



Noakes

GROUP

NOAKES 7s SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 17 OCT - 21 NOV 2023



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

2. VENUE

The venue will be the CYCA at 1 New Beach Road, Darling Point NSW 2027. Racing will be conducted on Sydney Harbour, Australia.

3. RULES

The 'rules' are defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 ("RRS") of World Sailing including Addendum Q- Umpired Fleet Racing (attached to this Notice of Race), and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations").

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Teams wishing to enter must meet the requirements of the CYCA Elliott 7m Hire Agreement.
- 4.2 Preference will be given to CYCA Members to compete in the series.
- 4.3 A maximum of ten teams will be included.
- 4.4 The number of crew on a boat (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5).
- 4.5 Competitors wishing to be invited should register their intention with the OA by completing the [online application form](#) on the event website page. Invitations must be received by 0800hrs on Monday 11 September 2023. CYCA will inform skippers if they will be issued with an invitation no later than Friday 15 September 2023.
- 4.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the series the OA may authorise an original crew member as substitute.

5. FORMAT & SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The regatta shall be run as fleet racing with courses described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 There shall be a maximum of twenty four (24) races.
- 5.3 The intending racing days are
 - Tuesday 17 October
 - Tuesday 24 October
 - Tuesday 31 October
 - Tuesday 7 November
 - Tuesday 14 November
 - Tuesday 21 November
- 5.4 Daily race briefings will be emailed by 1500hrs on each scheduled race day. Thereafter teams will have access to rig Elliotts from 1700hrs. Dock off time is after 1720hrs each race day at the CYCA.
- 5.5 The first warning signal on each race day will be no earlier than 1755hrs.
- 5.6 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entering -
Invited teams may enter by completing the Entry Form and Elliott 7m Hire Agreement.
- 6.2 **Entry fee -**
CYCA Members: \$760 (Inc. GST).
Non-CYCA Members: \$850 (Inc. GST)
- 6.3 **Damage Deposit -**
 - a) An initial damage deposit of AUD \$1300, per team will be held against the nominated CYCA Member's Account or credit card at the time of Registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.



b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

6.4 All team members will be required to complete a CYCA General Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form to complete registration and entry.

6.5 No late entries will be accepted unless the Race Committee grants a waiver

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the CYCA website by 1200hrs Tuesday 17 October 2023.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in supplied Elliott 7m type boats.

8.2 Up to ten (10) boats will be provided

8.3 One mainsail, jib and asymmetrical spinnaker will be provided with each boat

8.4 Boats will be allocated to teams daily by the Race Committee

9. ADVERTISING

9.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 (see RRS 80) applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA

9.2 The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment (while racing or attending official functions), on boats to anywhere within the boundary of the series venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.

9.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1)

9.4 Competitors may be required to wear clothing displaying the event sponsors name(s)/ logo(s). If required these items will be supplied by the OA and worn whilst racing.

10. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

RRS 44.2 is amended in that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11. SCORING SYSTEM

11.1 The series will consist of a maximum of twenty four (24) races. The minimum races to constitute a series will be six (6).

11.2 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply and will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.

13. DISCLAIMER

All those participating in the series do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing, and release the CYCA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the CYCA.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states:
"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR HIRE OF CYCA ELLIOTT 7M

1. ORGANISATION

The CYCA reserves the right to cancel this licence if it observes or has reason to believe the terms & condition of hire are not being followed.

2. BOAT ALLOCATION and RULES

The boats must be used as presented and no modifications may be made to the boat (including sponsor logos). Standing rigging tension has been pre-set and must not be altered. Sails as supplied must not be re-cut or altered.

3. PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

- 3.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 3.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended.
- 3.3 The use of sails other than what is provided by the CYCA
- 3.4 The replacement of any equipment provided.
- 3.5 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict damage would result.
- 3.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 3.7 Taking a boat from its berth without having paid the hire fee and damage deposit.
- 3.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 3.9 Using a flattener as a reef.
- 3.10 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 3.11 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 3.12 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging.
- 3.13 Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet.
- 3.14 Cross winching headsail car sheets.
- 3.15 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch.
- 3.16 Hiking off winch handles.
- 3.17 Cutting any cords or ropes.
- 3.18 The use of electronic instruments other than compass and watches.
- 3.19 Sailing with the spinnaker head above the main gooseneck as the boat passes through head to wind.
- 3.20 Putting permanent marks on the boats or sheets.
- 3.21 Using side stays to facilitate roll-tacking.
- 3.22 Leaving any rubbish or personal items on-board after racing.
- 3.23 Having the bowsprit extending unless in the process of setting, flying or dropping an asymmetrical spinnaker.
- 3.24 Sailing bare foot.
- 3.25 Hiring a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 3.26 Smoking or vaping while on the boat.
- 3.27 Climbing the mast

4. PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS

- 4.1 Taking a bag on board containing.
 - (a) basic hand tools
 - (b) adhesive tape
 - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4mm diameter or less)
 - (d) telltale material
 - (e) hand held compass
 - (f) shackles and clevice pins



- 4.2 The use of the contents of the bag to:
- (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - (b) attach tell tails
 - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard.
 - (d) mark control settings
 - (e) make minor repairs.

5. MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS

The following shall be mandatory:

- 5.1 To sign out the allocated boat on the Sign Out form in the YSA and the completion of a written damage form before leaving a boat and submitting it to the CYCA, even if no damage or loss is recorded.
- 5.2 At the end of each sailing day:
 - (a) rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
 - (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
 - (c) placing the boat covers back on and hosing down the boats at the end of each session
- 5.3 At the end of each day the crew shall clean the boat, remove all rubbish and remove all tape marks.
- 5.4 Compliance with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.
- 5.5 Infringement of items 5.1 and 5.2 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.
- 5.6 Sailing with enclosed shoes.

6. EQUIPMENT LIST

SAILS and EQUIPMENT

Mainsail and set of battens

2 Buckets

2 Bailer & Sponge

1 Spinnaker

2 Spinnaker sheets

Tiller extension

1 Jib

1 Jib sheets

Flags: Red Flag, Green Flag, Y-Flag

APPENDIX Q - UMPIRED FLEET RACING - Noakes 7s Series 2023 Edition

Version: 3 Oct to 7 Nov 2023

Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

Q1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

Q1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

Q1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

Q1.3 Rule 14 is changed to:

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

14.1 If reasonably possible a boat shall

- (a) avoid contact with another boat,
- (b) not cause contact between boats, and
- (c) not cause contact between a boat and an object that should be avoided.

However, a right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled, need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room* or *mark-room*.

14.2 When there is contact between hulls, the umpires may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty of two (2) points on a boat that was penalized in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a scoring penalty of two (2) points on other boats if they consider that these boats contributed to the contact. This rule also applies to sails and additional equipment.

14.3 When there is contact that causes damage, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty on any boat involved in the incident. The minimum penalty to be applied in such a case is two (2) points.

Q1.4 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Q1.5 Rule 70 is deleted.

Q1.6 Test rules

(a) The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:

Mark-Room - Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark on the required side.

However, *mark-room* for a boat does not include *room* to tack unless she is *overlapped* inside and to *windward* of the boat required to give *mark-room* and she would be *fetching* the *mark* after her tack.

Q2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

Q2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

Q2.3 Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

Q3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

Q3.1 In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:
A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

Q3.2 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31'.

Q3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

(a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a Y flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.

(b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

Q3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

(a) When a boat:

- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (2) breaks rule 42,
- (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

(b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.'
The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

Q3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.