



CAPITAL BREWING CO. WINTER SERIES 2026

24 May 2026 to 9 August 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 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.

1.4 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.

1.5 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 22 May 2025 at the 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.

5.2 Entry of a boat will be with a single EBH or Yardstick rating to be applied to all races in the series.

5.3 Competitors can enter online via CYC website and the entry will be valid when the entry fee requirements in 6.1, below are met.

5.4 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.

6 FEES

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

- CYC membership for the 2025-26 financial year,
- Sail Pass in accordance with 5.4, 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.

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 1300 hours. The dates of racing are as follows:

Race 1 – 24 May	Race 2 – 14 June	Race 3 – 28 June
Race 4 – 12 July	Race 5 – 26 July	Race 6 – 9 August

7.2 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

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

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.

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.

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 The Winter 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 Winter Series.

This changes RRS Appendix A2.

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

10.6 A boat that is scored did not compete (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.

10.7 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