



MATTHEW OWEN TROPHY
Annual Series in Support of Rare Cancers Australia
29 March, 12 and 19 April 2026

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) 2025 - 2028* 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 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 All races in the series are Category 7.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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 will apply.
- 1.7 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 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is permitted.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 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.

4.2 Competitors may enter by online by following the link here. The entry will only be valid when the requirements in 4.1 and 4.2 below are met. <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/141/profile?tab=entry>

4.3 All competitors, skippers and crew:

(a) must 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.

4.4 Boats can apply to be in a different division for the series, refer to CYC sailing policy.

4.5 Registration shall be completed 90 minutes before the first warning signal of the scheduled starting sequence.

5 FEES

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

(a) CYC membership for the 2025-26 financial year,

(b) A valid Sail Pass, in accordance with NoR 4.3 above, which covers the entry fee for that day, and

(c) Where the CYC has entered into a reciprocal racing agreement with another Club, payment of the applicable reciprocal entry fee.

5.2 In addition, to enter in this series, all competitors need to make a donation directly to Rare Cancers Australia via the link in clause 5.3. 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 along with their boat name.

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

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

Race 1	29 March 2026	1400 hours
Race 2	12 April 2026	1400 hours
Race 3	19 April 2026	1400 hours.

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

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 excluding Optimists)

Division 7 Optimists

6.3 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.

7 MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1** 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 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1700 hours on 27 March 2025 at the CYC.

9 COURSES

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

10 SCORING

- 10.1** The Low Point System (RRS A4) will apply.

- 10.2** 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. Boats who have been recognised under the AS CBH System as being modified or OAK will carry a minimum of a 5% penalty on a standard rating for that boat.

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.

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

- 10.3** 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.

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

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

- All boats will be combined into a single division. Boats with a EBH rating will be allocated a yardstick based off a revised Trailable Correction Factor (TCF) incorporating EBH 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 diferent 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 seperate series score based on this average lap yardstick adjusted position across all three races.

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

- 10.7** 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.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 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.

12 PRIZES

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

12.2 The Matthew Owen Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best performance over the whole series calculated as described in NoR 10.5.

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 FURTHER INFORMATION

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