

SYDNEY HOBART CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 8-10 DECEMBER 2023



1 Invitation

- 1.1 An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising an invitation race and 2 pointscore races.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

2. Rules

- 2.1 All races will be governed by the current versions of:
- a) the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 ("RRS") of World Sailing;
 - b) the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations").
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hours on 4 December 2023 at the Sailing Office or on the CYCA website, www.cyca.com.au. The Sailing Committee of the CYCA will be the Race Committee under the RRS.
- 2.3 The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Board and on the event website (www.cyca.com.au).
- 2.4 The Official Notice Board is a notice board bearing that name in the downstairs hallway of the Clubhouse of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Sydney.

3. Schedule

Event	Date	Time
Invitation Race (Scratch)	Friday 8 December (non-pointscore & non-spinnaker race)	1355 hours
Race 1 (Pursuit)	Saturday 9 December 2023	1155 hours
Competitor Dinner	Saturday 9 December 2023	1900 hours
Race 2 (Scratch)	Sunday 10 December 2023	1155 hours
Prizegiving	Sunday 10 December 2023	Approx. 1530 hours

The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races and course types.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The regatta is open to:
- a) Classics: any yacht that has a launch date prior to 1976 and has competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race;
 - b) IOR Era: any yacht that has a launch date after 1975 and prior to 1991 and has competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race;
 - c) or other "Veteran" yachts invited by the OA.
- 4.2 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for Category 7 (or higher) shall accompany the entry if not already held by CYCA. A boat requiring an equipment audit at the CYCA should make a booking with the Sailing Office.
- 4.3 The owner or charterer of the boat entered in the Regatta shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million.
- 4.4 A decision of the Race Committee as to whether a boat meets the eligibility criteria is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

5. Entry & Entry Fees

5.1 Entry shall be made online through the CYCA website <https://cyca.com.au/online-entry/>

5.2 A boat may enter one of the following divisions:

- Non-spinnaker division
- Spinnaker division
- IOR Era division (spinnaker)

5.3 The following fees shall be paid by credit card, cheque or electronic funds transfer on submission of the entry or late documentation, as appropriate. Fees paid are not refundable. All fees include GST (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

	Fee
Entry Fee	\$200
Late Entry Fee	\$30

5.4 The following shall be supplied at the point of entry or to the CYCA Sailing Office no later than 1200 hours on Monday, 4 December 2023:

- Completed Entry Form (including signed [Conditions of Entry](#))
- Entry Fee
- Audited Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form for Cat 7 or higher.

5.5 An entry and the above items may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the OA.

5.6 A backstay flag supplied by the Organising Authority shall be flown by a boat at a height of 2 metres from the working deck on the backstay or port/starboard mizzen shroud from the time the boat approaches the start line until the boat finishes. These flags may be collected from the Sailing Office.

6. Divisions

6.1 Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received. Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions may be conducted if there is sufficient interest.

7. Courses

7.1 The courses to be sailed shall be Harbour passage courses and shall be as detailed in the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta Sailing Instructions.

8. Handicaps / Scoring

8.1 PHS Handicaps will be based on time correction factors ("TCFs"). A boat's TCF may be adjusted after each race. For Race 1 the TCFs will be converted into a prescribed handicap start time.

8.2 The Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta will be scored by the Low Point Scoring system (RRS Appendix A2) with no discard. A minimum of 1 completed pointscore race shall constitute a series. Each boat's series score will be the total of the boat's race scores. The boat with the lowest series score will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.

9. Trophies and Prize Giving

9.1 Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third placing in each division.

9.2 The prize giving will be held at the CYCA following racing at approximately 1530 hours on Sunday 10 December 2023. Time to be advised.

Conditions of Entry

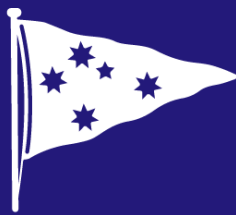
Boat Name: _____

I, _____, am the owner/charterer of the above boat and am entering the boat in the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 by way of an on-line entry and I:

- 1 acknowledge that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race, as it may be amended;
- 2 acknowledge that all races will be governed by, and agree that the boat is bound by, the rules and regulations specified in the Notice of Race
- 3 acknowledge and accept the risks, including the risk of harm to persons and property, associated with:
 - (a) the perils of the sea;
 - (b) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in any race comprising part of the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023;
 - (c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in any such race, including participation as skipper, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; and
 - (d) the defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of Cruising Yacht Club of Australia ("CYCA") and its officers, employees, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
- 4 acknowledge and accept that CYCA:
 - (a) does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
 - (b) is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons arising from the perils of the sea;
 - (c) is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and crews during the course of any race; and
 - (d) does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat;
- 5 agree:
 - (a) to the maximum extent permitted by law, to waive all rights against and release, hold harmless and indemnify CYCA and its officers, employees, members and volunteers (each such officer, employee, member and volunteer, a "Beneficiary") from any and all claims and liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, in respect of loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
 - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in any race comprising part of the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023;
 - (ii) the conduct or course of any such race in any respect including any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person; or
 - (iii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4;
 - (b) that CYCA holds the benefit of the contract formed by the acceptance of this entry by CYCA on trust for each Beneficiary and may enforce the contract on behalf of and at the request of all or any of the Beneficiaries
 - (c) that participation by the boat and crew in any race comprising part of the of Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 is agreed by CYCA on the basis (among other things) that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the boat and that CYCA and each Beneficiary are not responsible for the boat or its crew; and
 - (d) it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start in any race comprising part of the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 or, once having started, whether to continue to race;
- 6 agree that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner's/charterer's behalf including any member of the crew requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of CYCA to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies CYCA and its officers, employees and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred;
- 7 agree that each indemnity in this document continues after the conclusion of each race comprising part of the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 and may be enforced before incurring any expense;
- 8 represent that I have been given an opportunity to obtain, or have obtained (or made a conscious decision not to obtain) my own independent legal advice regarding the meaning, scope and legal effect of this document and are not relying on any representation from CYCA or any Beneficiary in that respect;
- 9 agree that the contract formed by the acceptance of this entry by CYCA is governed by the law of New South Wales and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded;
- 10 acknowledge that CYCA owns all media rights in the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 and all rights in and to any visual and audio material and any data taken or collected by or on behalf of CYCA, or provided to it, in connection with each race comprising part of the Sydney Hobart Classic Yacht Regatta 2023 and may exercise and exploit those rights as it sees fit;
- 11 grant CYCA, at no cost, the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any medium, the names, images, data and biographical information of the crew, and still and moving images and audio recordings of the boat and its crew, prior to, during and after the race;
- 12 confirm that:
 - (a) the information in the on-line entry form and documentation lodged with the CYCA is correct and up-to-date;
 - (b) subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, CYCA will be advised immediately in writing, or by acknowledged email of any change to that information; and
 - (c) no alteration likely to affect the rating/handicap of the boat has been made since the boat was last measured/raced and that if any such alteration is made the CYCA will be notified immediately, in writing or by acknowledged email.

SIGNATURE: _____ Owner/charterer DATE: _____

Please strike out the inapplicable words



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