



CHIEF MINISTER'S REGATTA

25 & 26 January 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Canberra Yacht Club (CYC), in conjunction with the ACT Government invites entries in the Chief Minister's Regatta, to be held on Lake Burley Griffin on 25 & 26 January 2026.

The Organising Authority is the Canberra Yacht Club

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta 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 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.

1.3 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.

1.4 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 within the CYC Sailors Cabin.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1200 hours on 24 January 2026 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 trailable yachts,
- (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.

5.2 Competitors may enter online via the CYC website.

5.3 All competitors, skippers and crew:

- (a) must be a current financial member of the CYC or other Australian Sailing affiliated club or
- (b) hold a valid AS Sail Pass issued by the CYC

5.4 Registration shall be completed by 1330 on 25 January 2026.

6 FEES

6.1 Entry is free for all competitors.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1

Sunday 25 th January	1330hrs	Close of entries
	1400hrs	Competitor Briefing
	1500hrs	First warning signal
		Championship Racing Session
Monday 26 th January	1200hrs	First warning signal
		Championship Racing Session
	ASAP after racing	Presentation

7.2 Up to three races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back, with a short delay between them.

7.3 Initial Division Structure as follows:

Division 1	Off the beach Multihulls
Division 2	Trailable Yachts
Division 3	Multi-handed Dinghies including Flying 15 & VX One (119 & below)
Division 4	Solo Dinghies (119 & below)
Division 5	Dinghies (120 – 132)
Division 6	Dinghies (133 and above)

7.4 The Organising Authority may, where circumstances dictate, vary the format, classes and divisions and/or the schedule for the series. Divisions may be created or combined depending on the number of entries in any division. 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 CBH, Yardstick or other rating.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will include the West Basin/Acton Bay and West Lake parts of Lake Burley Griffin.

10 COURSES

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

11 SCORING

11.1 The Scoring System (RRS A4) will apply.

11.2 For the calculation of results for Division 2, Boats will be allocated an Event Based Handicap Rating (EBH), by the organising authority, based on any available information which may include but is not limited to, past regatta and club events, class associations, manufactureres websites, and the ATYSBR Appendix A.

Boats entered as standard boats of a recognised class or design shall comply with the class rules or standard design configuration of that particular class or design. Boats who have been recognised under the AS CBH System as being modified or OAK must demonstrate how they have returned their boat to normal specifications if they wish to race under a class/design rating.

The organising authority reserves the right to set or adjust any boats EBH rating at any time. These ratings may be updated at any time, up to and during the event.

An EBH rating allocated by the organising authority shall not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11.3 The calculation of results for Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 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.

11.4 Series scoring will be as follows:

- When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- Completion of two races is required to constitute the Championship series

11.5 The Chief Minister's Cup will be awarded to the club / organisation with the best performance. This will be scored by the Club/Organisation with the highest number of first places in divisions with multiple entries and more than one Club/Organisation entered. In the event of a tie, other placings will be taken into account.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 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.

13 PRIZES

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

13.2 The Chief Minister's Cup will be awarded to the first placed club / organization, determined by using the method described in NoR 11.5.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision CYC Sailing Committee 2026

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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 SAFETY

16.1 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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