



Canberra Yacht Club

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Canberra Yacht Club Sailing Policy

GENERAL

1. The intention of the Club is to foster participation in sailing for both competition and pleasure.
2. The CYC Executive Committee issues, updates and approves this policy, and may take on the functions listed as the responsibilities of the CYC Sailing Committee in this policy as required and at its discretion.
3. Racing at Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) shall be conducted under the:
 - a. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - b. Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions,
 - c. this Policy, and
 - d. the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each event, regatta or series.
4. The annual CYC Sailing Calendar provides the schedule of races.
5. "Pointscore multi-race days" are scheduled for certain divisions. These will be marked in the CYC Sailing Calendar.
6. All boats which have class rules shall also comply with their class rules when competing in CYC events unless an exception has been specifically approved by the CYC Sailing Committee.
7. The onus is on individual competitors to ensure that their boat fully complies with the specifications and conditions of the relevant Rating or Yardstick.
8. Boats over 7.7 meters in overall length (excluding bow sprits, spinnaker poles etc) or foiling boats will need to seek approval to race in CYC organised events from the CYC Sailing Committee prior to initial registration in a series. Once the CYC Sailing Committee has given approval, this approval will continue to apply (unless revoked by the CYC Sailing Committee) for all subsequent races that the boat sails in unless the boat is sold to a new owner.

This requirement does not apply to any boat that entered a CYC series between Jan 2021 to 1 May 2025.

9. The CYC Sailing Committee may allocate a Rating or Yardstick to Trailable Yachts, trailable multihulls, keelboats, sports boats, dinghies, off the beach catamarans or other boats where:
 - a. there is not an applicable current Rating or Yardstick published by AS, and/ or
 - b. other factors, such as variance from the applicable class rules, may apply.
10. Boats with a Rating or Yardstick allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee may compete in CYC events under their allocated rating. All Ratings or Yardsticks allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee must, as far as practicable be:
 - a. issued prior to the start of the current series, or race where it is not part of a series, and
 - b. based on authoritative and, preferably, externally sourced information.

The CYC Sailing Committee may make changes to, or add, or remove listed Ratings or Yardsticks during a series at its discretion.



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11. Ratings or Yardsticks currently allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee are listed at Attachment A to this policy.
12. Designated Classes and Divisions: after 6 or more similar boats have competed regularly, the Sailing Committee may award them their own class or division status. Once a class or division numbers drop below 6 regular competitors then the CYC Sailing Committee may consider withdrawing the class/division status. Changes will only be made prior to the start of a series.
13. Boats, and not skippers, enter races, have Ratings, Yardsticks or Handicaps and are listed in results and receive prizes. More than one crew or skipper may sail a boat in a regatta or series.
14. When a competitor's boat has a rating that would place it in an unfavourable Division, that competitor may choose to apply to the CYC Sailing Committee to race in a different Division for any club series, for all races held in those series during the season the request is made. This application can be made by completing the CYC Alternate Division Request form and submitting it to the CYC Sailing Committee no later than close of business of the Wednesday preceding the first intended race. The decision to approve racing in the requested alternate division remains at the complete discretion of the CYC Sailing Committee. Factors that may influence this decision, eligibility and conditions can be found attached to the form.
15. Sailors that are competing at a regatta that conflicts with a scheduled race can apply by email via their division representative to receive average points for their boat for that race from the races to count in a series through the CYC Sailing Committee. Only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor for each applicable series. Application must be made within one month of the race the points would be applied to or within one week of the last race of a series.

HANDICAPPING

16. Results software is used to:
 - a. calculate race, regatta, and series results,
 - b. record sailing results, and
 - c. calculate competitor handicaps.
17. Boat Performance Handicap System (PHS) ratings for the Pointscore Series are calculated by SailSYS.

For Championship, and Regattas:

Corrected time = Elapsed time x (100/Yardstick) or rating as applicable.

