <https://canberrayc.com/race-information.php>

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1** Advertising is permitted.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1** The series is open to:
- (a) All boats with an applicable AS Class Based Handicap (CBH) rating,
- (b) All dinghy, keelboat and multihull classes with yardsticks listed by AS, and
- (c) Boats for which a relevant rating has been accepted or allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee.
- (d) Entry of a boat will be with a single, same CBH or Yardstick rating to be applied to all races in

the Championship series.

- 5.2** Competitors may enter online via the CYC website. The entry will be valid when the entry fee requirements in NoR 6.1, below are met.
- 5.3** All competitors, skippers and crew must either:
- (a) be a current financial member of the CYC or
 - (b) hold a valid AS Sail Pass issued by the CYC or
 - (c) be a member of a Sailing Club with a reciprocal racing agreement with the CYC and have paid the applicable fees.
- 5.4** Boats can apply to be in a different division for the series, refer to CYC sailing policy.
- 5.5** Registration shall be completed at least 90 minutes before the first warning signal of the first race of a series a boat intends to enter.

6 FEES

- 6.1** Entry fee requirements apply to the skipper and all crew onboard and are met by either:
- (a) CYC membership for the 2025-26 financial year,
 - (b) A valid Sail Pass, in accordance with NoR 5.3, above, which covers the entry fee for that day, or
 - (c) Payment of the applicable reciprocal entry fee in NoR 5.3(c).

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1** The schedule of races is contained in the CYC Sailing Calendar 2025-26. The warning signal for the first Division to start shall be 1400 hours.
- 7.2** There will be one race per day for the following Divisions:
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| Division 1 | Off the beach Multihulls |
| Division 2 | Trailable Yachts |
| Division 3 | Multi-handed Dinghies including Flying 15 & VX One (119 & below) excluding Cherubs |
| Division 4 | Solo Dinghies (119 & below) |
| Division 5 | Dinghies (120 – 132) including Cherubs |
| Division 6 | Dinghies (133 and above excluding Optimists) |
| Division 7 | Optimists |
- 7.3** As noted in the CYC Sailing Calendar 2025-26, two of the scheduled CYC Pointscore Series races are marked as Championship Resail dates. If weather or other circumstances force the abandonment of a scheduled Championship race, the Organising Authority may rerun that race for all Divisions on one of the resail days. All competitors will be notified of this change to the schedule in accordance with NoR 2, at least 1 week before the affected Pointscore race.
- 7.4** The Organising Authority may, where circumstances dictate, vary the format, classes and divisions and/or the schedule for the series. This will be communicated in accordance with NoR 2.

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1** 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.
- 8.2** The onus is on individual competitors to ensure that their boat fully complies with the

specifications and conditions of the relevant Rating, CBH or Yardstick.

9 COURSES

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

10 SCORING

10.1 The Scoring System (RRS A4) will apply.

- (a) The calculation of results for Division 2 will be based on the CBH ratings published by Australian Sailing as at the close of business on Friday 5 September 2025, or a rating allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee. Restrictions on CBH's that will be accepted for One of Kind Vessels (OAK) are detailed in the CYC Sailing Policy. Regardless of any updates to the AS CBH ratings list subsequently published during the series, the list will apply for the whole series.
- (b) The calculation of results for Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be based on AS yardsticks, except that all International Flying Fifteens will sail off a yardstick of 109 and all VX Ones will off a yardstick of 94.

10.2 The Championship Series scoring will be as follows:

- (a) When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (d) Completion of three races is required to constitute the Championship series.

This changes RRS Appendix A2.

10.3 Boats must comply with the requirements for race volunteer duty, as detailed in the CYC Sailing Policy.

10.4 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.

10.5 Boats that sail in an external event that conflicts with a race in this series may apply for average points, as detailed in the CYC Sailing Policy.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

12 PRIZES

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

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 SAFETY

- 15.1** All races in the series are classified as Category “7” (AS Special Regulations, Part 1). For Off the Beach classes, the AS Special Regulations Part “2” (Off the beach) and prescriptions shall apply.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1** Contact Canberra Yacht Club telephone 6273 4777 or email at: admin@canberrayc.com