18. To encourage upgrading of boats, more competitive fleets, and to facilitate fair competition where there are other factors for changing boats, the owner of a new boat within the same class may request approval to transfer the handicap and series results from an old to the new boat. Where continuation of the handicap from a previous boat may introduce competitive unfairness, but the owner has not requested an adjustment or where there is disagreement, the boat's Division representative may refer the matter to the CYC Sailing Committee for decision, and the committee's decision on that referral will be final. This provision applies solely to PHS.



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SAIL NUMBER ALLOCATION

19. To avoid conflicting sail numbers between boats within the Club, the CYC will maintain a list of sail numbers in use. New boats to the club that have a sail number that is already in use may be allocated a new 'non-conflicting' sail number. The Club will provide replacement numbers for affixing to mainsail / spinnaker, as required, at no cost to the sailor/boat.

DUTIES

20. The Office Manager is responsible for creating the duty rosters. Each member of the CYC is required to do a minimum of two duties for the regular summer series (that is races that contribute to either the Pointscore or Championship Series), and one further duty for other series (eg: Winter and Twilight Series) in which they compete. Not complying with this rule shall not be grounds for protest or redress, and shall be considered by the CYC Executive Committee. Sailors undertaking a duty will be awarded average points for that race towards a nominated boat on which they race. This will be calculated from all races in a series, including drops. Sailors must advise which boat they are nominating the average points to be allocated to when signing on to the duty roster as they arrive for the day. For the Championship Series only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each boat. For the Pointscore Series those who do duty on a multi-race day and sail on a boat in an eligible division, average points will be awarded for all races on that day, but only one multi race day may be used for this provision. If this allocation of average points would cause a boat to receive a greater number of points than if the boat had not competed, then the skipper of that boat can apply to receive the Did Not Compete (DNC) points instead.
21. A boat must either have duty points allocated to it twice during the regular summer series (that is races that contribute to either the Pointscore or Championship Series) or be able to show that members from that boat were rostered on duty for a race that was then abandoned. An eligible boat receiving duty points on a Pointscore Multi-race day will only be considered to have completed one required duty. If protested and then upheld, the penalty for a boat will be to be scored Disqualified (DSQ) for each missing duty. The score shall apply to the last available competing score in a series that is not already scored DSQ. The priority for this score shall be the Championship series, and then then the Pointscore. It is not the responsibility of the CYC office to ensure this requirement is met. A boat may apply in writing to the CYC Sailing Committee should it find itself unable to complete this requirement and the CYC Sailing Committee may grant an exemption at its discretion.
22. For any other series a boat enters, the duty requirements will be detailed in the Notice of Race.
23. Volunteering for CYC regattas is not counted as duty.
24. The penalty for not attending a duty when rostered (without reasonable excuse) is that the person will still be required to complete the duty and will be re-rostered by the CYC Office at the next available duty vacancy. If the person does not do the re-rostered duty, their boat may be scored DSQ (non-excludable for series) for the next race that they compete in at the discretion of the CYC Sailing Committee.



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CLASS / DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES

25. Membership of the CYC Sailing Committee is at the discretion of the Rear Commodore of Sailing, and the CYC Executive Committee, and will be considered against the Terms of Reference for the CYC Sailing Committee. Sailors with queries or complaints about sailing at CYC are, in the first instance, to discuss the matter with their class/division representative. The class/division representative will escalate the matter if appropriate. Class/division representatives may disseminate the considerations and decisions of the CYC Sailing Committee to their sailors.

APPROVED:

CYC Executive Committee

10 September 2026



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Attachment A to the CYC Sailing Policy

Ratings/Yardsticks Allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee:

Boat / (When Allocated)

Rating/CBH/Yardstick

Ratings:

Yardstick:

Square Top Hobie 17 (-1) (2020):

79

WASZP (2022)

65

VX One (2024)

94

Approvals Granted by the CYC Sailing Committee:

Just a Toy (2023)

The CYC Sailing Committee approves the Thompson 9 'Just a Toy' to use movable ballast for stability and to use stored power to manipulate it. This approval applies for all CYC events that have modified RRS 51 and 52 in their race documents until notified by the CYC Sailing Committee that this approval has been revoked or there is a change of boat ownership. The current owner of 'Just a Toy', John Whitfield, is not required to re-request permission for every future season and event.